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Park Street Newsletter

I can't believe week three has come and gone so quickly. It's halfway to half term already! Thank you, children and parents, for being so chirpy in the morning when I stand out on the gate. The entry into school is flowing really well and students seem to be responding positively to getting straight into class and getting on with their work. I've certainly never seen children so keen to read!

Class 1 have completed some impressive writing this week, remembering to use full stops and capital letters in their sentences. They've also done really well when managing conflict – we only have three trikes for them to use in the afternoon, but they're managing to share and take turns beautifully. Class 2 have been thinking about imaginary journeys in their English lessons. We now have a class full of story maps taking characters off into space on magic quadbikes, or riding ponies through a land made of candy to a mythical castle. I can't wait to read your final versions. Class 3 have been developing their measuring skills in maths and have thoroughly enjoyed the practical tasks they have been set. Class 4 are preparing to deliver their eye-witness accounts of a UFO sighting and worked hard to produce evidence to back up their claims. We, as teachers, enjoy seeing our pupils respond positively to the activities and lessons we have planned for them. Well done and thank you children!

Waitrose Fundraising

I must extend an enormous thank you to the PTA for their efforts in successfully raising over £200 for the school in their Waitrose fundraiser. We are also grateful to receive the free Keeping Children Safe Online workshops that we won alongside the money. Thank you to everyone involved, it really is much appreciated!

General Information

As I write this newsletter, the lock on the front gate is being changed, enabling me to disable the electronic door system for part of the working day. Drop-off and collection arrangements will stay the same, so parents shouldn't notice any difference in our practice. Hopefully, your children will simply talk to you about how much they prefer being able to move around the interior of the site freely during the school day.

It was great to see so many reception parents at our drop-in after school on Monday. I will arrange and communicate to parents of Year 1 pupils in class 1 to have the same opportunity soon. Many thanks for all the positive comments we had from parents about how settled and happy their children are. I think I've just about managed to avoid the cough and cold going round at the moment! Please do let us know, via phone or email, if your child is off school due to illness. Well done to the 38 children who have attended every single day since school started in September!

Kind regards to all,
Daniel Watkins
Interim Headteacher