

# Park Primary School



## Newsletter

September

2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

This term we have had a number of new children start at Park, both in Year R and throughout the school. I would like to welcome all the children and their families to our friendly school community.

One of the key areas of development for the school this year will be helping the children to develop their vocabulary across the curriculum. You may have noticed that we sent home a list of words that your child will be learning to use at school with their curriculum newsletter. We encourage parents to look at these words at home with their child and help them to become familiar with the word and its meaning. One way you could help them is to use the words in a sentence. You can also find opportunities to use the words in the correct context, either by looking up pictures on the internet or in books, or by finding opportunities when you are out and about with your child.

Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us to watch their children in their Harvest Festival on the 15th (infants) or 16th (juniors) October. Parents are able to take photos during this special assembly, on the condition that these are used only for their own private viewing and not posted on any social media. This is so that we can keep all of our children safe. Any breaches of this will result in photography being banned from future school events which would be a real shame for everyone. Please also note that flash photography cannot be used in the junior Harvest Festival on 16th October.

At the back of this newsletter there are a number of dates for the next few months, including parents evenings and Christmas performances and holiday dates. We will send out further information nearer the time where applicable.

Finally, Miss Canada will be going on adoption leave at the end of this week. We send many congratulations to Miss Canada and her partner who will be welcoming their daughter to their family very soon.

Best Wishes  
Miss Emma Grant  
Headteacher

### Notices & Reminders

#### School Dinners

The cost for school dinners for children in Years 3-6 is £2.40 per day. This should be paid online in advance.

#### Adventure Playground

The adventure playground (Playdale) must not be used before or after school.

#### New After School Care Club

The afterschool club is now up and running every night until 6pm. Children take part in a range of fun activities and are offered snacks, sandwiches, wraps etc. Bookings must be made in advance by visiting <https://booking.wearescl.co.uk/> to book. Childcare vouchers can be used.

#### Dogs

Dogs must not be brought on site - this includes small dogs held in your arms. Please be considerate of other parents and pupils if you are leaving dogs tied up outside the school gates.



Parents and carers are invited to attend our Harvest Festival celebrations:

Tue 15th Oct - 9am  
Year R,1,2 pupils and parents

Wed 16th Oct - 9am  
Year 3,4,5,6 pupils and parents

Donations of tinned and packet foods for local charities will be gratefully received.

## Lunchboxes

If you wish to provide your child with a packed lunch, please ensure that they do not have any items containing nuts. This is because there are children in school who have life threatening allergies in school and we want to keep them safe.

Lunchboxes should provide a balanced meal for children. Children should not bring chocolate bars, confectionary or fizzy drinks in their lunchboxes.

For different ideas for lunch boxes, visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>



Please join us for tea, coffee and cake on **Friday 4th October at 9am** in the Sunshine Room. This is a great opportunity to meet Tanzy, our Family Link Worker, and other parents whilst raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support. All are welcome.

Donations of cakes will be gratefully accepted.

We hope to see you there!



## Starting in Year 7 in September 2020?

Parents of children in Year 6 need to apply for their Year 7 placement by 31.10.19.

Parents can apply online -

If you live in Hampshire:  
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions>

If you live in Surrey:  
<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions>

## Starting in Year R in September 2020?

The admissions round for children who are due to start school in September 2020, opens on 1st November 2019 and will close on 15th January 2020.

Parents can apply online -

If you live in Hampshire:  
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions>

If you live in Surrey:  
<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions>

### Park Primary School Open Days

Wed 2nd Oct - 2pm  
Tues 8th Oct - 2pm  
Thurs 10th Oct - 10am  
Tues 15th Oct - 10am & 2pm  
Tues 22nd Oct - 10am & 2pm  
Fri 8th Nov - 10am  
Mon 11th Nov - 2pm  
Wed 20th Nov - 10am  
Thurs 28th - 10am  
Mon 2nd Dec - 10am  
Tue 10th Dec - 2pm

Please contact the school office to book your appointment

# ATTENDANCE

School Attendance Target = 96%

We place a high priority in promoting good attendance. All children are expected to be in school every day, unless they are too unwell, and to have attendance of at least 96%. Please see the NHS guidelines at the back of the newsletter to help you decide whether your child is well enough to come to school.

