

# Park Primary School

## Newsletter



Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Hopefully you have received the letters about the changes at The Connaught School. From April 2017, The Connaught, Newport and Belle Vue schools will be amalgamating to create an 'all through' school for children aged 4-16. The new school will be called Alderwood School and will remain on the existing three sites. Children from Park Primary, and other local schools, will still be able to join in Year 7.

Mrs Donald has begun her maternity leave today. We thank her for all her hard work teaching in Year 6 this year and wish her and her family the very best as they await their new arrival.

We have two members of staff joining us next half term until Easter. Miss Abel has already started working in Year 2 and will be providing extra teaching support to the class alongside Mrs Lindstrom and Miss McNiven. She will also provide cover from time to time when Miss McNiven is completing additional tasks in her role as Acting Headteacher. Mr Rawlinson will be providing additional teaching support in Year 6 next half term to cover Mrs Donald's maternity leave. He will also be taking the class during Mrs Harrison's planning and leadership time.

Parents' Evening will be on the 27th and 29th March for all classes except for Owls and Swallows, which will now be on Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th April. You will sent a link to book your appointment by text after half term. Please contact the office if you have changed your mobile number recently and not updated our records.

Part of the leadership of the school is our team of dedicated school governors. The governors meet regularly to discuss and monitor the statutory duties and strategic direction of the school, and hold the headteacher and other leaders to account. Each month, we will be sharing some information about our governing body and the work they do. This month, Mark Stacpoole, our Chair of Governors, has written a report about his recent meeting with Mrs Harrison to talk about how maths is taught in school.

Thank you to all the parents who took the time to provide feedback about school clubs. I will be looking into some of the popular requests and will update you in or before the next newsletter.

I hope that you all have a lovely half term

Best Wishes  
Miss Emma Grant  
Headteacher

### Notices & Reminders

#### Uniform

All our uniform, including PE kits and bookbags, is stocked at the Edgar Jerome store in Wellington Street in Aldershot. You can also order online at [www.edgarjerome.co.uk](http://www.edgarjerome.co.uk) (go to school uniform, then shop by school). They can also deliver uniform to your home or work address for £3.95 or for free if your order is over £30.

#### Punctuality

A polite reminder that school starts at 8.50am and registers close at 9am. If you arrive after 9am, your child is late for school and should come to the main office to sign in and select their lunch order.

#### Office Post box

Thank you for using the post boxes in the reception area outside the school hall for dinner money and letters. The system is working well and reducing queues in the mornings.

#### Homework

Homework projects are due in on Thursday 9th March.

#### Inset Day

A reminder that the first day back after half term is an Inset day, so school is closed for pupils. Children should return to school on Tuesday 28th February.



The Book Fair raised an impressive £490 this year which meant we received £240 worth of books for our library!

We ran a competition where five reading superstars from the week received a book from the fair to take home. Well done to Saral G, Ava T, Daisy L, Xavier C and Tyler C.

Thanks to everyone who visited!



We are collecting Active Kids vouchers.

If you or any of your friends or family shop in Sainsburys, please collect the vouchers and send them into school with your child, or pop them directly in the collection box in the school reception area.

The vouchers can be exchanged for playtime and sports equipment for the school.

## GOVERNOR NEWS

I recently met with Mrs Harrison, the maths leader, to discuss the maths provision at Park.

The maths curriculum is being taught using the "Maths No Problem" books at its core. The children are taught in units of work, and each concept is underpinned by the CPA approach which stands for Concrete, Pictorial, Abstract. Children are taught to use a concrete resource first, they then use a pictorial representation, before using a more abstract method. This allows the children to really grasp concepts and have a clear understanding, before being taught more formal written methods.

Mrs Harrison explained that the teachers have a good grasp of the approach being used and we are now looking at ways to secure the way that the children's progress is recorded using the Hampshire Assessment Model. She also shared her action plan for the year and explained the developments she hopes to make, including new resources to be used in classrooms and raising the profile of maths across the school. She is also looking at how we challenge more able children across the school.

There appears to be a good hands on approach to training in school and the teachers meet with others from local schools to share ideas and practice.

Mark Stacpoole  
Chair of Governors



# Sports News!

## Athletics Tournament

Last Thursday (9th February), twelve children from both Year 5 and Year 6 represented the school at the local indoor athletics competition, which involved running, jumping and throwing. Despite tough competition from eleven other schools, our children excelled and won **third** place overall! They were all wonderful representatives of the school and their behaviour was exemplary throughout the whole competition. Many of the children won their separate races but a special mention must go to Joshua Fatunwase who won two gold medals for being the fastest boy out of all the twelve schools and for jumping the furthest too in the triple jump - maybe we will see him in the Olympics in the future! Well done also to the rest of the team: Oliver, Bobby, Ty, Harlee, Artom, Kinga, Mia, Skyla, May, Lola and Jasmine. The school are really proud of your achievements last week.



Mrs Harrison

## Cricket

Well done to Abigail and Lily in Year 4 who were both invited and tried out for the girls cricket team at the Aldershot cricket club and were offered a place.

## Cheerleading

Cheerleading Club gave a wonderful performance to their families and school staff this week. They used a range of dance and gymnastic moves and had great fun using the pom poms! Well done to you all.



