



**PARK STREET**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Autumn Term**

**Week 10**

**20th November 2020**

**NEWS**

**THE CHURCH**  
**SCHOOLS OF**  
**CAMBRIDGE**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you all for supporting BBC Children in Need last week— such a great cause, raising so much needed support for so many children, particularly at this very difficult time – thank you! We raised £108! All the classes really enjoyed joining in with Joe Wicks on Friday morning for the final 20 minutes of his 24 hour PE challenge. You can find some videos and photographs of this on the 'Latest News' page of the website.

Also on the website is a video of the children signing to the Remembrance song, which was a really moving part of our Remembrance assembly last week. Please have a look!

Parent's Evenings were very successful last week—all the teachers were delighted to meet with you and discuss children's progress. The online system worked remarkably well and almost all parents have taken part. Where there were some problems, thank you so much for your patience and kindness in agreeing to reschedule appointments.

The EYFS and Year One children started practising for their Nativity this week, and signing club are doing brilliantly at learning Christmas songs, so it is already starting to feel that Christmas is coming! We all hope that this will be as normal as possible for everybody. Please see the paragraph on the next page about what we are planning at Park Street.

Eagle Class had a very successful tour of Cambridge yesterday, where they learned so much about our city. Please ask your child about it! There are also photographs of this on the news page of the website.

Thank you for respecting our social distancing measures, and for avoiding entering school over this time. Please could you make sure that you social distance outside when waiting to drop-off and pick-up your children? We do have some people amongst our community who are vulnerable, and it is really important that we all do as much as possible to protect each other. There are many cases of Covid-19 in schools in the area at present; fortunately, and due to your care and attention, we have not had any as yet. We would all love this situation to continue, as I'm sure you will agree!

It has been tricky to squeeze everything in this week—please make sure you check all the pages as they all have new information today. Apologies for the small print!

Best wishes,

Sarah

Welcome!

Welcome to the dos Santos family, and their son Kuaun, who have arrived at Park Street from Brazil.

Signing Club for Flamingo Class

Signing Club is going really well! Please see the photos and video on the website!

Wellies in the Outdoor Classroom

**A big thank you to Trish who spent a weekend turning unwanted wellies to create a marvellous living display/decoration in the outdoor classroom! Please see the photographs on the website!**

Road Closure

Kerry Walpole has been in touch with the council to enquire whether the road outside Park Street could be closed to cycles and traffic before and after school. They are in the process of agreeing this. We would need somebody to help Kerry with co-ordinating volunteers to put out the barriers and signage, and also people to help with making the signs. If you are able to support with any of this, please speak to Kerry or Mrs Howker on the gate, or email

office@parkstreet.cambs.sch.uk

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. 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.

## Stars of the Week

### Week ending 13th November

Owl Class: Sissi—for really good maths

Flamingo Class: Natalia for being such a positive member of the class

Woodpecker Class: Macarena for setting herself extra home-work and Hattie for working hard

Eagle Class: Lewis—for making fantastic improvements in writing

### Week ending 20th November

Owl Class: Hilda—for knowing all her sounds so far. Well done!

Flamingo Class: Tess—for being considerate and showing empathy to her class mates

Woodpecker Class: George for working really hard on his English

Eagle Class: Edoardo—for improving his writing



## Relationships and Sex Education

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.

We combine some aspects of Relationships Education (families, healthy relationships, being safe) and Health Education (puberty, hygiene), along with Sex Education (teaching about human reproduction and birth) to create a topic called Relationships and Sex Education (RSE).

**Please see the attached letter and information regarding our Relationships and Sex Education consultation. The questionnaire for you to give your views about this will be available on Monday.**

## Drop-off and Pick-up times

Blue Gates (KS2) 8.45 to 8.50

Black Gate (Reception and KS1) 8.50 to 8.55

**Please make sure that you are at the gates at the correct time, and avoid lateness. It is very important that children and parents do not enter through the office entrance at this time.**

## Covid Symptom Study App

**The King's College study led by Prof. Tim Spector have begun a new symptom study for school communities. If you are interested in contributing to this, please download the app at:**

**<https://covid.joinzoe.com/schools>**

**Our Unique School Reference Code is: BB2LAZL. Should you require more information, please do not hesitate to contact me via [office@parkstreet.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@parkstreet.cambs.sch.uk)**

All data collected in the app is used anonymously for informing other parents in your child's school and anonymously for research and for public health purposes only. ZOE takes data security and privacy very seriously and enforces [best practices](#) to ensure all data is protected. ZOE is required to protect all data by law. As the work that ZOE does takes place in the UK, the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation applies.

