



PARK STREET
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Week 8

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NEWS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful half-term holiday. It seems a long time ago already, as so much has been happening this week - here we are again in a new lockdown! I would like to reassure you that very little has changed in school—we already had comprehensive safety measures in place (please see our risk assessment on the school website), which are being carefully followed. Our after-school clubs are still running, as we know that these are vital to you for childcare purposes, and also help with the children's well-being. These continue to be run in a 'Covid secure' way. In our local area, cases are still low—the rate of infection for last week was 74.8 cases per 100,000 in Cambridgeshire, whereas the average for the country is 220. According to their website, cases have also halved at the University this week, from 156 to 78. Hopefully these will continue to fall as stricter measures are implemented.

This week has been 'Conflict Resolution Week' at Park Street (replacing 'Anti-Bullying Week'). The children have been discussing why and how conflicts happen, and exploring strategies for resolving them when they occur. Please ask your children about this—it is helpful to share the same ideas at home and in school! Attempting to understand these issues also leads well into Remembrance, happening this weekend and on Wednesday. Poppies and associated items from the Royal British Legion are available now in school.

Children in Need day is next week, on Friday 13th November. We will be joining in with the Joe Wicks PE challenge, and would like the children to bring £1-2 and if possible, wear something yellow or red! I will be discussing other ideas for this with the School Council on Monday.

Thank you all, again for your positive engagement with Park Street at this tricky time. Many members of staff have commented to me that they are so glad to be able to come to work at the moment; we are all convinced that school is the best and safest place for the children to be!

Kind regards, Sarah Hawker

Signing Club for Flamingo Class

Mrs Clipsham, who has been learning BSL, will be running a club for Flamingo class after school on Thursdays 3-4pm. Please email the office if your child would like to attend.

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.

Christmas!

All the staff are really keen for the children to have some social and fun opportunities to celebrate Christmas in school this year, as this might be very different outside school. These will be taking place in the last week of term. Mrs Shankland will be directing a 'Bubble' Nativity, which we are hoping to video and 'stream' to parents on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th December, time to be confirmed later. **If anybody could help with the recording of this, please email the office.** On 16th December, KS1 will be doing a Christingle Service in the morning, followed by parties in their classes in the afternoon. On Thursday 17th December, both classes will be doing Christmas crafts in the morning, followed by a KS2 party in the afternoon. Christingle making for KS2 will be taking place on the morning of Friday 18th December, followed by the KS Christingle in the afternoon. We will send out zoom links for the Christingle services, so that parents can join from home. Please could you send in an orange for your child/children in the previous week?

We believe strongly that these activities need to go ahead for the children, in the safest way possible, to help with their well-being at this difficult time. Thank you, in advance for



Interview on radio

I have been interviewed for Cambridge 105 to talk about our school. Please listen to the broadcast on Wednesday 11th November at 11.30am.



Stars of the Week

Week ending 5th November

Owl Class: Rose— for being kind to her classmates



Flamingo Class: Leon—for setting a good example to others in how he keeps the class rules: always being ready, respectful and safe!

Woodpecker Class: Anja—for being kind and respectful to others—a wonderful friend!

Eagle Class: Callie—for taking responsibility for completing work using Remote Learning when she had to be out of school for a day.

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 took place in half-term, and will soon be edited. I will let you know when it is finished so that you can watch it on our website.

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](#)

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 10th November at 7pm

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

If you have any friends or acquaintances with children who might be interested, please let them know about these opportunities!

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.



PTA-Pre loved uniform shop

This is a new fundraising service being set up by the PTA. Please contact pta@parkstreet.cambs.sch.uk for details on how to donate /purchase.

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 will be shared by the teachers on the evening via zoom.

PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR THE LINKS WHICH WILL BE SENT OUT ON MONDAY.

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 focused 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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Pick up—Reception and KS1 3pm, KS2 3.15pm

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
Week Beginning	9 th November	'Virtual' Parents' Evenings and Learning Review meetings. Woodpeckers Year 5	3.30-6 3.45-6
Tuesday	10 th November	Woodpecker Year 5	3.30-6 3.45-6
Friday	13 th November	Children In Need	
Monday	16 November	Photographer for portrait photos	From 8.15 am
Thursday	10 th December	Flu vaccination for all year groups	All day
Thursday	17 th December	Christmas Lunch	
Friday	18 th December	Last day of term	
Monday	4 th January	School re-opens	
Monday	25 th -28 th January	Bikeability for Eagles class.	During school day
Friday	12 th February	Last day of term	
Monday	22 nd February	Professional Day – no school (teachers training)	
Tuesday	23 rd February	School re-opens	
Thursday	4 th March	World Book Day	
Friday	26 th March	School closes	
Monday	12 th April	School re-opens	
Thursday	15 th April	Balanceability starts for Owls	Morning
Monday	3 rd May	Bank Holiday	
Monday	10 th May	KS 2 SATs week	
Friday	28 th May	School closes	
Monday	7 th 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 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.