



PARK STREET
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn Term

Week 14

18th December 2020

NEWS

**THE CHURCH
SCHOOLS OF
CAMBRIDGE**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a wonderful pre-Christmas week we have had at Park Street! At the risk of over-doing the alliteration, there has been a great deal of singing, signing and sewing!

Please see the photographs and videos on the latest news section of the website to see for yourselves! The choir successfully raised £90 for the Chromebook appeal, by entertaining parents and passers-by outside the Round Church on Tuesday. Signing Club performed there on Thursday, to the delight of the passing shoppers!

Woodpecker and Eagle Class have been working with textiles this week, Woodpecker class have made some beautiful, felt Christmas decorations. They have quickly learned to thread needles, sew some embroidery stitches and to sew on buttons (very useful!). Eagle class have created some amazing batik wall-hangings. Many of them managed to use a sewing machine for the first time. Don't ask to see your child's, however, as I believe they are a surprise!

On Thursday we had our delicious Christmas lunch, prepared and served with great efficiency by our hard-working but always cheerful Caterers, Roma and Danielle. The year Six pupils really enjoyed eating 'Al Fresco'!

Sometimes I think it is a good thing to be forced to do things in a different way, and Christmas this year has certainly made me 'count my blessings' and make the most of it, despite not being able to sing carols and enjoy church services and the children's Nativity, in the usual way. If you have seen it, I am sure you will agree that we have made the best of the circumstances by creating our Nativity film. Many thanks to Mrs Shankland for grasping the challenge and refusing to be dissuaded by the Covid situation.

We hope that you all have a really wonderful Christmas, despite the worries and restrictions around us at present. We all look forward to seeing you all back at Park Street in the New Year!

Best wishes,

Sarah

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>

Covid -19 during the holiday

Should you or your family have a positive result from a Covid-19 test taken at the weekend or in the first few days of the holiday, please let me know promptly, as I will have to trace contacts. Please read carefully the letter sent out yesterday explaining this process clearly. Please email head@parkstreet.cambs.sch.uk to notify me of positive cases.

Thankyou!

A huge thankyou to all of you who have given presents, cards and edible goodies! And thank you for all the very generous gifts from the Schools Amazon Wishlist.

Fund Raising

The choir and signing club performances at the Round Church raised over £200 towards the Chrome book appeal. Well done all of you! Even more important than the money, was the smiles you put on the faces of the people passing.

Furthermore, the PTA online appeal is now approaching £2500. Thank you so much to everybody who has given so generously so far. If you would still like to contribute, follow the link below:

<https://www.rocketfund.org/chrome-books-for-christmas>

Stars of the Week

Week ending 11th December

Owl Class: Isabella for good counting

Flamingo Class: Wilf for having beautiful manners

Woodpecker Class: Seren for fantastic writing

Eagle Class: Everett for improving focus and improved writing

Week ending 18th December

Owl Class: Dylan for making some good choices

Flamingo Class: Leo for always being a kind and caring member of the class

Woodpecker Class: Arthur and Henry for brilliant sewing

Eagle Class: Felix for being so organised and completing his reading record every week



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.

Meet the Headteacher

More dates

5th January 1.30pm

7th January 6.30pm

12 January 6.30pm

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)

Christingle Services

Please see the photographs on the website of the Christingle services. We are so sorry you could not share these with us. Hopefully next year!



Wellies

Please could you make sure that your child has wellies and a warm and waterproof coat in school every day in January. We do like to go to Jesus Green whatever the weather!



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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 Anti-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.

Well done to Eagle class for raising a fantastic £942 for the anti-slavery charity so far!

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 access 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>

Day	Date	Details	Time
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	
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	
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.

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](#)

[Schoolfunds](#)

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

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