



**PARK STREET
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Autumn Term

Week 7

23rd October 2020

NEWS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we come to the end of a very unusual half-term, we have all been thinking about how we have had to change some of our routines and the way we do things in school; Covid-19 has certainly forced us to be more adaptable and think about our practices in different ways! We have all be surprised how some of the changes that we were expecting to be a problem, have unexpectedly revealed better ways of doing things, and shown us how adaptable and resilient the children can be. Our new lunchtime routine has worked extremely well—the children seem to have more time to play despite a shorter lunch hour, as they are quicker at getting ready and moving from school to the Green. PE lessons are much more straightforward without the changing rigmarole which always results in lost clothing and forgotten PE kits! Thank you all for helping with this by making sure that your children come to school suitably dressed.

The most difficult aspect is not being able to join together as a school for Collective Worship, and sing together. It is amazing how we have always taken this aspect of Primary School life for granted! However, we are certainly making the best of the situation, with classes joining on Teams and signing instead of singing!

Please read the attached communication from Jonathan Lewis. He is sincere in his gratefulness to you all for supporting us over this difficult time. One of the regulations I have been asked about recently is the situation of parents travelling to quarantine areas without their children. In this case, only the parent who has travelled needs to self-isolate—the children can still attend school if you can arrange for somebody else to bring them. Within the household, social distancing and extra cleaning measures should be used as far as possible.

I hope that you all have a very happy and restful holiday, making the most of each other's company even if we can't travel or socialize as we might wish to.

Kind regards,

Sarah Hawker

PTA-Pre loved uniform shop

This is a new fundraising service being set up by the PTA. Please contact pta@parkstreet.cambs.sch.uk

Personal data

It is absolutely vital that the data we hold is kept up to date in case we need to contact you in an emergency. Please contact the office if any of your details have changed.

Park Street Video

I am very thankful to some of our parents who have volunteered to make a promotional video about Park Street for our website. This is principally to give parents who are investigating local schools for their children an insight into our wonderful school, as it is currently not possible to arrange open-days. The filming is taking place on a Saturday, to enable the film-makers to have maximum flexibility about where they film around the school. Due to the Covid-19 situation, we have also had to limit the number of people involved in this, mainly using children of parents who are already helping or involved in school in other ways. In future times, I am hopeful that we will be able to involve more children in filmmaking opportunities.

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](#)

Stars of the Week

Week ending 16th October:

Owl Class: Xander—for being helpful to others



Flamingo Class: Tobias—for excellent work in DT. and Leo—for working hard to improve his maths

Woodpecker Class: Ted—for working hard all week and persevering when things are difficult

Eagle Class: Ben—for showing growth mindset in his learning

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Owl Class: Isabella—for learning to write the letter 't' correctly

Flamingo Class: Aldous for writing a wonderful poem.

Woodpecker Class: Hattie for being resilient and working hard

Eagle Class: Hari- for thinking of ways to challenge himself in maths

Hester- for showing resilience in maths by continuing a problem at home

Halloween, Sleepovers and Play-dates

Please see the attached advice from the Local Authority regarding these activities in the current circumstances.

Opportunities for new parents

We invite those parents who have children that may attend Park Street in Autumn 2021 term to join an online chat with Ms. Hawker. While you already have experience with the school, we welcome your attendance and questions. Mrs Hawker will speak about the school and its culture, as well as answer parent questions. Register for one of the coming sessions here.

Tuesday 3rd November at 1.30pm

Thursday 5th November at 7pm

Tuesday 10th November at 7pm

They are bookable using 'Eventbrite' - follow this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/chat-with-the-headteacher-tickets-125628445061>



Parents' Evenings

Our parents evenings for Key Stage Two will be run as 'Learning Review meetings', led by your child. The children are preparing a powerpoint or document to use for this, which can be shared on the evening via zoom. Please see the dates and times allocated for each class, on the diary dates list. Appointments will be bookable after half-term.

Drop-off and Pick-up times

As communicated last week, these have been changed to avoid parents having to congregate outside for too long:

Blue Gates (KS2) 8.45 to 8.50

Black Gate (Reception and KS1) 8.50 to 8.55

Please make sure that you are at the gates at the correct time, and avoid lateness. It is very important that children and parents do not enter through the office entrance at this time.

Poppies

Poppies will be on sale in school from week commencing 2nd November.

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.

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. Please note the new timings 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.

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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
Monday	26th October	Half Term	
Monday	2 nd November	Professional Day – no school (teachers training)	
Wednesday	4th November	Deadline for PTA Craft Off	
Week Beginning	9 th November	'Virtual' Parents' Evenings and Learning Review meetings. Other classes to be confirmed after half term Woodpeckers Year 5	3.30-6 3.45-6
Tuesday	10th November	Woodpecker Year 5	3.30-6 3.45-6
Monday	16 November	Photographer for portrait photos	From 8.15 am
Thursday	10th December	Flu vaccination for all year groups	All day
Thursday	17th December	Christmas Lunch	
Friday	18 th December	Last day of term	
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	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	21 st 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: hel-lo@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

PTA

We want 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!

Coffee mornings will resume (virtually!) after half term on the first Friday of the month. Please e-mail for the zoom link.

Park Street Amazon Wish List - We are always happy to take donations for the school, and especially in these times want to express our thanks to the teachers and staff of Park Street for all their hard work. Some may wish to give monetary donations (this can always be done with our Friends of Park Street bank account details but stay tuned for our new Virgin Money account coming soon), but others like to know exactly where their money is going. Teachers have added items to this [Amazon Wish List](#) and it would be fantastic if we could help them by giving them some much needed materials for their classrooms. Please check back often as this wish list will be updated throughout the year.

Craft Off - a reminder that submissions are due to pta@parkstreet.cambs.sch.uk by 6pm on 4th November and that the suggested entry fee of £2 can be paid by bank transfer to the Friends of Park Street School - Sort Code: 20-60-38 Account No: 43695468 - mention your child's name and craft off in the comments please.