



**PARK STREET
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Summer Term

**Week 6 after
closure**

20th July 2020

NEWS

**THE CHURCH
SCHOOLS OF
CAMBRIDGE**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Well, we are finally coming to the end of the strangest term ever!

Thank you so much for completing the survey. It is lovely to know that so many of you appreciate the school's work, over this difficult time. I hope you have managed to take a look at the results, sent out on Friday. The overall perception from the comments has been positive, although there is plenty for us to improve, should the situation recur. I am currently compiling our 'School Development Plan', which will take these suggestions into account, and also consider how we can best plan to be in a position to shift to online learning, more closely aligned to what is planned in school.

In September, the teachers will all be using a 'Visible Learning' approach to planning, teaching feedback and assessment. This was developed by Professor John Hattie, after scrutinizing effective teaching approaches around the world, and finding out what works best. One of its strengths is that it recognizes the importance in working together (the power of collaborative expertise), and of the children understanding their personal targets and progress. Consequently, I believe that this is well-suited to the current, uncertain, situation. If you would like to know more about this, I can recommend the book 'Visible Learning for Teachers' by John Hattie. The teachers will also be making good use of 'Learning Ladders' for assessment—don't forget you all have access to this too!

I hope that you are all looking forward excitedly (as we are) to September, although I realise you may have some anxieties. We have been working with the Local Authority to ensure that our procedures, outlined in our risk assessment, will keep the children and staff safe in school. This has now been passed. Please see the next page for some of the measures we are taking in this regard. Children's well-being will be at the forefront of our planning for the first few weeks—we will all be following a PSHE unit, and Tania Clarke, from the University of Cambridge, will also be working with us on children's well-being.

Finally, I thank you all for your support over my first academic year at Park Street, and so much look forward to continuing to work with you all in September.

I wish you all a very relaxing and happy holiday. Best wishes,

Sarah

Summer Holiday Activities

I am sure that you and your children will be glad of a break from 'home school' over the summer. However, Cambridgeshire learning have created some resources to help children prepare for their return to school. These are colourful and fun Maths and English themed games and activities, which will help the development of a variety of important skills. The materials are accessible from our website:

<https://parkstreet.cambs.sch.uk/summer-learning/>

Cambridgeshire Music are also running a summer project, called 'Just Sing'. You can sign up for this on their website:

<https://www.cambridgeshiremusic.org.uk/pages/about-us/news/>

Please see the back page for summer activities run by Grafham Water and Chypps.

Apologies this newsletter is so long—there was a great deal to tell you about September. If I have forgotten anything, or you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Stars of the Week

Last Week:

Reception: Sissi – for settling back in

Year 1: Thea – for always trying her best

Year1/2: Annabelle – for becoming a positive member of the group

Y6: Siyamo – for wonderful acting as Puck in Mid-summer Night's Dream

Our online Stars of the Week are:

Y1/2: Ted: For working hard despite being poorly

Y3/4: Felix – for teaching himself to play the piano

Y3/4: Anya – for writing a very persuasive letter

Y5: Zion – for excellent contributions

This week:

Reception: Xander: for always having a smile!

Mrs Holmes/Mrs Jaehnigen: Franek, for always making an excellent effort

Mrs Orrock: Audrey, for blossoming in 'Epic Eight'

Year 6 group: All of the year 6s for working hard to improve their writing.

Online Learning:

Y2: Anna for joining in with Zoom calls

Elliott: for always showing enthusiasm for his learning

Isobel: For excellent effort in all her work.

Changes for September: Measures to ensure that we are 'Covid-19 safe' at Park Street.

1. Arrivals and departures will be staggered and take place through both gates, back and front. Timings here:

	Start	Finish
Owls	9.00am Black Gates	3.15pm Black Gates
Flamingos	8.45am Black Gates	3.00pm Black Gates
Woodpeckers	9.00am Blue Gates	3.20pm Blue Gates
Eagles	8.45am Blue Gates	3.10pm Blue Gates

2. Staff and children will wash and/or sanitize their hands on entry to school, before and after break, before and after lunch, when they visit the toilet and if they cough or sneeze. Classes have allocated toilets. Doors will be left open as far as possible.
3. Children will be kept in two consistent groups, with allocated adults. Owl and Flamingo (EYFS and KS1) classes together, and Woodpecker and Eagle (KS2) classes together. This will allow us to stagger lunchtimes—KS2 will go to the Green from 12—12.30pm, and KS1 from 12.30 to 1pm. Some children will eat outside and/or in classrooms, depending on the weather.
4. The Office will still be closed to visitors. Please email for contact: office@parkstreet.cambs.sch.uk
5. Before School and After School clubs will observe strict social distancing between children and adults. Children will be kept in their groups for this when inside. If you haven't already done so, please let us know if you require your child to attend these sessions.
6. Throughout the day, tables, door handles and other busy areas will be cleaned. Mrs Clipsham has been allocated extra time for this.

