



**PARK STREET
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Spring Term

Week 8 19th

March 2021

NEWS

**THE CHURCH
SCHOOLS OF
CAMBRIDGE**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been wonderful to welcome everybody back to school ; it almost seems now that they have never been away! Everybody has quickly got back into routine, and the children are being kept very busy. They are proud to show all that they have learned whilst they have been learning at home, and the teachers are so thankful to you for having supported them so well over this period. Next week, they will be completing assessments so that we can find out where their gaps in learning are, and plan to address these as quickly as possible.

Thank you also for continuing to follow all of our Covid-19 safety protocols. It is really important that we continue to stay safe in what is hopefully the last stage of the pandemic. Please note the section about testing children with symptoms over the next week—if there are any cases at the end of next week, we will need to notify families to self-isolate over the holidays. You can see the figures for the week commencing 8th March here:

<https://www.cambslearnstogether.co.uk/asset-library/Corona-Virus-Schools/210318-Covid-situation-week-commencing-8th-March.pdf>

Although there has been a slight rise, this was expected as there has been a huge amount of asymptomatic testing taking place. The fact that the increase is so small is reassuring.

Please read the attached letter regarding our RSE curriculum. This is a response to the questionnaire sent out before Christmas, and also part of our consultation with you about this. I hope that the information is reassuring to you—the PSHE service materials that we will be using are very carefully devised and will be thoughtfully presented by the teachers. These are available for you to see on your child's Microsoft Team—please look in the files on the RSE channel.

The Local Authority will be supporting families who are eligible for free school meals over the Easter holidays. There are also support grants available to help vulnerable families with other difficulties. Please see the attached letter giving you details about this.

Covid –19 positive test results

IF your child is in school, and needs to take a Covid-19 test next week, please could you make sure that you book to go to a testing station, rather than using a postal test. Should the test be positive, we would have to inform close contacts, and this might mean self – isolation starting on the first weekend of the Easter holiday. It is useful to know as soon as possible, if this needs to take place.

Flamingo Class Teacher

Sadly Mrs Williman will be leaving us at the end of term. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for covering the class at a difficult time, leading online learning and the past few weeks in school. After Easter, Mrs Stevenson will be the class teacher, until Miss Roberts starts after half-term. She will be supported by Ms Orrock and Mrs Anantha, with Ms Orrock continuing to teach the class on Fridays. Mrs Cardenas will have responsibility for Eagle Class for this period.

Road Closure

Thank you very much to the group of parents who have been working with the council to organize the road closure of Park Street at pick-up and drop-off times. This will be coming into effect from 12th April. The road will be closed to cars and cycles whilst the children are crossing the road. If you are able to help with this, please contact Mrs Daria Gordon (Isabella's mum in Owl Class) who is co-ordinating the scheme. I am so relieved that we have been able to put this in place to keep the children safer as they enter and leave school.

Eagles class

Please don't forget to bring your child's bike to school on Monday 12th April, ready for Bikeability training.

You will be able to come to school slightly earlier than usual to put bikes in the KS 2 playground.



Stars of the Week

Week ending 12th March

Owl Class:

Sasha for settling in well at Park Street

Lara for concentrating and working hard all week

Rosie for trying her very best during home-schooling

Flamingo Class:

Leon for being really focussed on his learning all week

Izzy for returning to school in a positive and happy manner

Woodpecker Class :

Hattie for enormous effort in persuasive writing

Ted for trying his very best during home-schooling

Eagle Class

Bradley for settling in well and being confident to contribute in class discussions

Stars of the Week

Week ending 19th March

Owl Class:

Sissi—for persevering in her writing tasks and working independently

Flamingo Class:

Nikolas—for working hard and making good progress over the past few weeks back in school

Woodpecker Class:

William—for a positive attitude to learning and making friends

Eagle Class:

Daniel Jameson—for working hard to catch up with his learning after a day out of school

School Meals

Nourish have recently opted to terminate their contract with us, so we have had to look for a new supplier for our school meals. Fortunately we have not been alone in this—we have been researching other providers with St Phillips Primary School, and All Saints Inter-church Academy. From 12th April, the meals will be provided by Aspens, who are a local company providing meals to several other primary schools in Cambridge. More information about this and menus will be available next week. Unfortunately there will be an increase in the price for the paid-for meals—because we are a small school, all the companies were unable to meet our current price.

Covid-19 Testing

All staff working in school are now 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. **This testing is also available to households of primary pupils. Please follow this link to find out more about this:** <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

Pupil Image Release Form

Thank you to those of you who have returned this form. Please return immediately if you have not done so.

Medicines for Children

Please note we are not able to administer medicines unless they have been prescribed by an authorised health official. If your child needs to take prescribed medicine in the course of the school day, please notify the office and sign the paperwork.

Hello and goodbye

We welcome the Taylor-Louis family (Bradley and William) and we say goodbye to the Sampson family (Matilda) who hopes to re-join us in September.

Support for parents with SEND

Many children with SEND have found the last year even more challenging than their peers and might benefit from some of the services local charity Spectrum offer.

Spectrum is a multi-award winning, parent-led children's charity. We provide events, sessions, and support for families of children with Autism, additional needs, learning difficulties, and disabilities. As an organisation, we are family-focused, advocates of collaboration, passionate about increasing inclusion and reducing isolation whilst supporting Special Education Needs & Disabilities (SEND).

As a registered Spectrum member, you are also able to access our dedicated child and family support from the comfort of your home. We also have secure Mine-craft servers for your children to access.

Furthermore, we are also proud to be a leading UK distributor for Max Card. The Max Card helps make days out more financially accessible for the families of children with additional needs.

This is not run through school but is a potential source of support to some families in our community. Contact them for further details <https://spectrum.org.uk/>

WednesdDay	Date	Details	Time
Friday	19th March	Code Club re-starts	
Friday	26th March	School closes	
Monday	12th April 12th—15th April	School re-opens Bikeability (for Eagles class)	During the school day
Thursday	15th April	Balanceability starts for Owls	Morning
Thursday	15th April	Tennis (for all pupils)	During the school day
Wednesday	21st April	Drama workshops for KS1	Morning
Monday	WC 26th April	Parent Consultations (details to follow shortly)	
Thursday	29th April	Class photos	
Monday	3rd May	Bank Holiday	
Monday	10th May	KS 2 SATs week. CANCELLED.	
Wednesday	26th May	Last knitting club	
Friday	28th May	School closes	
Monday	7th June	School re-opens	
Thursday	15th July	Last tennis sessions	
Wednesday	21st July	School closes	
Wednesday	21st July	Last Musical Theatre Club	
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 .

*Dear Parkstreet Primary School families,
Fancy a revival of the Parkstreet Recipe Cookbook?
As we all have different nationalities and food traditions,
As we all are the best cooks ever,
As we are all locked down and practice in the kitchen...*

*We thought that it would be great to share some of your favourite recipes using the template attached in order to create the best **Park street international family cookbook.***

*Please send your wonderful dishes to Alienor and Alex (email below)
Any picture of the dish, the ingredients and /or the cooks would be great!*

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Parent Consultations

These will take place via Zoom in the week beginning 26th April. You will be able to book your sessions using the Parent Portal on Arbor, so please make sure that you are able to log on to this. Sessions will be available to book after the Easter holidays.