



PARK STREET
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn Term

Week 5

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NEWS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

All the staff at Park Street and I would like to thank all of you for your supportive and sensible attitude to the current situation with the virus and how we are working at Park Street. Hearing from other Head Teachers, I recognize that we are very fortunate to have such a positive body of parents, who are doing all they can to help us with making the school safe and successful! Thank you!

I am sure that you will be pleased to hear that we have been busy ensuring that online learning provision is ready for all the children, should they need to be learning at home. You should have received a login for Microsoft Teams by now, in your child's reading record or homework diary—please use this, as the teachers are also putting the class homework on this site for you to see. Let us know if you are unsure about any aspect of this—it is relatively user-friendly; we can help if you are finding this difficult. We are also planning to add some pages to the school website, to give advice about how to approach maths concepts with your children, should this be needed. Please look out for this! Let us know if there is anything else you think you might need help with. We also have a few laptops that are being used in school at present, but could be lent should they be needed. It would be helpful if you could let us know now, by emailing the office, if you think this might be the case should your child need to be learning at home.

Hopefully, we will not actually need these preparations, but it is good to be ready, just in case!

Finally, please let me know about your children's achievements out-of-school. It is always wonderful to hear about the activities they take part in, with a photo if possible. Email the office, and Juno will let me know! We can also then celebrate with them in Collective Worship.

Best wishes,

Sarah

Please tell any parents you know with young children about our wonderful school!
Admissions are open now for September 2021.

WWW.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions

Reception deadline: 15/01/2021

Secondary schools deadline; 31/10/2020

Road Closure

One of our governors has contacted the council to find out about closing the road outside the school at drop-off and pick-up times. I will keep you posted about how we get on with this, and any support needed. Other schools have done this recently in Cambridge, but we might need to stress the danger from cycles ridden at speed, as most other campaigns have focussed on motorised transport. I am sure that you will agree that this will be a great improvement, if we can reach agreement over it.

Wellies

It is that time of year again! Please make sure your child has a pair of named wellington boots in school. Please also collect any old boots as soon as possible.

Parent View

We are always keen to hear your views about Park Street—if you get a moment, please register and answer the questions on the Ofsted Parent View site. This is monitored by Ofsted even when inspections are not taking place. Follow this link to find the page: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Bikes

Several staff members have recently had their bikes stolen from outside school.

Please be vigilant when locking your child's bike up. Police advice is to lock up in a different place every day.

Stars of the Week

Owl Class: Vishnu for sharing the Marble Run with Davis.

Flamingo Class: Petros for making lots of effort in Maths and using his learning journey to practice what was coming next!

Woodpecker Class; Elliott for his enthusiasm and taking responsibility for his learning.

Eagle Class: Mali for joining in topic discussions.



PTA

First of all, we would like to welcome our new secretary Liz (mum to Izzy in Flamingo class) and our new treasurer Katrina (mum to Oscar in Woodpecker class and Artie, age 4). A massive thank you to our departing secretary and treasurer, June and Alex, for everything they have done for the PTA and the school over the years.

We also wanted 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 if you have any questions, concerns, or if you just want to get involved or say hi!

Finally, a new community art project is coming to the streets of Cambridge from Saturday 3rd October. The Chesterton Animal Trail, led by West Chesterton Mutual Aid, is designed to inspire residents of all ages to be creative and active outdoors during the cooler months. A series of animal artwork and cuddly toy animals to be spotted by eager trail users can be found all over the area. Find out more at the website below.

<https://mutualwestchestert.wixsite.com/animaltrail>

Snacks

Please could you ensure that your children only bring healthy snacks such as fruit to eat at break time.

Code Club at Park Street

Code club runs after school on Fridays until 4:20PM, and is a wonderful chance for boys and girls in class 3 and 4 to learn to code. They follow simple step by step guides to create all sorts of fun animations and games, such as singers on a stage, floating space monkeys and a 'catch the ghost' game in a programming language called Scratch. Scratch was created by MIT to help children learn to code, and looks a little like Lego blocks with words, which slot together. We still have a few places left, it is completely free, and there is no experience needed at all in either Scratch or coding to join. If you are interested, please email me at christina.coding@gmail.com



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 are 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.

	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>

Day	Date	Details	Time
Thursday	8th October	Office shut for staff training	9.30-11 am
Wednesday	21st October	Phonics meeting for Reception parents	9.15am
Monday	26th October	Half Term	
Monday	2 nd November	Professional Day – no school (teachers training)	
Week Beginning	9 th November	'Virtual' Parents' Evenings and Learning Review meetings	TBC
Monday	16 November	Photographer for portrait photos	From 8.15 am
Thursday	10th December	Flu vaccination for all year groups	All day
Friday	18 th December	Last day of term	
Monday	4th January	School re-opens	
Friday	12th February	Last day of term	
Monday	22 nd February	Professional Day – no school (teachers training)	
Tuesday	23 rd 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
Monday	3 rd 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	22 nd July	Professional Day—no school (teachers training)	

Inset Days 2020 2021

Monday 2nd Nov

Monday 22nd Feb

Thursday 22nd July

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