



**PARK STREET
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Spring Term

Week 1

8th January 2021

NEWS

**THE CHURCH
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CAMBRIDGE**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year!

Well, what a week this has been! My first newsletter of the term is usually welcoming your children back to school. I am grateful that at least we managed to see them for one day. Thank you so much for your patience and support, and the supportive comments that have been flying in, over this week. It has been the greatest challenge so far, to turn everything around so quickly!

Those of you at home, thank you also for doing such a great job engaging your children with the online learning. The whole class was present yesterday for the Eagle's online session. It is rather different to the previous lockdown; we do expect children to be doing their best to engage with everything provided for their class. The government have set an expectation for Key Stage One to engage with three hours per day of remote learning, and Key Stage Two four hours. This means a mixture of recorded, live sessions, and work to be completed independently. We believe that our provision is in line with this. Flamingo class have their workbooks at present, and will have much more provision next week, with live teaching coming as soon as possible. Please let the teachers know if you need any further support.

In addition, we are all very concerned for the children's well-being. It is a much more difficult time of year for everybody, than the previous lockdown. Despite the weather, please make sure that your children get time outside, and plenty of physical exercise! Cambridgeshire PE have some suggested activities on their website:

<https://www.cambslearntogether.co.uk/home-learning/pe>

I am also in the process of putting together a well-being page for the school website with links to resources to help with this. In the meantime, please let the teachers or myself know if you or your child need any help. We are all finding this sudden switch quite difficult to adjust to—it must be even harder for the children!

Best wishes, Sarah

Covid -19 positive test results

As previously, if your child is in school, should you or your family have a positive result from a Covid-19 test please let me know promptly! Should we have any cases in the 'bubbles' in school, we will have to close one or the other, straight away.

Live Teaching Sessions

Here is the current timetable for the live teaching sessions. We have endeavoured to avoid clashes, so that most families should only have one child needing to attend at a time, when in different classes. Please let us know of any problems, and we will try to solve these as quickly as possible. All sessions are daily, except where indicated.

Owl Class: Y1 Maths 10.45-11.05 Monday to Thursday

Reception: 14.30 to 15.15

Please access the recorded phonics sessions for Reception and Y1 children, and upload videos and photos to Tapestry.

Flamingo Class: Y1 Maths 10.45—11.05am, Mon-Thurs

From 11th January, please access materials provided on Teams and upload photographs of your children's work to Teams. Please access recorded Y1 phonics videos, which will be on Teams.

Week beginning 18th January, live sessions will be 11.30 to 12 and/or 13.30 to 14.00

Woodpecker Class: 9.30 Y3 maths

9.45– 10.15 **All Woodpeckers** English and Topic

10.15 Y4 Maths, 9

Eagle Class: 10.45—11.05 Y5 Maths, 11.05 to 11.30 Y6 maths. English sessions are intended to be pre-recorded with a live option at 9.15am

All classes: please upload children's work—particularly if they are proud of something or need more help. If you would like feedback, please make sure this is done by 1pm on Friday.

Learning Ladders/Ladders at Home

Learning Ladders is up and running again, with new assessments for this year. You should have received an email inviting you, if you are new to this. If you logged in last year, you can use the same details. Please log in and have a look at the objectives on which your child is working. **You can follow a link for this from the school website.** There is also a wealth of information on this site about how you can help your child at home, which is also translatable into other languages, if needed. Please contact the office if you are unable to log in.

Bikeability

Please note that Bikeability has had to be cancelled for Eagles class. We will keep you informed of any future potential dates.

Meet the Headteacher— for prospective parents

12 January 6.30pm

Stars of the Week



Week ending 8th January

Owl Class in school: Freya for joining in positively

Online: Ila—for a wonderful video of her version of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star!

Flamingo Class in school: Kaci—for perseverance and a positive attitude to learning

Online: William— for working hard this week

Woodpecker Class in school: Sara—for being helpful and enthusiastic

Online: Matilda—for overcoming challenges to engage with the online learning

Eagle Class: Lewis for being consistently ready to learn.

