



PARK STREET
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn Term

Week 3

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NEWS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The children have been busy in all classes this week, undertaking assessments so that the teachers can plan to help them with learning they have missed when out of school, and see what they need to learn next. The teachers have also been uploading classwork onto Microsoft Teams, for this half-term—please have a look at this for your personal interest, and also use the materials if your child needs to be learning from home for any reason. We are all keeping everything as normal as possible in school, abiding by our risk assessment, and are hopeful that this will continue. The figures for Cambridge are not going up at present—long may this continue!

I have put a short video by Tim Spector on the Head's Blog, so you can see what he has interpreted from the Covid Tracker app, regarding cold and Covid-19 symptoms. It is really difficult to make this call, but we all need to be pragmatic at present, especially with the scarcity of tests. I would urge you to sign up for the app (<https://covid.joinzoe.com/>) if you can (this is different from the NHS tracing app), as the more data they have, the more they can see how symptoms appear in children and families. This will help us with these difficult decisions!

Please let us know if you have any problems accessing the school website—this always seems to work well on our school computers, but I have heard that it is not so reliable on different browsers. It would be helpful if you could highlight any problems, so that we can address these.

Finally, as many of you know, we had a 'near miss' outside school at the end of the day last week. We are applying for a road closure at school times, through the 'Streets for Schools' initiative. This will take a few weeks but will ensure that drop offs and pick ups are much safer in future. In the meantime, please could you bring your child across the road yourself, and cross the road to collect them, whilst also observing social distancing, of course!

I wish you all a restful weekend!

Best wishes,

Sarah

PS—Please bring wellies in next week!

Free School Meals

I am sure you are aware that, if your child is eligible for free school meals, we also get a payment to help with their learning. We are mindful that there may be parents who are now eligible for FSM, who may not have been in the past. Also, new parents, who may not have applied. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have free meals anyway, but it is important for the school that if you think you might be eligible, that you still apply so that we can obtain this extra payment. If you need to apply, please speak to myself or Angela in the office.

TIK TOK

Please be aware that that the 'TIK TOK' app should not be used by children under 13. It has been brought to my attention that there are also some very unsuitable videos on this, so please do not allow your child to view it!

Volunteer

Do you have clerical skills that could help our school, working remotely? We are looking for a volunteer to help the governors with this kind of work. Please email the office if you are interested.

Stars of the Week

Owl Class: All the reception children for settling in so brilliantly

Flamingo Class: Alex—for good behaviour

Woodpecker Class; Arthur—for working hard at his writing.

Eagle Class: Isobel for showing resilience and working hard in Maths



PTA

We have a marvelous, active PTA, chaired by Mrs Kaitlin Krull Dominiak (Ellie and Sophia's mum). They are meeting virtually at present, but if you would like to offer support, please contact office@parkstreet.cambs.sch.uk. They are always keen to welcome new members and ideas!

Books

If you have any reading books at home that were borrowed during the spring or summer term, please can you send them to school with your child. There are boxes for returns in the classrooms.



Transport Survey

Cambridgeshire Local Authority are required to survey parents to help the Combined Authority and the LAs to understand changes to school travel patterns as a result of COVID-19, and to inform their response to any new problems or barriers that pupils may be facing travelling to school. The following is the link to the Smart Survey: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/XPJOSD/> The survey is live now and will close at midnight on Sunday, 27 September.

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 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, phone 07727 241217 or visit the website at 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 or the office.

School Clothing

The school website outlines the main rules for school clothing; however it is clear that these have not been adhered to very consistently over the past year. The website states that 'children are expected to dress comfortably and appropriately for activity in school – sensible shoes, covered shoulders and **plain T-shirts without slogans**. Please could you ensure that these rules are now kept? Party dresses, slip on shoes and open-toed sandals and fashion items such as denim shorts and board shorts, are not in line with this code. If in doubt, the MAPAC PE uniform, available on a link from the school website, (<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/ParkStreetPrimaryCB5/>) remains a good option for everyday wear in school.

Similar plain navy sweatshirts and polo shirts are also available in many shops, at a very reasonable price. We have access to a 'hardship fund' to help parents with this expense should you need it. Please contact the office or myself directly for this.

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. Timings here:
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.

	Start	Finish
Owls	9.00am Black Gates	3.15pm Black Gates
Flamingos	8.45am Black Gates	3.00pm Black Gates
Woodpeckers	9.00am Blue Gates	3.20pm Blue Gates
Eagles	8.45am Blue Gates	3.10pm Blue Gates

Attendance

Attendance at school is now compulsory for the vast majority of children. The government guidance states that: 'Missing out on more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind. Those with lower overall attendance tend to achieve less well in primary and secondary school.' Please do get in touch if you have any anxieties about sending your child to school (if they are healthy) and we will work together to alleviate these.

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>

Dates

I am sure that you will think our dates list very sparse at present! This is because we are unsure about how we can deliver our usual events e.g. Harvest, Nativity, Christmas events. Hopefully the situation will improve, and we start to plan events as usual, later in the term. For the moment, we are considering what we can do virtually!

Inset Days 2020 2021

Monday 2nd Nov

Monday 22nd Feb

Thursday 22nd July

Day	Date	Details	Time
Wednesday	21st October	Phonics meeting for Reception parents	9.15am
Monday	26th October	Half Term	
Monday	2 nd November	Inset Day – no school (teachers training)	
Week Beginning	9 th November	'Virtual' Parents' Evenings and Learning Review meetings	TBC
Friday	18 th December	Last day of term	

Please e-mail finance@parkstreet.cambs.sch.uk for any finance Queries.

Please follow this link for the Cambridgeshire Local Authority Term Dates:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/school-term-dates-closures/school-term-dates-2020-2021>

Brief Overview of Primary Assessment in 2021

Baseline Assessment for EYFS: The full introduction of the Baseline Assessment has been delayed until autumn 2021.

Year 1 & Year 2 Phonics Year 2 children will need to take a previous 'phonics screening check' in the 2nd half of the autumn term. Any children that do not meet the standard will need to take the Phonics check in the summer with the Year 1s.

Year 3 children who missed the check in Year 2 will not be required to take a check but schools will need to support them as needed.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check : This will be fully introduced in the summer of 2021.

Key Stage 1 The DfE/STA intend these to take place as normal this year.

Key Stage 2 The DfE/STA intend these to take place as normal this year.:

SPaG Test (Grammar & Punctuation) Monday May 10th / SPaG Test (Spelling) Monday May 10th

Reading Test Tuesday May 11th

Maths paper 1 (Arithmetic) Wednesday May 12th / Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning) Wednesday May 12th

Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning) Thursday May 13th