On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017, we went to Samuel Cody School to play Futsal. Futsal is just like indoor football, but when the ball goes out you have to put it on the line and kick it in. We played against many schools and persevered. It was really fun and exciting to play. We all had lots of fun.

By Skyla Partington Year 5 on behalf of the Year 5/6 team.

## Moving or Starting School in September 2017?

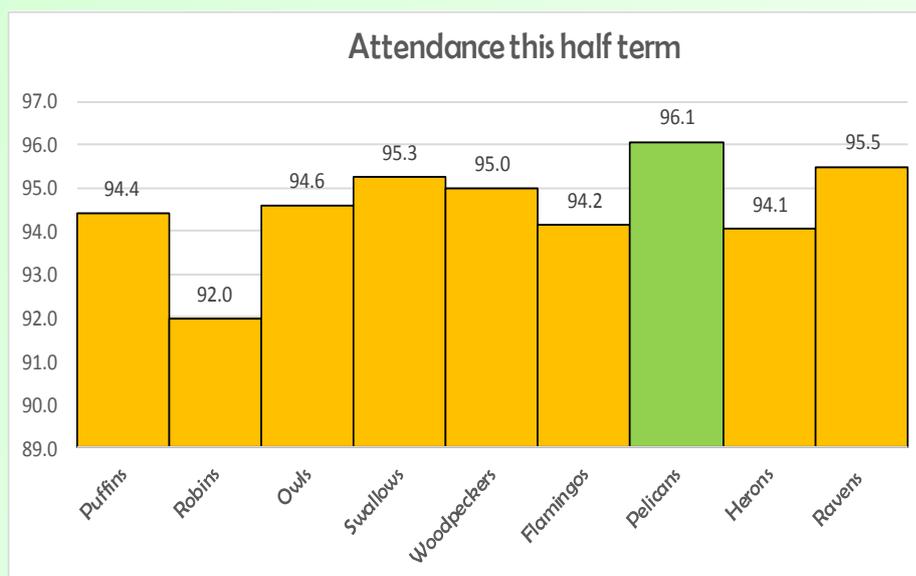
If you have a child due to start school or move to secondary school in September, you will receive emails or letters in the next few months informing you of the school allocated for your child. We have added the key dates onto the diary section at the back of the newsletter. Some secondary schools have also started setting days of information evenings and transition days which we have also included for your information.

## Aprons

As part of our new phonics and reading scheme, Read Write Inc, staff use small aprons to keep their flashcards and resources in. We would love to have some smaller aprons for the children in Reception classes to use so that they can practice their sounds and word reading as part of their provision, and so that they can role play the part of the teacher. If any parents, friends or family members are handy with the sewing machine and wouldn't mind making us an apron or two for the children, we would be very grateful. We are happy to provide the fabric and any other materials. Please let your child's teacher or the office know if you are able to help.



## attendance



School Target = 96%



1st Place  
Pelicans  
96.1%



2nd Place  
Ravens  
95.5%



3rd Place  
Swallows  
95.3%

# Coming Up...

## February 2017

Mon 20th—Fri 24th Feb  
Half Term Break

Mon 27th Feb  
INSET Day

Tue 28th Feb  
Children return to school

## April 2017

Tue 4th April  
3.30-5pm Parents' Evening—  
Year 1 only

Thurs 6th April  
5-7pm Parents' Evening —Year 1  
only

Thursday 6th April  
Last day of term for children

Fri 7th April  
INSET Day

Tuesday 18th April  
Year R school placements sent to  
parents

Mon 10th —Fri 21st April  
Easter Holidays

Mon 24th April  
First day back at school

## March 2017

Wednesday 1st March  
Year 7 school placements sent to  
parents

Thurs 2nd March  
World Book Day (Come to  
school dressed as a book charac-  
ter)

Thurs 9th March  
Homework projects due in

Sat 11th March  
Welcome to Hampshire—Choir  
performance at Winchester Ca-  
thedral for parents and families

## May 2017

Thurs 4th May  
Polling Day/ INSET  
School closed for pupils

Mon 8th—Fri 12th May  
Statutory Tests for Year 6 pupils

Fri 26th May  
School breaks for half term

Mon 29th May— Fri 2nd June  
Half term break

## March 2017

Fri 24th March  
Comic Relief—Mufti Day

Mon 13th March  
Year 5 Big Sing @ The Anvil

Thurs 16th March  
2.30pm—Homework Exhibition

Mon 27th March  
3.30-5pm Parents' Evening

Wed 29th March  
5-7pm Parents' Evening

Thurs 30th March  
2.15—Listen to me concert for  
families of children in Years 2,3,4

## June 2017

Tues 20th—Thurs 22nd June—  
Transition days at Alderwood  
School

Mon 5th June  
Return to school

## July 2017

Mon 3rd July  
9.30-2.30—Induction day @ All  
Hallows (children)

6-8pm Induction Evening @ All  
Hallows (parents/children)

Tue 25th July  
Last day of term

For Hampshire school holiday dates for 2016-17 and 2017-18, please follow  
check the Hampshire website:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/schools/schoolholidays>