



PARK STREET
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Week 1

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NEWS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I don't know if I have ever before been so pleased to say 'Welcome Back to a new school year!' A very warm welcome particularly to all the new families who have joined us this September. All the staff at Park Street are overjoyed to have all the children back in school, and learning well already! We have all been thinking about how lucky we are to live on such a wonderful, diverse planet (despite it's challenges) using a creative and interesting picture book called 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers. The children have been using this book as inspiration to create posters, amazing poetry and illustrations of their own. Please ask them all about it!

Their work has given the teachers a chance to find out a little about the children's interests and areas of curiosity. They are also busy assessing their learning, which will continue next week, so that the rest of the term's lessons can be planned accurately to 'fill gaps' that may have occurred over the school closure period. We are all in awe of everything that parents have been able to do over this period; it has been fantastic to see how you have managed to maintain the children's enthusiasm for learning!

Class newsletters are also going out today—please could you read these carefully, as they have details of Zoom 'meet the teacher' meetings for Flamingo, Woodpecker and Eagle classes, as well as information about the topics for the term, PE days and homework.

Whilst we are still living in uncertain times regarding the virus, I would like to reassure you that we are working as safely as possible at Park Street. Our risk assessment is on the school website, should you be interested in reading about the measures we are taking. Please also read the 'Test and Trace' letter, sent out again with this newsletter, which gives you information about what you must do should you or your child have any symptoms. Furthermore, should your child need to be at home, Microsoft Teams has been set up again for the school with the new classes. They will receive their logins next week, and you will be able to log on to see the work they will be covering this term. This will be added to on a weekly basis.

Please look later in the week to see the photographs of the children enjoying the new 'outdoor classroom' on the 'Head's Blog' on the website!

Very best wishes for the new term ahead!

Sarah

Owl and Flamingo Playground

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to all the parents and friends who helped us to 'breathe life into' the 'outdoor classroom', after the redevelopment. Particularly, Fleur McLennan, who built the mud kitchen, Mrs DuToit's father, Alan, who made a workstation and donated pallets, Mrs Sparrowhawk's neighbour Graham, who made the building crates, and Trish for painting the chairs. Mrs DuToit and Mrs Shankland (and her children) put in a great deal of work over the summer, putting it all together, so I'm sure you would like to join me in thanking them too! Thank you, also to everybody who donated pots and pans. If you would like to see the children enjoying the space, there will be some pictures on the website by next week! We have also received a request for it to be featured in the Local Authority's EYFS magazine, Jigsaw.



If you would still like to help, we need old cooking utensils, stacking bottle crates and large boards to make blackboards!

Stars of the Week

Owl Class: Kirrili, Xander and Sissi, for playing well with the new Reception children.



Flamingo Class: Petros for helping the class to understand and follow the rules

Woodpecker Class; Louie for improving his writing; producing an amazing poem about the sky.

Eagle Class: Hashir for settling in well to Park Street.

PTA

We have a marvelous, active PTA, chaired by Mrs Kaitlin Krull Dominiak (Ellie and Sophia's mum). They are meeting virtually at present, but if you would like to offer support, please contact office@parkstreet.cambs.sch.uk. They are always

Books

If you have any reading books at home that were borrowed during the spring or summer term, please can you send them to school with your child. There are a boxes for returns in the classrooms



Transport Survey

Cambridgeshire Local Authority are required to survey parents to help the Combined Authority and the LAs to understand changes to school travel patterns as a result of COVID-19, and to inform their response to any new problems or barriers that pupils may be facing travelling to school. The following is the link to the Smart Survey: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/XPJOSD/> The survey is live now and will close at midnight on Sunday, 27 September.

Clubs

Kinnerz are running their usual after-school sports clubs on Mondays and Tuesdays. For more information, and to book for these, please follow this link:

www.clubenrolment.com/kinnerz and search for Park Street.

Katherine Ostler will also be running the Music Theatre group, on Wednesdays, 3.30 to 4.30pm. This will be dance-based, as singing is difficult at present! If you would like your child to attend (Y1-5), please email: mailto:hello@kpaschool.co.uk, phone 07727 241217 or visit the website at www.kpaschool.co.uk.



Mrs Voss will be running coding club on Fridays, starting on 25th September. If you would like your child to attend, please email the school office. This is for Woodpecker and Eagle classes only at present.

Latin Club, Table Tennis and Knitting will commence after Christmas, Covid regulations permitting!

Our before school club runs from 8am every morning—please book by emailing beforeschoolclub@parkstreet.cambs.sch.uk or the office.

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, (<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/ParkStreetPrimaryCB5/>) remains a good option for everyday wear in school.

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.

Measures to ensure that we are 'Covid-19 safe' at Park Street.

1. Arrivals and departures are staggered and take place through both gates, back and front. Timings here:
2. Staff and children 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 are left open as far as possible.
3. Children are kept in two consistent groups, with allocated adults. Owl and Flamingo (EYFS and KS1) classes together, and Woodpecker and Eagle (KS2) classes together. This allows us to stagger lunchtimes—KS2 go to the Green from 12—12.30pm, and KS1 from 12.30 to 1pm. Some children eat outside and/or in classrooms, depending on the weather.
4. The Office is still closed to visitors. Please email for contact: office@parkstreet.cambs.sch.uk
5. Before School and After School clubs observe strict social distancing between children and adults. Children are 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 are cleaned. Mrs Clipsham has been allocated extra time for this.

	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

Attendance

Attendance at school is now compulsory for the vast majority of children. 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.' Please do get in touch if you have any anxieties about sending your child to school (if they are healthy) 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 you **must** follow the 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.

We have a **very few** tests in school, only for use in circumstances where parents or staff can prove that they are completely unable to assess testing any other way (by booking a drive-in test or postal test). These would be for parents to administer—testing of children will **not** be done by school staff. Should you need to test your child, this video might be helpful: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xaw8DsF2lgc>

Dates

I am sure that you will think our dates list very sparse at present! This is because we are unsure about how we can deliver our usual events e.g. Harvest, Nativity, Christmas events. Hopefully the situation will improve, and we start to plan events as usual, later in the term. For the moment, we are considering what we can do virtually!

Inset Days 2020 2021

Monday 2nd Nov

Monday 22nd Feb

Thursday 22nd July

Day	Date	Details	Time
Tuesday	15 th September	Flamingo Class Parents' Zoom meeting – see class newsletter for link	4pm
Wednesday	16 th September	Woodpecker Class Parents' Zoom meeting – see class newsletter for link	4pm
Thursday	17 th September	Eagle Class Parents' Zoom meeting – see class newsletter for link	4pm
Wednesday	21 st October	Phonics meeting for Reception parents	9.30am
Monday	26 th October	Half Term	
Monday	2nd November	Inset Day – no school (teachers training)	
Week Beginning	9 th November	'Virtual' Parents' Evenings and Learning Review meetings	TBC
Friday	18 th December	Last day of term	

Please follow this link for the Cambridgeshire Local Authority Term Dates:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/school-term-dates-closures/school-term-dates-2020-2021>