



PARK STREET
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn Term

Week 12

4th December 2020

NEWS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Hello from a very snowy Park Street this morning!

It is wonderful this time of year to hear the children practising for the Nativity, although I really miss the singing! Hopefully next Christmas this will all return! Fortunately, Mrs Shankland has managed to continue rehearsing the Key Stage 2 choir, socially distanced and outside. We have also managed to arrange an impromptu performance, which will take place outside the Round Church on 15th December. I have had to guarantee that this will follow Covid protocols, so please, if you come to watch try to social distance from people outside your household, and even though it will be outside, it would be helpful if you could wear masks. This will show that we are taking care, under the current restrictions. The children will be standing as far apart as possible during the singing. On Thursday 17th December, the signing club will also take place outside the Round Church, where they will perform the Christmas songs that they have learned.

As outlined on the next page, the Nativity will be videoed and uploaded to Microsoft Teams, where you can log in to watch it at your convenience. Owl class logins will be sent out next week. All the other children have already been given their logins—please check these work over the next week, so that we can sort out any problems before the end of term.

Eagle class are busy this month raising awareness of modern slavery. Please ask them why they are wearing their clothes inside out! More about this on the next page.

Please see the Christmassy and wintery photographs on the website, as well as the video of Park Street School.

Thank you so much for all you are doing to support us in the build-up to Christmas! Please keep the costumes coming in, and please can we have some oranges for Christingles? With very best wishes for Advent,

Sarah



Guitar tuition

Hello

My name is Richard Holmes and I will be coming to Park Street to teach guitar and ukulele, starting in the New Year. As well as Park Street, I also teach guitar at Bottisham Village College, St Faith's and Fairstead House School. I have been playing the guitar for 30 + years and almost been teaching as long as that (yes, I am that old!). I am very happy to teach from year 1 onwards, using the ASBRSM exam board for classical guitar and books, the London College of Music for ukulele and acoustic guitar and books. I use the Trinity Rock and Pop syllabus for more rock and pop based students. I also regularly take song requests, and teach Ed Sheeran/Taylor Swift/Slipknot/The Beatles etc to further their song and technique repertoire. Students will need their own instruments for lessons to allow them sufficient practice time at home. These are relatively inexpensive for beginners to buy and I am happy to give advice about purchases. Prices for lessons are £13, for a 20 minute individual lesson. Payment is required one term in advance, before lessons are due to start.

Covid -19 at the weekends

Should you or your family have a positive result from a Covid-19 test taken at the weekend or in the holidays, please let us know promptly, as we would have to make arrangements for the following week in school. Please email head@parkstreet.cambs.sch.uk

Park Street School video

This is now complete! Thank you so much, Cary Parker, and everybody else who gave up their Saturday morning for filming. Please use the link below to watch this delightful information film about our wonderful school. It will also be posted on the school website, and we would encourage you to share it as widely as possible as publicity for Park Street. <https://vimeo.com/487027000>

Stars of the Week

Week ending 27th November

Owl Class: Sofia for lovely writing. Well done!

Flamingo Class: Benji for working hard to improve his handwriting.

Woodpecker Class: Amber for very hard working and being a calm member of the class.

Eagle Class: Zion for excellent engagement with the class topic.

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Owl Class: Giulio for listening really well on the carpet

Flamingo Class: Evelyn for always doing her hardest with everything she does

Woodpecker Class: Liz for fantastic argument and debate

Eagle Class: Hanna for great improvement in her English



St Giles's Church

Please go and visit the Park Street Christmas tree, decorated by pupils from KS1. Available to view from today.

PTA Christmas Tree

A huge thank you to the PTA for decorating our wonderful tree.



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.

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. Thank you 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_51YVZP5Pu0Juqzc9OR9UQVA0VFA5Q1dJTk1NWUxQM1pDUkdJRUZXMMS4u)

[id=2517fSp7IEaucGdrNsdVos7_51YVZP5Pu0Juqzc9OR9UQVA0VFA5Q1dJTk1NWUxQM1pDUkdJRUZXMMS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2517fSp7IEaucGdrNsdVos7_51YVZP5Pu0Juqzc9OR9UQVA0VFA5Q1dJTk1NWUxQM1pDUkdJRUZXMMS4u)

If you would like to contribute, please read the information sent out with the last newsletter, before responding.

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 record on video next week, and upload to Microsoft Teams by the end of term. You will be able to use your child's login to watch it. Reception class logins will be sent out this week. 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!

Great St Mary's Midday Prayer

A few children from Eagle Class will be recording a service of Midday Prayer for Great St Mary's church. This will be available using a link from their website, on Friday December 11th.

<https://www.greatstmarys.org/worship>

Modern Slavery by Callie in Eagles

We have been learning about all types of slavery. From Greeks and Romans to modern day we have studied and done some presenting to the class.

When we learnt that slavery still exists today and that there are actually more slaves now than in the time of the transatlantic slave trade, we wanted to make a difference. You have probably noticed the class is wearing their clothes inside out for the month of December. We are doing this to grab attention and spark conversation.

If someone asks us why our clothes are inside out, we will tell them about modern day slavery and ask them to donate to Inti-slavery (a charity working against slavery). Please consider donating at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/eagle-class>

Did you know?

- There are roughly 40million slaves in the world.
- Slavery is hidden in plain sight, even in the UK.
- What slavery looks like has not changed over thousands of years.

Christmas cards

From Monday 7th December, Christmas post boxes will be situated in both playgrounds and cards will be delivered COVID safely on a daily basis to the children and staff.

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>

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 the office.

Day	Date	Details	Time
Thursday	10th December	Flu vaccination for all year groups	All day
Tuesday	15th December	Choir concert outside The Round Church	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 Signing choir concert outside The Round Church	Morning Afternoon 3.30-4.00
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)	

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.

Any parents who have not yet paid for Christmas cards/items please do so ASAP. 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 Christmas 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](#)

[Schoolfunds](#)

We have decided to postpone our Pub Quiz until January - stay tuned for a date and time.

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](#)

Inset Days 2020 2021

Monday 22nd Feb

Thursday 22nd July