



**PARK STREET
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Autumn Term
Week 3/4

30th Sept 2019

NEWS

THE CHURCH
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CAMBRIDGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our wonderful Teaching Assistants have been working hard this week improving playtimes for the Key Stage 2 children. They now have a carousel of activities to do, which will be changing every week. Please have a look at the pictures on the 'Head's Blog' on the website, to see them enjoying themselves! I am hoping that, long-term, we will be able to work with the PTA to improve this space for the children, along with the plans for the Key Stage 1 playground. It is the 'front window' for our school, so it would be wonderful if it looked like a more attractive, inviting space!

Year 6 were treated to an interesting assembly last week, by GenR8, where they had the opportunity to explore 'Making good choices' as they grow up.



Stars of the Week, Week 3:

Class 1: Lorna Class 3: Clara
Class 2: Gracie Class 4: Theo

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Class 1: Lucien Class 3: Everett
Class 2: Sara Class 4: Romilly

Table Tennis Club

This will be starting on Friday 4th October. Emails were sent out last week about it. It will be run by Mr Ferenc Horvath, who is the lead coach of the Paragon Table Tennis initiative in Cambridge. **There are only 12 spaces, so please don't hesitate to book if your child would like to take part.**

Children's Possessions in School

Please do not allow your children to bring toys or football cards to school. It is difficult for staff to keep track of these, and distressing for children when they are lost or broken!

Safeguarding

Mrs Hawker attended a briefing session last week about County Lines and Child Criminal Exploitation. If you would like to know more about this, or have any concerns about it, please do not hesitate to contact her.

PTA

The PTA now have a new Chairperson, as Jeni is standing down. Kaitlin has agreed to take over: she is the mother of Sophia in Class 3 and Eleanor in class 1. A separate communication will be appearing soon, informing you about coming events.

Latin Club

This will be starting next Thursday 10th October from 3.20—4.15. It is open to children in years 3—6. This is a club run by Cambridge University students on a voluntary basis and is very popular. Places are limited so it will be on a first come first serve basis. Please contact the office to book your place.

Parent Volunteers

I would like to welcome more parents into Park Street, to help us in the classrooms, on trips and to help with after-school clubs. Involving parents in the children's learning and school life in general will help our school to really flourish! A letter will be coming out next week about this. Please could you indicate on this any areas of expertise you could offer us, and the sort of time commitment you could make. Volunteers will need to undertake the usual DBS checks and will take part in a short induction meeting, to ensure everybody is familiar with the relevant school policies.

Kinnerz Coaching

After school sports clubs runs on Mondays and Tuesdays. To book, please visit the Kinnerz coaching website: www.kinnerzcoaching.co.uk

Before School Club

It you need to use this club on a Tuesday or Friday, please book promptly as these days, are very popular. Please remember to book for all days by emailing bscbookings@parkstreet.cambs.sch.uk, to be certain of a place. On arrival, please ring the bell to

Religious Education

As a church school, our religious education and church links are very important. We are developing our RE curriculum, in line with a wonderful resource called 'Understanding Christianity', in addition to learning about other world religions. If you would like to know more about this, please visit the website: <http://www.understandingchristianity.org.uk/>. We are also continuing to develop our relationship with Great St Mary's church, who now have an education officer. All classes will be visiting this church and learning through activities there this term. Please see the calendar, which is still developing, for the dates your child will be taking part.

Parent Governor

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you would be interested in applying for this role, please email office@parkstreet.cambs.sch.uk. The selection for this post will be through an election, involving all parents. Consequently, you will be asked to write a short resume of your experience and skills, to enable parents to make an informed choice when voting. This is an important role and the other governors are keen to welcome somebody into the post as soon as possible.

PE Kits

Please make sure that your child has a suitable PE kit in school at all times. If you do not yet have the official Park Street one, due to orders being late, any shorts and T-Shirt will do for the moment. A change of trainers is also necessary.

Phonics Information Meeting

There will be a phonics information session for Class 1 parents, at 9am on Wednesday 9th October. Please try to attend if you can.

DIARY DATES

Thursday	3rd October	Storytelling for Class 4 at Michaelhouse	AM
Friday	4th October	PTA "Getting to know you" at Michaelhouse Table Tennis Club starting	9.00 3.20
Monday	7th October	Class 3 visit to Great St Mary's	During school day
Wednesday	9th October	Phonics meeting for Class 1 parents	9.00
Thursday	10th October	Class 2 visit to Great St Mary's Latin Club starts after school (details to follow)	3.20
Monday	14th October	Harvest Festival at Great St Mary's	9.30
Friday	18th October	Last day before half term	

Inset Days 2019—2020

Thursday 2nd April

Friday 3rd April

Wednesday 22nd July