## Understanding your child's attendance:



## Holidays and other leave

As a school, we do not authorise holidays or leave unless there are very exceptional circumstances. Cheaper cost is not considered an exceptional circumstance.

No leave will be authorised during statutory testing periods in May or June.

A fine will be issued for non authorised holidays or leave. Please note that the guidance from Hampshire County Council has changed so that school can issue one penalty fine. If further unauthorised absences are taken, a referral must then be made to the legal panel.

## Term Dates 2019-20

This year we have arranged our INSET days so that school can finish for children on Fri 17th

July. As this is earlier than many schools, we hope that parents will be able to take advantage of cheaper holiday time without having to take children out of school during term time. School finishes at 3.15pm every day, including the last days of term.

Autumn Term 2019	Spring Term 2020	Summer Term 2020
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> April
– Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	– Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	– Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
Half Term	Half Term	Half Term
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June
– Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	– Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	– Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July

Confirmed INSET days for 2019-20:

Mon 4th Nov, Fri 3rd April, Mon 20th July, Tue 21st July, Wed 23rd July

# Coming Up...

## Aut 1 - Week 5

Wed 2nd Oct  
2.00 Year R 2020 Parent Tour

Wed 2nd Oct  
6-8pm Alderwood Senior School  
Open Evening for Year 5 & 6  
parents and pupils

Fri 4th Oct  
9.00 McMillian Coffee Morning  
for parents and carers

## Aut 1 - Week 8

Art week in school

Mon 21st Oct  
School photographer -  
individual photos

Tues 22nd Oct  
10.00 Year R 2020 Parent Tour  
2.00 Year R 2020 Parent Tour

Wed 23rd—Fri 25th Oct  
Year 6 residential trip

Mon 28th Oct-Fri 1st Nov  
Half term

Thurs 31st Oct  
Deadline for applications for  
Year 7 2020

Fri 1st Nov  
Applications open for Year R  
2020

Mon 4th Nov  
INSET day

## Aut 1 - Week 6

Tues 8th Oct  
Phonics development day

Tues 8th Oct  
2.00 Year R 2020 Parent Tour

Thurs 10th Oct  
AM - Year 6 visit to Alderwood  
10.00 Year R 2020 Parent Tour

Fri 11th Oct  
Year R—Come to school dressed  
as a nursery rhyme character  
2.30pm Year R parents invited  
into class

## November 2019

Mon 4th Nov  
INSET Day

Tue 5th Nov  
First day back for children  
RE day

Tue 5th & Wed 6th Nov  
Life Bus - PSHE & healthy life-  
style workshops for all children

Thurs 7th Nov  
Flu Immunisations for Yrs R-6

Fri 8th Nov  
10.00 Year R 2020 Parent Tour

Mon 11th Nov  
Remembrance Assembly for  
children

Mon 11th Nov  
2.00 Year R 2020 Parent Tour

## Aut 1 - Week 7

Mon 14th Oct  
AM Panto assembly

PM Year 6 James Bond maths  
session— run by Alderwood  
Senior School staff

Tues 15th Oct  
9.00 Infant Harvest Festival—  
Parents and carers of Y R,1&2  
pupils invited to attend

Tues 15th Oct  
10.00 Year R 2020 Parent Tour

Wed 16th Oct  
9.00 Junior Harvest Festival—  
Parents and carers of Y3,4,5 &6  
pupils invited to attend

Fri 18th Oct  
Fantastic Friday! - School curric-  
ulum enrichment day

## November 2019

Mon 18th Nov  
Pantomime performance in  
school (funded by PTA)

Tue 19th Nov  
3.30-6.00pm Parents Evening

Wed 20th Nov  
Millers Ark Farm visit for YR,1&2

10.00 Year R 2020 Parent Tour

Thurs 21st Nov  
5.00-7.00pm Parents Evening

Thurs 28th Nov  
10.00 Year R 2020 Parent Tour

# Coming Up...

## December 2019

Mon 2nd Dec  
10.00 Year R 2020 Parent Tour

Wed 4th Dec  
2.45 - Listen2Me music concert—  
Year 2 parents invited

Thurs 5th Dec  
2.45 - Listen2Me music concert  
Year 3&4 parents invited

Fri 6th Dec  
3.30pm Christmas Fayre

Tues 10th Dec  
10.00 Year R 2020 Parent Tour

## December 2019

Tues 10th Dec  
6pm Choir performance at Aldershot Schools Carol Concert—  
Garrison Church. All welcome to attend.

