



PARK PRIMARY

Newsletter

19th October 2023

As we come to the end of our first half term of the year it certainly is starting to feel more like Autumn. And what an end to the half term it's been!

Firstly, thank you so much for your contributions and for the kind things you said about Park over the two days of the inspection and for your well wishes to myself and staff. At the moment we cannot discuss the inspection until the report is completed and published; this will hopefully be before Christmas – I will obviously keep you updated.

Besides our usual curriculum offer, we have further enhanced our curriculum this half term with walks to the park and around Wallasey linked to geography units; workshops in school through hi-impact including rocks, sound, evolution and cars.

Next half term we will soon be holding our autumn term parents and carers meetings, our 'Theme 1 Celebration events' and also a couple of open days for new and prospective parents – this is particularly of interest to parents whose child is starting primary school in September 2024 as not only will we have tours of the school and opportunities to meet staff, but also we will explain the application process. These dates are November 6th and 9th November from 3.45pm.

The educational enhancements for next half term include visits to the fire station, Liverpool museum and a World War II bunker in Liverpool. In addition, we will also be having our usual Christmas celebrations; nativity, KS1 production as well as our choir's visit to Willowbank, our after school carol concert and a (ssshhhh....) Santa Claus Skype. We will be in touch with more detail nearer the time.

Hope you have a very safe and happy half term. See you on Monday 30th October.

Mr Mellin
Headteacher



Links and Dates

Parents' and Carers' Evenings

Please click [here](#) to book your appointment

Open Day Booking Link

These open days are to welcome prospective parents looking to join Park. Click each date to book a place:-

- [Mon 6th November 3.45pm-5pm](#)
- [Thurs 9th November 3.45pm-5pm](#)

Homework Survey

We are reviewing homework at Park and would like your thoughts [here](#).

Theme 1 Celebrations Dates

Year 1: 20th/21st Nov 2.45pm-3.15pm

Year 2: 27th / 28th Nov 2.45pm - 3.15pm

Year 3: 23rd / 24th Nov 2.45pm-3.15pm

Year 4: 22nd Nov 2.45pm-3.15pm

Year 5: 16th /17th Nov 3.20pm-4pm

Year 6: 21st Nov 10-10.30am 2-2.30pm

Other Dates

- 1+2 Nov: Parents' /Carers' Meeting
- 17 Nov: Children in Need
- 13-17 Nov: Anti-bullying Week
- 29th Nov: Superhero School
- 21 Dec: Y1-Y6 Panto Visit

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Update From our Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who replied to the parental questionnaire we sent out last month. We have now closed this google survey. I have included a summary of the findings below. We really appreciate your views and feedback. I have outlined below how we have (or are) responding.

My Child is happy at Park

92.9% agree
3.6% disagree
3.6% don't know

My child feels safe at Park

96.4% agree
3.6% don't know

Park makes sure its pupils are well behaved

78.6% agree
14.3 disagree
7.1% don't know

My child has been bullied and Park dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively

60.7% not applicable
32.1% Agree
2% disagree

The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year

50% Agree
46.4% Disagree

When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.

64.1% Agree
21.4% Don't Know
14.5% Disagree

Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)? (yes/no)

78.6% Yes
21.4% No

If you selected yes - My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.'

72% Yes (out of those who replied Yes)

The school has high expectations for my child

92.9% Yes

My child does well at this school

96.4% Yes

The school lets me know how my child is doing

64.3% Yes
36.7% No

There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school

96.4%

My child can take part in clubs and activities at Park.

100%

The school supports my child's wider personal development

92.9%

I would recommend this school to another parent

89.3% yes



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Parent Questionnaire Comments

What are Park's Strengths...?

