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Park Street Newsletter

We've survived the cold weather so far! The children made a great job of finding every last bit of ice and snow to have fun with. Thank you for making sure they're suitably wrapped up and comfortable in this weather. Park Street students are certainly hardy and used to being out and about whatever the conditions. With only two weeks to half term left, time really does seem to be flying by. The week after half term sees our Key Stage Two classes visiting St Mark's Church in Newnham as part of their Lent exhibition. Class 4 will attend on Tuesday 26th February and class 3 will visit the Church on Wednesday 27th February. The trip is fully funded and we appreciate the Church's efforts to provide us with transport there and back. I am certainly looking forward to seeing how mature and respectful our students will be during the activities based on Jesus in the wilderness. They will use stories of the fourth century Desert Mothers, the Celtic saints, and the twentieth century missionary Mildred Cable in the Gobi Desert to aide their learning and reflection. Key Stage 1 need not feel abandoned as they have a couple of in school drama and performance workshops to look forward to!

Headteacher Recruitment

The Board of Governors have commenced their search for a substantive Headteacher for Park Street Primary School. The advert and associating documentation is going live on the Education Personnel Management (EPM) and Times Educational Supplement (TES) websites. If you look at the advert you can find information relating to job specification, employment criteria and the relevant timeframes for appointment. Parents will be given the opportunity to meet any shortlisted candidates on Tuesday 12th March at the end of the school day, with precise timings to be confirmed.

Reading books

We're in the process of reorganising the scheme reading books in the lower end of school and sharing out a portion of the chapter books from the library areas into classrooms. Mrs Shankland and Ms Du Toit are leading on this area of school improvement. We hope the disruption to the books your child brings home is minimal, but there will be some, as we move and sort over the next few days. Thank you to the student who finally told me I'd been putting the fiction books in the non-fiction library since I've been here!

PTA

The Staff and I would like to thank the PTA for showing such kind support for our very popular knitting club. By providing the resources they will ensure the students can continue developing their actual knitting skills as well as all the other holistic benefits of such an activity. Many thanks to PTA members and those who helped raise the funds!

Attendance

Before half term I will be sending out attendance letters to parents/carers of pupils with lower than 92% attendance. I recognise the challenges faced by parents and the difficult decisions when you find out you have a poorly child in the morning. Thank you for keeping us informed via phone or email when your child is off school due to illness.

Website

The governing body have been working hard to redesign and update the school website. Many thanks to Nigel Moorhouse and Michael Denmead in particular. The site is now live at <http://www.parkstreet.cambs.sch.uk>.

Kind regards to all,
Daniel Watkins
Interim Headteacher