Park Primary School

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…preparing our children for success

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Attendance…

…everybody needs good attendance!

(Sing to the theme tune of 'Neighbours'!)

Thank you for your continued support throughout last week's Ofsted Inspection.
We will keep you posted when our report is ready.

Welcome to the April/May edition of our newsletter. April has been another busy month here at Park - a shorter school month because of Easter and the Spring Break holiday, but an action packed month nonetheless!

This month we have launched our new attendance raffle; **'Five for Five'** where every Friday afternoon, a pupil's name will be chosen at random. If that pupil has been in school for the full week then their parents win £5; winners announced during Monday's assembly. However – if they have not been in all week, then the prize money will roll over until the next week!

Attendance is vital in ensuring your child succeeds not just in primary school, or secondary school – but in life! Therefore all holiday requests will be unauthorised. We will continue to hold attendance interviews to promote and ensure good attendance. At Park we class good attendance as above 90%.

We will continue to reward and praise good attendance; daily, through our weekly attendance assemblies and through our annual attendance prize raffle. Following discussions with parents, we will also be bringing back our celebration of 98% - 100% attendance at the end of the school year.

May also sees our Year Six pupils sitting their SATs, a culmination of their seven years in primary school. I am sure you will join me in sending them good luck wishes for week beginning 14th May – Good Luck Year Six!

As always, I am always here to listen; especially to your 'thank yous' as well as ideas for further developments.

Mr M Mellin

Meet the Governors!

Part 3 of our introduction to who the Governors are, their background and their role at school.

My name is Kim Rotheram and I have been a Parent Governor at Park Primary since December 2016. I'm also the Chair of the Finance committee, which is actually a lot more interesting than it sounds!

Since James, my eldest, started his education, I've been looking for ways to both get involved and give something back. I work in the financial sector and decided to put my skills to best use: supporting and ensuring that the school's resources are targeted where needed and being used efficiently. As a group, the Governors oversee the school's financial performance, including how Pupil Premium funding is allocated and we review the impact this has on the children's progress throughout the year.

To ensure the Governors have the knowledge and skills required to give their best we all take part in regular, ongoing training. Each Governor brings a unique skillset of knowledge and experience from a range of backgrounds. This gives us the confidence to challenge and support the school leadership effectively, ensuring high standards are maintained for all of the children at Park.

Communication is key when it comes to education, getting the best for our children and school. It is rewarding to see the policies and strategies we are involved in being implemented and to see the positive impact this has on staff and pupils when visiting the school: from both a Governor and parent perspective.

Attendance

The attendance figures for September to the end of April are:

Cygnets	96.3%	
Goslings	96.7%	
1EK	93.7%	
1F	94.5%	
2AJ	93.5%	
2LJ	94.6%	
3L	94.3%	
3S	94.4%	
4C	95.5%	
4P	94.4%	
5E	93.5%	
5J	93%	
6M	95.3%	
6N	94%	

(Red – Well below target, Orange – just below target, Green – at or above target)

Well done to both F2 classes and 4C – you're above our taget – come on everyone else!
Our whole school figure was 94.6%. Let's try and get it higher before the Summer term is over.

Swimming Dates

- Y4 will be swimming for 2 weeks commencing 14th May 2018
- 3L will be swimming for 1 week commencing 14th May 2018
- 3S will be swimming for 1 week commencing 21st May 2018

School Meals

If your child is in KS1 or KS2 and has a school dinner can you please let the office know? We need to be able to give Jan the cook the correct numbers in order to make sure we have enough food available. Thank you

Late children

If your child is late for school they must be signed in on our Entry Sign system by a parent or responsible adult.
This is to ensure that they get their mark but also so we have a record that they are on the premises in case of an emergency. Please do not send in children alone from a taxi. Thank you.

makewaves

As you know we have used 'Makewaves' as a way of sharing all of the activities that the children are doing in school. Unfortunately, we have been told by the company that they are closing down and that Makewaves will no longer be available after the end of May. We are currently talking with our IT provider to look at another solution and we hope to get this up and running in the next few weeks. We will let you know as soon as this has been sorted and thank you for your patience with this.

