



**PARK STREET
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Spring Term

Week 3

22nd January 2021

NEWS

**THE CHURCH
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CAMBRIDGE**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you are all well and coping with the demands placed upon you all at present. I would like to congratulate you all in your resilient and positive response to remote learning—we have 93% engagement with both the live lessons and submitting work, from those families working at home, which is great. I am in touch with families who are still having difficulties, so next week this percentage should be even higher!

In school everybody is becoming quickly more proficient at operating the technology and connecting with you at home. I am sure you will have realized that the children in school are also accessing some of their learning online, particularly in Woodpecker and Eagle classes. They have become quicker at logging on and finding their resources, so that the teachers here can concentrate on supporting their learning. This is working very well. Next week, the teachers might be offering suggestions for a wider range of subjects —please do not feel pressured by this—it is just to give you options for activities, if you have time. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns or problems. I know uploading work is still quite time-consuming for some of you—we will continue to look for more efficient ways of doing this! Please also let me know what is working well for you.

A very big thank you again to all of you who donated to the PTA appeal for chromebooks. Over £3000 was raised, a fantastic total, and we are presently placing orders for them. When everybody returns to school, this will make a great difference to the children's access to IT in the classrooms. Thank you. The PTA are currently updating the Amazon wishlists, and are organizing an online quiz. Please see their information on the back page, and keep an eye out for communication from them.

Mrs Thornely and Mrs Soyars are also organizing a Facebook page for Park Street. This will be purely for sharing good news stories about the school, not a communication platform. There will be further information sent to parents this week about this. Regarding communication, please see the box to the right about Arbor.

I hope you all have a good weekend, and are managing to have plenty of 'well-being' experiences, despite the restrictions!

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.

Parent and Carer's Questionnaire

Please complete the questionnaire on Microsoft Forms, about your child's learning over this period. We are very interested to hear your views and any suggestions for improvements. The link will be sent out today using the In-Touch system. Please email head@parkstreet.cambs.sch.uk if you do not receive it and would like to contribute.

Testing for Primary School Staff

From next week, all staff working in school will be able to test themselves for Covid-19 twice-weekly at home, using lateral flow devices. Should there be any asymptomatic positive cases revealed by this testing, this may mean closure of 'bubbles'. The testing will take place on Sunday and Wednesday evenings—parents will be notified as soon as possible that evening if their children need to stay at home and/or self-isolate.

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.

Goodbye and hello

We say goodbye to the Avrantinis family.
And hello to the Ofoegbu family—Muna who has joined Flamingo Class.

Thankyou

A particular thankyou to the following people who donated £50 to the Chromebook appeal:

Paloma Mazoteris
Alan Hart
Katrina Thornely
Dana Poenaru
Mengs Chinese Dance
Raj Banerjee
Jesus is Lord
Anna Lefteratou
Anthony Jordan
And others who did not wish to be named

Stars of the Week



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Owl Class in school:

Online: Lara—for excellent effort in her lessons with Mrs Sparrowhawk

Flamingo Class in school:

Online: Leo—for fantastic effort in completing online learning tasks

Woodpecker Class in school:

Online: Oscar—for using his initiative when learning at home and for a wonderful video of the Kapok Tree

Eagle Class in school: Isaac—for working hard to complete tasks and organise his home and school resources

Online: Hester—for working hard at home and writing a report about Galilean moons.

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Owl Class in school: Guilio—for working really hard in maths

Online: Alice—for her fabulous effort with all her home learning especially her perseverance with her handwriting and her amazing 3 part rocket

William for his amazing enthusiasm and brilliant teaching to Mrs Shankland

A very special thankyou to the Gordon family for saving Mrs Shanklnad's sanity by flipping round the Phonics Fairy videos

Flamingo Class in school: Jake—for trying his hardest in everything he does

Online: Ellie—for attending every zoom session

Woodpecker Class in school: Seren—for taking responsibility for her learning

Online: Rosa—for participating well in sessions and lovely work

Bonus online—Henry for his lovely video

Eagles Class in school: Amelie—for working hard in maths

Online: Tahum—for working very hard, engaging really positively with Teams and producing an excellent report on Quasars

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 IS CLOSED. 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. E –MAILS WILL STILL BE RESPONDED TO.

Make it a Happier New Year for children and young people in care

2020 has been a difficult year for us all, but even more so for the children and young people who go in to 2021 without a stable home and loving family. This New Year we are looking for people who are determined, energetic and caring, to become foster carers.

Fostering with Cambridgeshire County or Peterborough City Councils means you are fostering with a local authority that truly cares about you and our children. We offer comprehensive training courses both before and during your fostering adventure with us. We also allocate a social worker who will support you and we also provide a 24/7 helpline so you will never feel alone!

Remember if you are a Cambridgeshire County Council or Peterborough City Council employee and undergoing an assessment as a foster carer for either council, (with agreement from your line manager), you are entitled to additional annual leave of up to 5 days to attend training courses.

So whether you are single, married, retired, working or a full time parent to a birth child YOU CAN FOSTER! Make this a happier New Year for our children and young people. To find out more, call 0800 052 0078, text FOSTERING to 60777, email fostering@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering

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.

Live sessions are 11.30 to 12 for Year 2 maths, and from next week, 13.30 to 14.00 for English

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.

Collective Worship Mon, Thurs and Fri 13.05– 13.20 on Zoom. Links have been sent out using In-Touch.

Day	Date	Details	Time
Monday	25th-28th January	Bikeability for Eagles class. CANCELLED.	During school day
Friday	12th February	Last day of term	
Saturday	13th February	PTA Family Quiz	3pm
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)	

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.

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 Saturday 13th February at 3pm -details to follow .

Oxford Owl

Oxford Owl have a large selection of free online reading books, which might be useful for your children over this time. You can join as parents - the website is: <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>. As well as much-loved characters such as Biff, Chip and Kipper and Winnie the Witch, you'll also find some non-fiction titles too!

Inset Days 2020 2021

Monday 22nd Feb

Thursday 22nd July

Arbor

We are in the process of changing our data and communications system from SIMS to Arbor, which is a web-based platform. This will mean that our communication and payment methods will be changing after half-term. There will be plenty of information about this nearer the time. If you are interested, you can read about Arbor on their website:

<https://arbor-education.com/>

The main difference for parents will be that you will be able to download an app for your phones which will receive all communications from school (with notifications if you require this), rather than text messages. For us, the web-based platform means that all staff will have access to the information they need from home and in school, which has obvious advantages in the current situation!