



PARK STREET
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spring Term

Week 5

7th February
2020

NEWS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you will join me in a warm welcome to our new Senior Administration Officer, Angela Spaxman, who began working at Park Street this week. She has already coped brilliantly with getting to know all our systems and processes, including a successful Fire Evacuation yesterday!

I have had the pleasure of teaching Class 1 for several afternoons this week, which was most enjoyable! We have been learning about the Peter Rabbit story, which was a favourite of my children, many years ago. They have learned to make maps of Mr McGregor's garden, and are writing their own Peter Rabbit stories.

We have also had a School Council meeting this week—the Secretary and Chair will be sending out some information soon, but just to let you know, they are planning some events for Sports Relief on 13th March. For a small fee, children will be able to come to school wearing sports kits, and there will be some sponsored events, including a mindfulness session.

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 - 97.8%

Class 2 - 95.9%

Class 3 - 96.6%

Class 4 - 93.1%

Parent Governor

We have a vacancy at present for a parent governor. Please read the letter sent with the newsletter today for more information about this and how to apply. This is a very interesting and rewarding vocation which really helps our school. Please consider applying!

Art Club and Coding Club

Our very popular Art Club is expanding! The leaders are offering to run an extra club on Thursdays after school, for years 4-6. This will be starting after half-term, if possible. Mrs Cristina Voss has also offered to run a coding club for Class 4 children. This will be on a Wednesday. Please let the office know if you would be interested in your child attending either of these.

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.

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.

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?

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

Tuesday	11th February	Class 3 visit to St Faith's School Class 1 and Class 3 parent consultations	During school day 3.30-5.30
Wednesday	12th February	Valentine Card Crafting workshop Class 1 and Class 3 parent consultations	3.30-4.30 3.30-5.30
Friday	14th February	School closes for half term	
Monday	24th February	School re-opens	
Wednesday	26th February	Yr 6 parents consultations	3.30-5.30
Thursday	27th February	Yr 6 parents consultations	3.30-6.30
Wednesday	4th March	KS2 concert at West Road-details will be sent home 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