

Park Primary School



Newsletter



Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

It has been wonderful to have all the children back in school this term and to hear the building once again filled with the noise of children learning and having fun together. I am so proud of how well they have adapted into their new routines and are following our new school rules. I would like to give a special welcome to all the new pupils and families who have joined our school this term., we hope that you will enjoy being part of our school community.

The children have settled into school really well, and I have been particularly impressed with the new reception children who have done so well, particularly after many of them had not been to nursery for nearly 6 months beforehand.

A few updates on staffing. Miss Leather has started her maternity leave on Wednesday and gave birth to her baby girl on Thursday! Congratulations to her and her partner on their new arrival.

Mrs Fiona Maskill will be covering as SENDCo on a Friday whilst Miss Leather is on leave. She will be on the playground before or after school on Fridays, and can also be contacted by emailing the school office.

We also welcome back Miss Canada from her maternity leave this week. It is lovely to have her back.

Mrs Dawkins will be off for 5 weeks as she recovers from foot surgery. We wish her well and a speedy recovery.

Miss Hayes will be leaving at the beginning of October as her and her family have relocated. She kindly delayed her leaving date to help the children settle back into school. I would like to thank her for all that she has done to support the children at Park over the last 8 years and wish her the best of luck for the future.

Miss Emma Grant
Headteacher

Notices & Reminders

INSET Days 2020-2021

Monday 2nd November
2020

Monday 4th January 2021
Monday 7th June
2021

School Dinners

From 1st November
2020, school meals will
cost £2.50 per day for
children in Years 3-6
who are not entitled to
Free School Meals

Breakfast Club

To book visit:
[https://
booking.wearescl.co.uk/](https://booking.wearescl.co.uk/)

After School Club

Book via your ScoPay
account:
[https://
www.scopay.com/
login.html](https://www.scopay.com/login.html)

Pick Up and Collection Arrangements

It is absolutely imperative that parents follow the rules set out by the school for drop off and collection times, specifically:

- Socially distance from other households - keep a 2m distance from all other adults and children, regardless of your relationships outside of school. Do not be confused by the '1m+' or 'Rule of 6,' as these are only for when 2m social distancing cannot be maintained, which is not the case on the school site.
- Keep your children with you at all times, including younger siblings
- Only one parent or carer to come on site. This includes secondary aged siblings.
- Stay on site for the smallest amount of time possible. Do not wait for other parents or stand around to chat with one another on the playground or outside the gates.
- Do not block the pavements or stand around to chat with one another or smoke outside the school entrances.
- Stick to your time slot. The first children should be arriving at school from 8.50am. Do not come to school before this. Some families are arriving from 8.40 and spending time talking to each other and playing outside school. This completely undermines our work in school to keep children safe.

The vast majority of parents are following these rules - thank you for helping us to keep your children and our community safe and for being positive role models to your children.

Parents who do not follow the rules, may not be permitted to enter the school site and alternative arrangements will need to be made. Equally, I ask that parents are respectful when myself or other members of staff ask you to follow one of these rules. Rude comments and gestures will not be tolerated.

I really hope that all parents will choose to respond positively to this plea so that we can focus on educating and caring for all our children.

Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

If your child is on the Special Educational Needs register, you will be sent home a copy of their Personalised Learning Plan (PLP), which outlines the targets that your child is working towards and how we are supporting them at school.

PLPs have also been given to children who are significantly below the standard for their year group, for reasons other than partial school closure, and who we are concerned about their progress. These children will also be given PLPs and we will closely monitor their progress over the next term.

Reading Books

We have a shortage of reading books at the moment due to the number sent home before partial closure in March which haven't yet been returned.

We are also required to quarantine books when they are returned to school before they can be lent out to other children which has further depleted our stocks.

The school and PTA are spending £2000 on new books but we would be very grateful if families can check to see if they have any school or library books at home.

Any school books, including Read Write Inc and library books can be brought in by children and put in the tray in their classroom.



Children due to start Year 7 in September 2021

Parents of children in Year 6 need to apply for their Year 7 placement by 31.10.20

Most secondary schools are conducting virtual tours & parents meetings. Check out individual school websites to find out more.

