



**PARK STREET
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Spring Term

Week 3

27th Jan 2020

NEWS

**THE CHURCH
SCHOOLS OF
CAMBRIDGE**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I have been out of school for two days this week, updating my Safeguarding training, to ensure that my knowledge is correct for Cambridgeshire systems. This was a very informative course, which will help us to keep your children safe. I am also running Safeguarding training for all our volunteers at the moment, also offered to people who run our clubs, to ensure that everybody has the same messages. The next sessions will be on Friday 31st January at 9 am. Please see Ms O'Malley if you would like more information.

Class 4 had a very successful trip to the Cambridge Centre for Computing History on Wednesday. They had a wonderful time learning about computer games from the past. Frogger and Pac Man were two that brought back memories for me! I will put some photographs of this on the Blog as soon as possible.

Please see the information on the next page regarding statutory assessments. If you have any questions about these, please see your child's teacher.

Best wishes, Sarah Hawker

Parents' Evenings

Class 1: Tues February 11th and
Weds 12th

This will be a chance for parents to speak to Mrs Shankland and Mrs Macdonald before Mrs Macdonald leaves for Maternity leave.

Class 3: Tues February 11th and
Weds 12th

Class 4: Year 6 only for the moment—26th and 27th February.

Class 2 : To be arranged

Please see your child's teacher to sign up for an appointment!

Attendance

There will be a reward for classes achieving 100% attendance in any week, this term!

This week's figures:

Class 1 - 96.4%

Class 2 - 98.6%

Class 3 - 98.3%

Class 4 - 96.5%

Staffing

I am pleased to let you know that Mr Sofflet has agreed to continue teaching Class 3 for the month of February. We have engaged a teacher to cover Mrs Macdonald when she leaves on 3rd March for her maternity leave, Mrs Ruth Brown, who will be here from Tuesday February 24th. I am also delighted to let you know that we have now appointed a Senior Administration Officer, Mrs Angela Spaxman, who will be starting at Park Street on 3rd February.

Class 1 volunteers

Class 1 teachers would like some volunteers who speak other languages to come in to do a short session with this class. Just a one off session would be great! Can you help?

Parking for staff

Thank you very much to parents who have spoken to me about this already!

As you know, it is sometimes difficult for staff to get to work at Park Street. It is possible that this problem is impacting on recruitment. If you have any contacts with permits or space to park in the vicinity of the school, which we might be able to arrange to use, please could you let me know. A reasonable payment for this might also be possible.

Clubs

There are still places left at Latin Club (please contact the office) and Table Tennis Club (please contact the coach directly on ferenc@paragpntabletennis.co.uk)

PTA

The PTA will be holding a Valentine Card Crafting Workshop on Wednesday 12th February, from 3.30-4.30. Tickets will be available from the office, priced at £2.00 each from 03/02/2020. More details will follow shortly.

Clothing

As the weather gets cooler, please could you ensure that your children come to school wearing suitably warm clothes, with a waterproof coat and wellies for outside. We go to the Green in all but the very worst weather, and it is important that all children are able to do this comfortably!

For PE, all children need suitable footwear, as well as a PE kit.

Because of the condition of the wooden floor, all children must wear trainers or plimsolls for PE in the hall.

Reminder letters will be sent home to parents whose children frequently do not have the required kit, including footwear.

Purse found

We have got a green leather Radley purse in the office which was left after the Christmas Fayre. Please come to the office if you think it is yours.

Statutory testing, Summer Term 2020

This is just to inform all parents about the statutory testing and assessment that the children take part in in the summer term.

Reception—All Reception children are assessed against the Early Years curriculum. The proportion of children at the school reaching a Good Level of Development is reported to the Department for Education. Please see Mrs Shankland if you would like to know more about this.

Year 1—All Year 1 children, whether in Class 1 or Class 2, take part in a phonics screening check. The pass mark for this is usually 32 out of 40. Again the proportion of children passing is reported to the Department for Education.

Year 2—Y2 children take some short tests in June, in Reading, Grammar and Maths. These are marked by the class teachers and used to inform their assessment of the children. These assessments are reported to the Department for Education. Children are judged to be either Pre-Key Stage, Working Towards the Expected Standard, Expected Standard or Greater Depth Standard, in Reading, Writing and Maths. Teachers' judgements are often checked by a County moderator.

Year 4—this year for the first time, all year 4 children will have a times tables test. The proportion of children getting 100% right will be reported to the Department for Education. Please practise tables with your children!

Year 6—Y6 children take tests in Reading, Grammar and Spelling, Arithmetic and Reasoning, the week beginning Monday 11th May 2020. These tests are marked externally. Writing is assessed by the Head and Class teacher, with judgements often checked by a County moderator. The results of the tests are published nationally as percentages of children Pre-Key Stage, Working Towards the Expected Standard, Expected Standard or Greater Depth Standard for each subject and overall.

Punctuality

Please could you make sure that your child is in school by 9am in the morning. The gate closes at this time; any children arriving later need to enter through Reception and sign in as late.

DIARY DATES

Thursday	16th January	Latin Club starts	After school
Friday	31st January	Class 4 PE lessons at King's College School	9am
Monday	3rd February	Valentine Card Crafting workshop tickets on sale from office	
Wednesday	12th February	Valentine Card Crafting workshop	3.30-4.30
Friday	14th February	School closes for half term	
Monday	24th February	School re-opens	
Wednesday	4th March	KS2 concert at West Road-details to follow shortly	During school day
Thursday	5th March	World Book Day	
Thursday	12th March	Last Latin Club	
Wednesday	25th March	Last Knitting Club	
Wednesday	1st April	School closes for the Easter holidays	
Monday	20th April	School re-opens	
Thursday	23rd April	Class photos	
Friday	8th May	Bank Holiday	

Inset Days 2019—2020

Thursday 2nd April

Friday 3rd April

Wednesday 22nd July