Tues 10th  
2.00 Year R 2020 Parent Tour

Thurs 12th Dec  
2pm YR,1,2 Christmas play—  
ticket only

Fri 13th Dec  
9am YR,1,2 Christmas play—  
ticket only

## December 2019

Mon 16th Dec  
5.30pm Y3,4,5,6 Christmas  
play—ticket only

Tue 17th Dec  
9am Y3,4,5,6 Christmas play—  
ticket only

Thurs 19th Dec  
Christmas lunch

Thurs 19th Dec  
Parks Got Talent (pupils only)

Fri 20th Dec  
3.15pm Last day of term

Mon 23rd Dec– Fri 3rd Jan  
Christmas Break

## January 2020

Mon 6th Jan  
First day back at school  
RE day

Thur 9th Jan  
Year 5 swimming lessons start

Mon 13th - Fri 17th Jan  
Year 5 & 6 cycling sessions

Wed 15th Jan  
Closing date for Year R 2020  
applications

Mon 17th - Fri 21st Feb  
Spring half term

## February 2020

Mon 24th Feb  
First day back at school  
RE day

## March 2020

Mon 2nd March  
Year 6 parents informed of Year  
7 placements

Fri 6th March  
World Book Day

Tues 24th March  
5pm Parents Evening

Thurs 26th March  
3.30pm Parents Evening

## April 2020

Wed 1st April  
Year 3 trip

Thurs 2nd April  
Last day of term

Fri 3rd April  
INSET

Mon 6th - Fri 17th April  
Easter Break

Thurs 16th April  
Parents informed of Year R  
placements for Sept 2020

Mon 20th April  
Return to school after Easter  
break

## Should my child stay off school?

The guidance below is taken from the NHS website. See their website for more information:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

<b>Chickenpox</b>	If your child has <a href="#">chickenpox</a> , keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.
<b>Cold sores</b>	There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a <a href="#">cold sore</a> . Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.
<b>Conjunctivitis</b>	You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have <a href="#">conjunctivitis</a> . Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.
<b>Coughs and colds</b>	It's fine to send your child to school with a minor <a href="#">cough</a> or <a href="#">cold</a> . But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.
<b>Ear infection</b>	If your child has an <a href="#">ear infection</a> and a fever or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their fever goes away.
<b>Fever</b>	If your child has a fever, keep them off school until the <a href="#">fever</a> goes away.
<b>Hand, foot and mouth disease</b>	If your child has <a href="#">hand, foot and mouth disease</a> but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.
<b>Head lice &amp; nits</b>	There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.
<b>Impetigo</b>	If your child has <a href="#">impetigo</a> , they'll need antibiotic treatment from the GP. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share towels, cups and so on with other children at school.
<b>Ringworm</b>	If your child has <a href="#">ringworm</a> , see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see the GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.
<b>Scarlet fever</b>	If your child has <a href="#">scarlet fever</a> , they'll need treatment with antibiotics from the GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics
<b>Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)</b>	You don't need to keep your child off school if they have <a href="#">slapped cheek syndrome</a> because once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. If you suspect your child has slapped cheek syndrome, take them to the GP and let their school know if they're diagnosed with it.
<b>Sore throat</b>	You can still send your child to school if they have a <a href="#">sore throat</a> . But if they also have a fever, they should stay at home until it goes away.
<b>Threadworms</b>	You don't need to keep your child off school if they have <a href="#">threadworms</a> . Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.
<b>Vomiting and diarrhea</b>	Children with <a href="#">diarrhoea or vomiting</a> should stay away from school for 2 days after their symptoms have gone.