

# Park Primary School



## Newsletter

November  
2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

I hope that you all had an enjoyable half term break with your children.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Macmillian coffee morning last half term and for all your kind donations. We made £48.31 for this worthwhile charity.

You should have all received a letter or email informing you that the school will be closed for pupils on Thursday 12th December as the school is being used as a polling station for the general election. Unfortunately, this has meant that we have had to change a few dates, including one of the infant nativity plays. The back pages have all the current dates for pupils and a paper copy of these have been sent home with the children for you to put on your notice boards or fridge. As always, this half term is extremely busy!

A text about parents evening will be sent out early next week. It will contain a link so that you can book an appointment with your child's class teachers.

We have a vacancy on our governing body for a parent governor. School governors have an important role in schools and help to make decisions about how the school is run and funding is spent. They ensure that the school is doing the best for its pupils and community. If you are interested in this rewarding role, there will be a letter sent home later this week with more information and details about how to apply.

I have a couple of staff updates to apprise you on. Mrs Dawson, who is currently on maternity leave, will not be returning to school after Christmas and will be enjoying spending time with her young children. We wish her and her family all the best for the future.

Mr McLaren and his wife have recently welcomed their first daughter - Lilian to their family. I'm sure you will all join me in congratulating them on their happy news.

Today, we held a remembrance assembly with the whole school. The children made beautiful poppy wreaths in their classrooms to share during the assembly. These will be displayed outside the school library after this week.

Best Wishes  
Miss Emma Grant  
Headteacher

## Notices & Reminders

Curriculum events for parents and carers:

Year 6 Book Look  
Thurs 21st Nov 3-3.30pm

Year R performance  
Fri 22nd Nov 2.45pm

Year 3 painting exhibition  
Fri 29th Nov 2.45-3.30pm

Year 2 music concert  
Wed 4th Dec 2.45pm

Year 3 & 4 music concert  
Thurs 5th Dec 2.45pm

Year 1 dance performance  
Tue 10th Dec 2.30pm

Year 2 dragon writing  
Wed 11th Dec 9am

### Year 1 Mufti Day

Pupils in Owl Class may wear their own clothes to school on Friday 8th December as a reward for having the best attendance last half term. All other children should come to school in their school uniform.

## Thank You!

Thank you for your generous donations to Step by Step made during our Harvest Festivals. They were very gratefully received and will be shared with young people in need in our local area.

**STEP BY STEP**  
Young People. Hard Times. Bright Futures.

## Bike Helmets

Children cycling to school should all wear a bike helmet to help keep them safe. Children who do not wear a helmet will not be able to store their bikes on the school site during the day, and a parent or carer will need to collect their child's bike from school.



## Supporting Children's Emotional Well Being

At Park Primary School, we have a strong ethos of nurturing and appreciating all of our pupils as individuals. We recognise that for pupils to achieve their best in their academic work, we also need to support their emotional well being. We have a full and comprehensive PSHE scheme of work which covers a range of topic including friendships, understanding emotions, relationships and dealing with change. The Lifebus, which visited school last week, is another enjoyable way for children to learn about aspects of the PSHE curriculum—the children all had a great time during their workshops on the bus.

Tanzy is the schools Family Link Worker. She supports children's emotional well being on an individual or group basis. Sometimes parents or staff will ask Tanzy to support a pupil, and at other times, pupils will self nominate and ask Tanzy if they can speak to her. Tanzy is also able to support parents with any difficulties they are facing with their children at home. She typically works Monday, Thursday and Friday each week and can be contacted via the school office. Alternately, all parents and carers are invited to come along to the coffee morning in the Sunshine Room at 9am every Friday.

Mrs Elpelt also supports pupils at school in a range of ways. She runs a drop in lunch club three times a week, and also supports groups of children in the afternoons, working on topics such as transition, friendships, self esteem and confidence.

## Starting in Year R in September 2020?

The admissions round for children who are due to start school in September 2020, opened 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

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

## Cake Sale on Friday

There will be a cake sale after school on Friday 15th November in aid of Children in Need. Please send in any donations of cakes on Thursday or Friday and join us in the hall from 3pm on Friday.