## School Council

As school council we would like to say thank you to all the children who brought money in for Children in Need day. We raised £108. In school council we also discussed not doing daily mile every day. Instead, we are trialling a new system: House captains will lead an exercise routine for each of the four houses on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Amelie and Noah, School Council Secretaries**

## Christmas!

All the staff are really keen for the children to have some social and fun opportunities to celebrate Christmas in school this year, as this might be very different outside school. These will be taking place in the last week of term. Mrs Shankland will be directing a 'Bubble' Nativity, which we are hoping to video and 'stream' to parents on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th December, time to be confirmed later. **If anybody could help with the recording of this, please email the office.** On 16th December, KS1 will be doing a Christingle Service in the morning, followed by parties in their classes in the afternoon. On Thursday 17th December, both classes will be doing Christmas crafts in the morning, followed by a KS2 party in the afternoon. Christingle making for KS2 will be taking place on the morning of Friday 18th December, followed by the KS Christingle in the afternoon. We will send out zoom links for the Christingle services, so that parents can join from home. Please could you send in an orange for your child/children in the previous week?



We believe strongly that these activities need to go ahead for the children, in the safest way possible, to help with their well-being at this difficult time. Thank you, in advance for your support!

### 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. Please note the new timings below:.
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.

Blue Gates (KS2) 8.45 to 8.50

Black Gate (Reception and KS1) 8.50 to 8.55

Pick up—Reception and KS1 3pm, KS2 3.15pm

### Christmas cards

**From Monday 7th December our Christmas post box will be situated in KS 2 playground and cards will be delivered COVID safely on a daily basis.**

### PTA-Pre loved PE Uniform shop

This is a new fundraising service being set up by the PTA. Please contact pta@parkstreet.cambs.sch.uk for details on how to donate /purchase.

### 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>

### Craft Competition

Thank you to everybody who entered the wonderful PTA Craft Competition. Please see the photographs on the PTA page of the website! The entries were a fantastic reflection of the children's view of our city!

This is Hashir's entry.



### School Meals

The cost of a school meal has been raised to £2.40 from 19/11/2020. Please let the office know if your child/ren would like the Christmas Lunch, served on Thursday 17th December.

### Safeguarding News

We have recently had a Safeguarding Review by the Local Authority. I am sure you will be reassured that we passed this with few actions to correct. These have now been addressed. We frequently ask the children if they feel safe in school, and sort out any issues that are worrying them. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Shankland, should you or your child have any worries. The School Council will also be making sure that each class has a 'worry box'.

Day	Date	Details	Time
Tuesday	24th November	Prospective Parents "virtual" tour	130
Wednesday	25th November	Prospective Parents "virtual" tour	6.30
Tuesday	1st December	Prospective Parents "virtual" tour	6.30
Thursday	10th December	Flu vaccination for all year groups	All day
Monday & Tuesday	14th & 15th December	KS 1 Nativity, streamed	Time TBC
Wednesday	16th December	KS 1 Christingle service KS1 parties in classes	Morning Afternoon
Thursday	17th December	KS 1 Christmas Crafts Christmas Lunch KS2 party	Morning Afternoon
Friday	18th December	KS 2 making Christingles Last day of term KS 2 Christingle Service	Morning Afternoon
Monday	4th January	School re-opens	
Monday	25th-28th January	Bikeability for Eagles class.	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	
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	
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?

PLEASE CLICK ON THIS [SURVEY LINK](#)

### 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](http://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: [hello@kpaschool.co.uk](mailto:hello@kpaschool.co.uk), phone 07727 241217 or visit the website at [www.kpaschool.co.uk](http://www.kpaschool.co.uk).

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](mailto:beforeschoolclub@parkstreet.cambs.sch.uk)

### PTA

We want to let parents and friends know that we have a brand new school email address. Feel free to contact us at [pta@parkstreet.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:pta@parkstreet.cambs.sch.uk) if you have any questions, concerns, or if you just want to get involved or say hi!

Coffee mornings will resume (virtually!) after half term on the first Friday of the month. Please e-mail for the zoom link.

Park Street Amazon Wish List - We are always happy to take donations for the school, and especially in these times want to express our thanks to the teachers and staff of Park Street for all their hard work. Some may wish to give monetary donations (this can always be done with our Friends of Park Street bank account details but stay tuned for our new Virgin Money account coming soon), but others like to know exactly where their money is going. Teachers have added items to this [Amazon Wish List](#) and it would be fantastic if we could help them by giving them some much needed materials for their classrooms. Please check back often as this wish list will be updated throughout the year.

Craft Off - a reminder that submissions are due to [pta@parkstreet.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:pta@parkstreet.cambs.sch.uk) by 6pm on 4th November and that the suggested entry fee of £2 can be paid by bank transfer to the Friends of Park Street School - Sort Code: 20-60-38 Account No: 43695468 - mention your child's name and craft off in the comments please.

### Inset Days 2020 2021

Monday 22nd Feb

Thursday 22nd July