Online: Everett for working really hard and for being helpful to Mrs Stevenson.

Relationships and Sex Education

Thank you to everybody who has already responded to the RSE consultation. Information regarding the results will be available in January.

From this academic year, all primary schools have to teach children Relationships Education and Health Education. In our school, we have been teaching most of the required content for some time, as part of our PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) lessons. We'd like to take this opportunity to reflect on what we do and to ask you for your views so that we can better meet the needs of all our children.

Thankyou to everybody who has already completed the questionnaire.

It is still available at [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2517fSp7IEaucGdrNsdVos7_51YVZP5Pu0Juqzc9OR9UQVA0VFA5Q1dJTk1NWUxQM1pDUkdJRUZXMS4u)

[id=2517fSp7IEaucGdrNsdVos7_51YVZP5Pu0Juqzc9OR9UQVA0VFA5Q1dJTk1NWUxQM1pDUkdJRUZXMS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2517fSp7IEaucGdrNsdVos7_51YVZP5Pu0Juqzc9OR9UQVA0VFA5Q1dJTk1NWUxQM1pDUkdJRUZXMS4u)

Welcome

A very warm welcome to the Shrvat and De Paula Piccoli families.

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 sent out yesterday.

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>

OFFICE CLOSURE

PLEASE NOTE THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM MONDAY. PLEASE E-MAIL ONLY. THE GATE WILL BE OPEN FROM 8.50—9.00AM AND NO LATE CHILDREN WILL BE ABLE TO GAIN ACCESS TO SCHOOL AFTER THIS TIME.

Day	Date	Details	Time
Monday	25th-28th January	Bikeability for Eagles class. CANCELLED.	During school day
Friday	12th February	Last day of term	
Monday	22nd February	Professional Day – no school (teachers training)	
Tuesday	23rd February	School re-opens	
Thursday	4th March	World Book Day	
Wednesday	10th March	Drama workshop for KS1	Morning
Friday	26th March	School closes	
Monday	12th April	School re-opens	
Thursday	15th April	Balanceability starts for Owls	Morning
Thursday	29th April	Class photos	
Monday	3rd May	Bank Holiday	
Monday	10th May	KS 2 SATs week. CANCELLED.	
Friday	28th May	School closes	
Monday	7th June	School re-opens	
Wednesday	21st July	School closes	
Thursday	22nd July	Professional Day—no school (teachers training)	

Remote Learning

Following the government's announcement that schools have a statutory duty to provide access to remote learning, we have developed our Remote Learning Policy. As mentioned before, this will be delivered using Microsoft Teams (Tapestry for Class 1), making sure that lessons and activities are aligned with learning that would have taken place in school. Should a complete closure of a class be necessary, one hour of live teacher per day will be provided. The timetable for this will be provided, if this occurs. It is possible that we might be provided with devices to enable pupils to access learning remotely—please could you complete this survey to enable us to see who might need this provision?

PTA

Over the past few months, several parents have got in touch with us asking how they can say thank you to our hard-working teachers for everything they do for us and our children. We asked the teachers and TAs what kinds of things they would find most useful for their classrooms and they've put together an Amazon Wish List of their top picks, from playdough to books. Please click [here](#) to view and purchase items from the list.

If you haven't paid for your Christmas cards, please do so as soon as possible. Preloved PE kit - we have quite a little collection now so it would be great if things could find a home if needed/wanted.

Help the School While You Shop

With more of us doing our shopping online this year, we thought it would be a good idea to help you help the school at the same time. When you link your Amazon account to our Friends of Park Street Amazon Smile account, Amazon will donate .5% of the cost of your shopping to the school.

We have also updated our Schoolfunds account, which is another portal you can use for your shopping while giving back to the school. Just click on the links and follow the steps to connect your accounts.

[Amazon Smile](#)

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Our Family Quiz will be held on 24th January at 3pm-details to follow

Inset Days 2020 2021

Monday 22nd Feb

Thursday 22nd July