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>

School Trips

We have made the decision not to take the children on any off site trips this term.

We are arranging refunds for parents who paid for cancelled trips last school year. Refunds will be in the form of a cheque which will be sent home with your child.

We are due a visit from the Lifebus in November (<https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/what-we-do/>).

This year, we are planning for these to be conducted in school with interactive videos in the classroom.

We will not be having the usual school panto this year, but children in Years 1-6 will have the opportunity to engage in a short performance by an actor in the school hall, accompanied by interactive video clips.

The arrangements for these visits will be reviewed nearer the time and changes or cancellations will be made if necessary. We will keep you informed of these arrangements.

Homework

All children should be reading at home at least 4 times per week.

Maths homework for Yrs 1 & 2 and literacy and maths homework for Yrs 3-6 will be sent home next week.

Homework books will be sent home, and then we will send home a message each week reminding you of what task/s your child should be completing.

All children will be provided with a Seesaw account. Parents can choose whether to mark their child's work with them at home, or to upload a picture onto Seesaw for school staff to look at.

Please do not send homework books into school.

Catch Up Curriculum

Over the next few weeks, teachers will be completing their detailed assessments of all the children in their class. This information will help to shape our curriculum for the rest of the school year, pinpointing any gaps in the children's learning. Parents will be given information about their child's learning, including targets that we will be working on in school after half term. Virtual parents evening sessions will take place after half term - dates to be confirmed in the next week. Parents will be sent a text message to book a time slot so please make sure your contact details are correct.

After half term, we will also share how our government catch up funding provided to schools will be used to support children's learning.

Home Learning

We have been working on contingency plans for when a child needs to self isolate, or if we need to close one or more year group bubbles for a period of time.

Next week, we will send home an exercise book for each child with information and individual logon details for:

Timestables Rockstars (Yrs 2-6)

NumberBots (Yrs R-2)

Education City (Yrs R-6)

Seesaw (Yrs R-6)

If your child is self isolating:

If your child is well enough, we will provide a home learning pack, which will be posted home on their 3rd day of absence. Packs may be collected by a relative or neighbour outside of your household by prior arrangement. All work can be completed on the sheets or in the exercise book previously provided.

Do not return work to school. A photo of your child's work should be uploaded to their Seesaw account each day by 3.15pm. School staff will then provide feedback about their work. A maximum of one pack will be prepared each half term.

If a year group bubble is closed:

We will upload work for the first 2-4 days on Seesaw. We will then start to upload daily work onto Seesaw from days 3-5. The day will depend on whether any teaching staff are unwell which affects our capacity at this point. Paper copies of work will also be sent home.

Work should not be sent back to school, but children can upload their work onto Seesaw and school staff will provide feedback.

Pupils will be expected to complete as close to full curriculum as possible and we will provide a suggested timetable for you to use at home.

If a year group bubble is closed, we will aim to have a daily Zoom Class Assembly to keep in touch, go through the work expectations and answer any questions. We envisage this happening around 9.30 each day, but will depend on any staff absences and whether there is more than one year group closed.

Diary Dates...

October 2020

Fri 23rd October

Last day of Autumn 1 half term

Mon 26th - Fri 30th October
Half Term

Sat 31st October

Deadline for applications for
Year 7 2021

November 2020

Sun 1st November

Applications open for children
starting school in September
2021

Mon 2nd November
INSET Day - school closed for
pupils

Tues 3rd November
Return to school

Tue 3rd & Wed 4th November
Lifebus visit to school
(Details TBC)

November 2020

Mon 9th - Fri 13th November
Year 5&6 Pedal Power (TBC)

Wed 11th November
Remembrance Class Assemblies

Mon 16th November
'Wonderful Wizard of Oz' performance/
interactive show for
Yrs1/2, 3/4 & 5/6. (TBC)

December 2020

Tues 15th December
Flu Immunisations YrsR-6

Fri 18th December
Last day of term
School finishes at the usual time.

January 2021

Mon 4th January
INSET Day - school closed for
pupils

Fri 15th January
Closing date for Year R 2021
applications

February 2021

Fri 12th February
Last day of half term

Mon 15th—Fri 19th February
Half Term

Mon 22nd February
Back to school