School Clothing

The school website outlines the main rules for school clothing; however it is clear that these have not been adhered to very consistently over the past year. The website states that 'children are expected to dress comfortably and appropriately for activity in school – sensible shoes, covered shoulders and plain T-shirts without slogans.' Please could you ensure that these rules are now kept? Party dresses, slip on shoes and open-toed sandals and fashion items such as denim shorts and board shorts, are not in line with this code. If in doubt, the MAPAC PE uniform, available on a link from the school website, remains a good option for everyday wear in school. Please order by 3rd August, if possible.

Similar plain navy sweatshirts and polo shirts are also available in many shops, at a very reasonable price. We have access to a 'hardship fund' to help parents with this expense should you need it. Please contact the office or myself directly for this.

Curriculum

There has been media discussion regarding the curriculum in September being heavily focussed on English and maths. While we will be having an emphasis on closing learning gaps in these subjects, We will continue to offer a broad and balanced curriculum, engaging the children and ensuring that they find learning fun. Teachers will be keen to find out your children's areas of interest and curiosity, and will plan learning from these as far as possible. Class newsletters will be sent out in the first week of term, outlining the curriculum plans for the first half-term. These will also be put on the class 'Teams' and 'Tapestry' sites.

Attendance

From September, attendance at school will be compulsory for the vast majority of children. While the government relaxed the rules on attendance during lockdown, this will now change again in September. The government guidance states that: 'Missing out on more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind. Those with lower overall attendance tend to achieve less well in primary and secondary school. School attendance will therefore be mandatory again from the beginning of the Autumn Term.' Please do get in touch if you have any anxieties about sending your child back to school, and we will work together to alleviate these.

Illness

Should your child or a family member display any of these symptoms:

- A high temperature (37.8 degrees or above)
- A new continuous cough
- A loss or change to sense of smell or taste

We request that you **do not** send your children into school, and instead follow the fourteen-day family isolation advice at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Wider information is on this page:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Please also read carefully the 'Test and Trace' information attached with this newsletter.

Tuesday	21st July	End of Term
Tuesday	8th Sep	Reception children visit to classroom 9.30-10.30
Thursday	10th Sep	Reception children visit to classroom 1.30-2.30
Wednesday	16th Sep	“Perform” show to Classes 1 and 2 Musical Theatre club starting (after school, see details below)

Inset Days 2019—2020

Wednesday 22nd July

Inset Days 2020 2021

Thursday 3rd Sep

Friday 4th Sep

Monday 2nd Nov

Monday 22nd Feb

Thursday 22nd July

Goodbye to:

Emircan

Gus

Anna and Zoe

Miyabi

George

Teddy

Sebastian

KPA School will be returning with Musical Theatre from 16th September 3:30pm-4:30pm. The club will run for years 1-5. Please book via the website www.kpaschool.co.uk or email for further information hello@kpaschool.co.uk

Grafham Water Centre is Good to Go.....

Grafham Water Centre is an Outdoor Education Centre in Cambridgeshire and has over 50 years of developing young people to inspire and grow through experiential outdoor learning experiences. They have adapted their offer to meet the new constraints brought about by COVID-19 and will continue to deliver in a safe and appropriate way as the centre begins to re-open. “We are committed to minimising the risk of spreading the virus and have put in safety measures so we can begin to work with young people again. We will be running our Discovery Club for Children 8 years and up weekdays from July 15th, 8:30am-5:30pm. We are taking bookings now, but be aware there are a limited number of spaces. We will also be running family activity days as well as various other courses over the summer so please get in touch to find out more. Reception will be open between 9:00-12:00 on weekdays but you can leave us a message and we will get back to you. Grafham will also be able to deliver Day Visits for schools throughout September and October in compliance with all current guidance. These high quality Outdoor experiences will be an excellent opportunity to bring staff and students back together and allow them to reconnect after lockdown. From kayaking and paddle boarding to team building and climbing, our diverse packages will give everyone a chance to relax, laugh and learn. Contact Details - 01480 810521 / <https://www.grafham-water-centre.co.uk/>

Information from Chypps

Parents can sign up to online bookable sessions by emailing chypps@cambridge.gov.uk and they can see the week by week programme <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/chypps-activities>