We've got chicks!

F1 and F2's eggs have hatched! The children are busy looking after them before they are returned to the farm.

A visit from the Mayor of Wirral

We have been celebrating our Eco Schools award. The Mayor of Wirral, Ann McLachlan and consort Bill McLachlan came to school to help us raise our flag. She also gave a speech and met our Eco warriors.

Friends of Park

Thank you to all who supported our Easter Discos. All money raised will go into our Panto fund.

Due to our dwindling numbers of members of Friends of Park we are now unable to hold our Summer Fayre this year. However, the end of year discos and events will still take place. We continue to be incredibly grateful to those who continue to support us. If you would like to join us then PLEASE pass your name to the school office.

- Rags to Riches – Bags to be in for Wednesday 16th May

Please keep an eye out for clothes bags which will be sent home soon!

Family Partnership

Don't forget we have our drop in service to offer advice, support or to point you in the right direction. Feel free to drop in for a chat and a cuppa after dropping the children off

Mondays and Wednesdays - 8.30-9.30am

Barnstondale

Year 5 are looking forward to their residential to Barnstondale on 26th to 27th June. Kit lists and medical forms will be sent home this week. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Miss McDerment, our Year 5 and 6 Band Leader.

F1 Class 2018-2019

We still have some places left for our morning and afternoon sessions for next academic year.
Please pop in to the school office to complete an application form. We have several intakes throughout the year, spaces permitting, and these are detailed below:

- If your child turns 3 before 31st August 2018 then they could start in September 2018.
- If your child turns 3 by 31st December 2018 then they could start in January 2019.
- If your child turns 3 by 31st March 2019 then they could start in April 2019.

If you would like to arrange a visit to see our F1 class then please contact the school office on 638 6008.

Ordering lily pads for Alice the Frog!

Mini Marathon!

A massive well done to Mrs Woolfall-Smith for running the London Marathon again! Thank you to everyone who donated towards her charity Children with Cancer. Our final total raised was £505.05 – AMAZING!

Keep an eye on our school website www.parkprimaryschool.com
You will find copies of all letters and newsletters sent home.

Letters and Newsletters

We are aware that some letters are still not getting home to some of you. If a child has a book bag, we try to ensure that they are put in that. However, we cannot predict if they get lost between school and home! Please check bags and pockets regularly. We often put reminders on our Facebook page but we are unable to do this for every single event.
All letters sent home can be found on our website. Thank you.

SATs Week

Our Y6 children will be taking their SATs the week beginning Monday 14th May 2018. Children need to be in school and on time during this week.

Class Photographs

These will be taken on Wednesday 6th June. Order forms will be sent home shortly after.

Y1 Phonics

Thank you to all parents who attended our Year 1 Phonics Information meeting where we shared details regarding the Year 1 Phonics Check that the children will be taking in June.

If you were unable to attend, Mrs Eccleson will shortly be sending some important information home to you.

Year 3's rehearsals for this year's Summer Sizzler at Weatherhead High School are going really well. Stay tuned for more details about the final performance and how to get tickets soon.

Important dates

Friday 4th May
Y2 trip to Liverpool
Monday 7th May
Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday 8th May
Y1 Pond Dipping
Wednesday 9th May
Beach School meeting for F2 parents 5pm
Monday 14th May
Y5 British Values Assembly
Monday 21st May
F2 Beach School Week
Thursday 24th May
Bike Day
Friday 25th May
Break up for half term
Monday 4th June
Term begins
Wednesday 6th June
Class Photos
Monday 11th June
Money Sense Week
Tuesday 19th June
Y2 trip to Liverpool Philharmonic
Monday 2nd July
Health Week