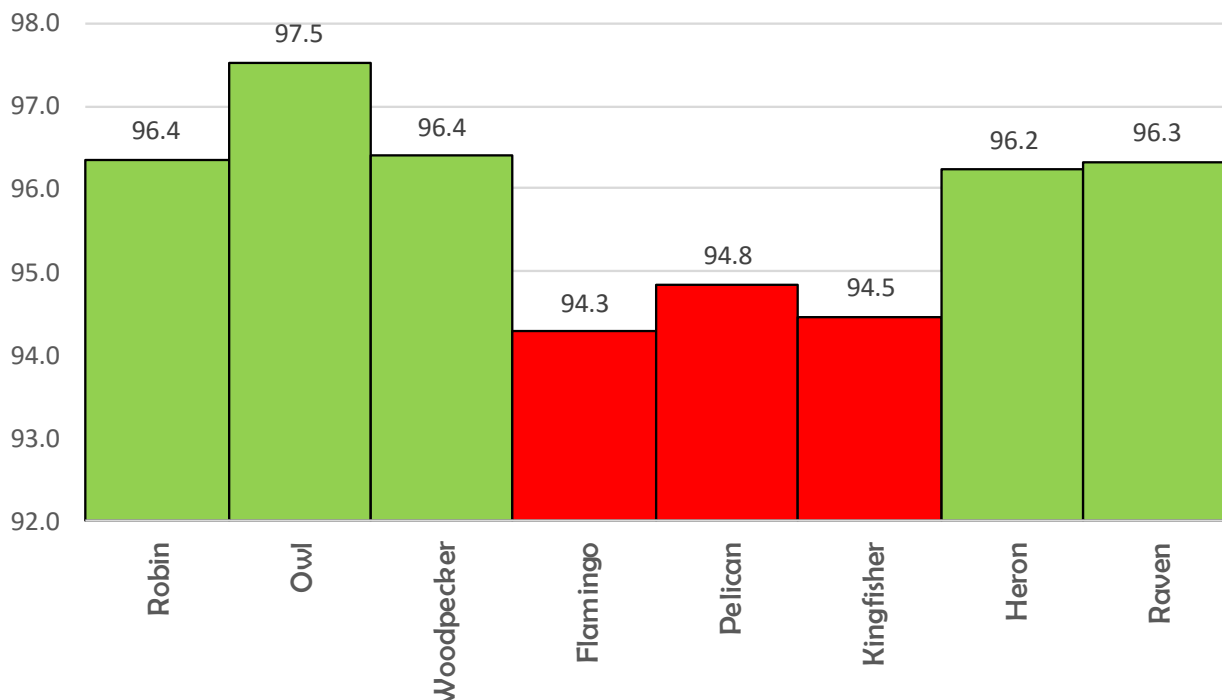
# ATTENDANCE

School Attendance Target = 96%

Attendance for September - October 2019 = 95.9%

Our overall school attendance is just below are school target.

2019-20 Attendance: September - October 2019



1st Place

Owl Class

97.5%



2nd Place

Robin Class &

Woodpecker Class

96.4%



3rd Place

Raven Class

96.3%

## CLASS ATTENDANCE AWARD

Congratulations to Owl Class for having the best attendance this half term.

Pupils in Owl Class wear a able to wear their own clothes to school this Friday (8.12.19).



## 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 circumstances. Please contact the office if you wish to make an application for leave during term time.

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

A fine will be issued for non authorised holidays or leave. If further unauthorized absences are taken, a referral must then be made to the legal panel.

# Coming Up...

## Aut 2 - Week 1

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

## Aut 2 - Week 4

Mon 25th Nov  
School nurse visit for YR & Y6

Thurs 28th Nov  
10.00 Year R 2020 Parent Tour

Fri 29th Nov  
2.45-3.30 Year 3 Painting Exhi-  
bition for parents

## Aut 2 - Week 2

Mon 11th Nov  
Remembrance Assembly for  
children

2.00 Year R 2020 Parent Tour

Wed 13th Nov  
Y4 Cricket coaching

Fri 15th Nov  
Phonics development day in  
school

3pm Children in Need cake sale

## Aut 2 - Week 5

Mon 2nd Dec  
9.00 Churches Together  
Assembly  
10.00 Year R 2020 Parent Tour

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

Thurs 5th Dec  
2.45 - Listen2Me music concert -  
Y3& Y4 parents invited to at-  
tend

Fri 6th Dec  
3.30pm Christmas Fayre

## Aut 2 - Week 3

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

Tue 19th Nov  
3.30-6.00pm Parents Evening

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

10.00 Year R 2020 Parent Tour

PM Y4 Cricket coaching

Thurs 21st Nov  
3.00-3.30pm Year 6 parents  
invited to look at their children's  
work with them in the class-  
room.

5.00-7.00pm Parents Evening

Fri 22nd Nov  
2.45pm Year R parents invited  
to watch a performance by their  
children.

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

# Coming Up...

## Aut 2 - Week 6

Tue 10th Dec  
2.00 Year R 2020 tour

2.30 Year 1 dance performance  
Year 1 parents invited to attend

Wed 11th Dec  
9.00 Year 2 parents invited to  
read their child's dragon writing  
with them

2.00 Infant nativity perfor-  
mance for Year R, 1, 2 - ticket  
only

Thurs 12th Dec  
School closed to pupils.  
School used as a polling station

Fri 13th Dec  
2.00 Infant nativity perfor-  
mance for Year R, 1, 2 - ticket  
only

## February 2020

Tue 4th Feb  
NSPCC workshops for Year 5 &  
Year 6

Fri 14th  
Last day before half term break

Mon 24th Feb  
First day back at school  
RE day

Mon 17th - Fri 21st Feb  
Spring half term

## May 2020

Year 2 KS1 tests administered

Mon 11th - Fri 15th May  
Year 6 SATs

## Aut 2 - Week 7

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

## March 2020

Mon 2nd March  
Y6 parents informed of Y7  
placements

Fri 6th March  
World Book Day

Tue 17th March  
Y6 Cricket coaching

Tues 24th March  
5pm Parents Evening

Thurs 26th March  
3.30pm Parents Evening

## June 2020

Mon 8th - Fri 12th  
Year 1 phonics screening check

Mon 15th–Fri 26th June  
Year 4 multiplication tables  
check

## 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 27th Jan  
NSPCC assembly for pupils

## April 2020

Wed 1st April  
Year 3 school trip

Thurs 2nd April  
Last day of term for pupils

Fri 3rd April  
INSET

Mon 20th April  
Return to school after Easter

Tue 28th April  
Year R - Zoolab workshop

Wed 29th April  
Year 1 school trip

Mon 6th - Fri 17th April  
Easter Break

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