

Friday 11th January 2019

Park Street Newsletter

Let me start by saying well done to all the children who have made the first week back such a positive experience! It's been great to see so many happy faces at the start (and even the end) of the school day. I think the students have got used to me asking silly questions about the school and helping me when I've managed to lock myself the wrong side of a door. The children's behaviour at the Green surprised me on Wednesday. I know that the student body at other schools I have worked at wouldn't show the same sensible, calm and mature attitude displayed by those at Park Street.
Well done children! You have impressed me!

New spring term topics have been launched. Walking around the classrooms I've seen images and models of our solar system, heard discussions about different types of transport and listened to children talk enthusiastically about the Rainforests of the World. The first week's Golden Assembly saw lots of recognition for pupil effort in class. One of the first things I need to do this weekend is to buy more stickers!

Diary Dates

These are confirmed dates for your information. They will also be added to the school calendar on the new website, which the Governing Body are to launch soon. I am working hard to ensure parents get adequate information in advance for events such as trips and parental consultations so please look forward to more communication from school about them.

- 17th January Latin Club starts (KS2)
- 8th February Perform Drama and Dance workshops (KS1)
- 6th March West Road Concert (pm KS2)
- 7th March World Book Day
- 18th March Parental consultations 3.40 – 6.00
- 20th March Parental consultations 3.40 – 6.00

Staffing

We've now had a full week of the children getting to know the new adults in school. Hopefully parents of children in class 1 have now met Chris West (Monday and Friday) and Sara Osborn (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday). I have organised for them to have time together in school over the coming weeks so they can communicate face to face and not always via email!

Teaching staff are entitled to a certain amount of non-contact time during the week. Newly Qualified Teachers are entitled to additional release time and training. In order to maintain consistency for the children I can confirm the arrangements for the Spring Term are as follows.

Class 1 – Mrs Burton Thursday afternoons

Class 2 – Mrs Burton Thursday mornings and Mrs Shankland Monday afternoons

Class 3 – Mr Watkins Monday and Wednesday afternoons

Class 4 – Mrs Shankland Wednesday afternoons

Thank you for making me feel welcome in this first week. The staff and I are really pleased to be back into the swing of things and getting on with the term. Your support is very much appreciated.

Daniel Watkins

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