

Friday 15th February 2019

Park Street Newsletter

I cannot believe I am sat here writing the final newsletter before the half term break. The last six weeks have been enormous fun and there have been so many positive steps in pupil learning and school improvement. I know I need a rest and I'm sure the pupils do too! A new batch of shiny and smelly stickers has arrived on my desk, indicating that the children are continuing their hard work and enjoying earning praise and rewards. The school is closed over the half term break, but I will be picking up my emails during the first couple of days of the week should you need to contact me. It is head@parkstreet.cambs.sch.uk.

Class 1 have been demonstrating some excellent creative skills in their construction and small world areas. Year 1 pupils continue to learn their phonics sounds and have experienced some phonic assessment questions. Class 2 were immaculately behaved during their trip to the museum of Archaeology and Anthropology on Thursday. The museum staff commented on their confidence and general knowledge. I know Ms FitzMaurice was especially pleased with the sensible way they approached the museum objects and the insightful questions the class asked museum staff. Class 3 have been busy writing cinquains about anything and everything! They certainly have been productive in lessons, writing and editing multiple versions of their poems. Class 4 have consolidated their space topic with some excellent presentations on Galileo and the solar system. They spoke with clarity, knowledge and enthusiasm on the subject. Teachers have been changing display boards and reading areas in preparation for some topic changes after the holiday. Hopefully the children will enjoy finding out about new subjects, or different aspects of the same topic, when they return.

Diary dates

- Monday 25th February at 2.45pm – parents of pupils in class 2 are invited to watch the class perform the dance they have learnt in the hall.
- February 26th and 27th KS2 visits to Newnham Church as part of Easter.
- Monday 18th March - Parental consultations 3.40 – 6.00
- Wednesday 20th March - Parental consultations 3.40 – 6.00
- Tuesday 26th March or Tuesday 28th March (depending on first team player availability) - Cambridge United will be conducting an assembly as part of the national 'Kick It Out' anti-discrimination campaign. More information can be found at <https://www.kickitout.org/>

Family Worker information

Mrs Shankland has met our new school Family Worker and organised a drop-in session on Friday 15th March 2019 at 3pm. Any parent who wishes to discuss their child or wants support and advice is most welcome. You can find more details of the support Amber can offer on the attached information sheet.

Final thoughts

From what the children have told me, many of you have exciting plans for the half term. Trips to the city's museums, sports clubs, travels abroad and catching-up with family members have all been topics of conversation at lunchtime. It is always fantastic as a teacher when pupils return to school full of excitement about their activities. Any postcards, pictures, maps, tickets or memorabilia are really useful when sharing their memories with the class and all students are most welcome to bring these in to share with their classmates and teachers.

Kind regards to all,

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