



PARK STREET
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spring Term

Week 7

**13th March
2020**

NEWS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been a very eventful week at Park Street this week. We started with Creation workshops organized by CSOC, at St John the Evangelist. These were enjoyed by all the children, and they learned about the prophet Jeremiah and considered reflectively the amazing creation that is our world! Please see the photographs on the Head's Blog.

On Wednesday, Classes 1 and 2 visited Hedingham Castle, and had a wonderful day learning more about their castles topic. The castle helped them to understand how people lived in the past; climbing up 99 steps in a spiral staircase was quite a challenge! As a bonus, the sun shone so they were able to have a picnic outside. Please see the pictures on the website.

On Thursday, the whole school was treated to a performance of 'The Hobbit' by M&M Theatrical Productions, which they managed to cram into our school hall! Everybody enjoyed this, particularly the huge spider and dragon's head!

Best Wishes, Sarah Hawker

Attendance

Well done! Our overall attendance since September is now 95.8% - nearly the required 96%.

This week's figures:

Class 1 - 92.6%

Class 2 - 91.4%

Class 3 - 95%

Class 4 - 93.4%

Corona Virus

Please be assured that we are following all recommended guidance regarding this virus. Staff are also investigating ways to set work for children, should their education be interrupted in any way in future weeks. Thank you to a parent who has donated hand gel—this is in use in every class.

Decathlon

The Decathlon Sports shop is offering to give us some equipment, please see the letter attached. The idea is that they will give the school £5 to spend in store for every time a parent spends £50 or more in store during the offer period, which lasts until after the Easter holidays. Please just tell the till operator that you are supporting Park Street School when you pay for any purchases.

NRICH Maths Workshops

We have been fortunate to receive a grant of £250 to pay towards some maths workshops for Key Stage One children. Unfortunately, this does not cover the full cost. The workshops will take place after school, if we can also raise enough from parents' contributions. Please let the office know if you would be interested in your child taking part in this opportunity.

Knitting Club

Sadly, the last knitting club will take place on 25th March. The children would like to thank Ms Hayden, Mrs Davison and Marguerite for their patience and enthusiasm, which has made the club such a success. Please see the Knitting Club report, written by two year six children, which is included with this newsletter.

Events before the end of term

Please check and print off the diary dates, as we have many events involving parents taking place before the end of term. **Please note** that the time of the Easter Service has changed from 2pm to 9.30am. This is due to availability of staff at Great St Mary's.

Parking for staff

Thank you very much to parents who have spoken to me about this already!

As you know, it is sometimes difficult for staff to get to work at Park Street. It is possible that this problem is impacting on recruitment. If you have any contacts with permits or space to park in the vicinity of the school, which we might be able to arrange to use, please could you let me know. A reasonable payment for this might also be possible.

Laptop donation

A company called 'Businesses for Schools' has donated 11 recycled laptops to our school. We are hoping to get these up and running, as soon as they have operating systems installed. They also do not have chargers, so if you have any Dell chargers at home which are not needed, please could you consider donating them? Thank you!

Punctuality

Please could you make sure that your child is in school by 9am in the morning. The gate closes at this time; any children arriving later need to enter through Reception and sign in as late.

DIARY DATES

Wednesday	18th March	Class 2 Parent Consultations	3.40pm-6pm
Thursday	19th March	Class 2 to Great St Mary's PTA Crafting session-more details to follow Class 2 Parent Consultations	9.00-12.00 3.30-4.30 3.40-6.00
Monday	23rd March	Mothers Day Tea for KS1	2.30-3.00pm
Wednesday	25th March	Whole school visiting St Clement's Church Last Knitting Club	Various times during the day
Tuesday	31st March	Easter Service at Gt St Mary's. All welcome. Please meet us there.	9.30-10.30
Wednesday	1st April	School closes for the Easter holidays	
Monday	20th April	School re-opens	
Thursday	23rd April	Class photos Whole school tennis lessons start	During the school day
Tuesday	28th April	Gripping Yarns (storyteller) for whole school	During the school day.
Wednesday	29th April	Class 2 trip to Kettles Yard	During the school day
Friday	1st May	Bikeability Level 1 for Class 3	During the school day
Friday	8th May	Bank Holiday	
Monday	11th May	KS2 SATs start	During the school day
Friday	22nd May	School closes for half term	

Inset Days 2019—2020

Thursday 2nd April

Friday 3rd April

Wednesday 22nd July