- Absolute brilliant staff always smiling and very helpful with my children so thank you very much
- I love that the gates open at 8.45, as it allows for good drop off and no hanging around waiting for doors to open like other schools.
- It has a good community feel. You can see that the school do a lot to support with food bank type offerings throughout the year and clearly offer a lot of support for families in general.
- The teachers we have had have been fantastic, they always seem enthusiastic and passionate to bring out the best in the children.
- Some of the activities put on, such as the Baby Ducklings in F2 have been amazing and the Grandparents Day last year was very much appreciated and gave our unsung grandparents their chance to see what our children do in the classroom. The recent summer fair was really good, and was nice that a lot of it could be outside for a change.
- Makes my child feel safe in school. Communicates somewhat how they are doing
- Park's wrap around care and facilities are good.
- Park makes sure my child is happy at school
- After school activities at an affordable cost.
- A diverse range of teaching styles and techniques are used.
- Makes my child feel safe in school. Communicates somewhat how they are doing
- Park has a very positive approach to SEND. The school is inclusive and encourages children to do their best. Staff have always been supportive and understanding of my child's SEND. My child feels supported by the staff at Park.
- The school also provides a great range of extra-curricular activities and the wrap-around care (Park Rangers) is excellent, with children from different year groups getting along well. The staff are approachable and there is a nice sense of community in the school.
- Friendly atmosphere, approachable staff, modern environment.
- Park go above and beyond to create a safe and happy learning space for my children where their individual needs are well known and well catered for. Their dedication to pupils and by extension their families, is second to none. They truly embody their mission statement and put their pupils at the forefront of all they do. We are very grateful to Park for their commitment to our children and give special mention to Mrs Smyth for her unwavering commitment.
- Teachers are always available to talk to with any concerns and are always happy to help
- Absolute brilliant staff always smiling and very helpful with my children so thank you very much
- I have only really had positive experiences at Park, it is a happy positive environment and both my children have enjoyed their time there. The teachers are great.
- My children are doing really well in school. They have their struggles but Park helps support them where needed.



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You asked, we did...

Can we have more information about what my child is learning?	Check out our updated school website, with links to your child's curriculum. https://www.parkprimaryschool.com/our-curriculum We have also listened to parent/carer views and this information will also be organised via Year Group as well as subjects soon. Have a look at 6/10/23 newsletter for the dates of our Theme 1 celebrations, where your child will share their learning with you.
Can we have more updates on our child's learning and development?	We have planned in parent/carer meetings termly, with the Autumn meetings being 1 st and 2 nd November. You should have received an email this week to book your appointment. Class teachers are also available at the end of each day for a short conversation. Longer appointments with the teacher can be made via the school office.
Can we have better communication from school directly to families?	We hope that you are finding our newsletters and the updates to our website helpful. We will continue to work on our communication with you to ensure that we can effectively work together as school, family, community together
Can we have more updates on social media with snippets of information?	We will be on this – and we will shortly be launching Park's Instagram account. The main messages and communications will be via emailed newsletters and ScholarPack App
Can children bring in any snack if they don't like healthy snacks?	It's not compulsory to have a mid-morning snack, however if you are choosing to send your child in with a snack, this must be a healthy snack. There is a wide range of fruit and veg available and we will happily support and encourage your child to try some new foods. We're in this together
Would it be possible for children to have music tuition at a younger age?	All children in all year groups at Park have access to playing musical instruments through our music curriculum. Currently we have a focus in Year 4 on specific music provision (ie the clarinet) through an external provider and then peripatetic music tuition in addition - which school currently subsidises. We will happily look into more tuition at a younger age if there is a demand. Let me know.
How do you celebrate high attendance at Park?	We actively celebrate children with high attendance. We have '£ive for 5' weekly raffles, where every child who has been in school for the full week - and on time - is entered into a raffle to win £5 for their family. We stopped certificates for 100% as there were, at times, periods of genuine illness that then prevents 100% being achieved.
Will there be more opportunities for families to engage with school e.g. workshops and shows?	We can't wait to have families in school this term to celebrate learning together. Last year, we loved having families in to share in our teddy bear's picnic, Film Festival, grandparents' day, nativities, parents evenings, specific workshops and leavers' production at the end of last year. We will soon be welcoming parents in to school for our Theme 1 celebrations – please see last week's newsletter for advance notice of these date. Our leadership team will also look at further opportunities for family workshops throughout the year. If you have any suggestions, let us know!



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<p>How does the 'Recognition Board' and 'Warning Board' work at Park?</p>	<p>We take a positive and proactive approach to behaviour management at Park. We explicitly teach children how to behave well and make sure we always model the ready, respectful and safe behaviour. We consciously give our first attention to children doing the right thing so that this is acknowledged, celebrated and makes others want to do it too.</p> <p>We have recognition boards in every classroom where we celebrate children going above and beyond. These children get some special recognition time out of class with a fancy chocolate milkshake (or other drink they like!) to celebrate their positive contribution to Park.</p> <p>We don't use warning boards in classes as we prefer not to give our attention to the undesirable behaviour or embarrass children. Where behaviour needs correcting, we aim to do this individually.</p>
<p>How do you monitor and prevent bullying of children who may not be able to raise the concern themselves?</p>	<p>Staff closely monitor pupils' behaviour and raise concerns with senior leaders if they have any. If there are concerns, we take a team approach and create a specific action plan which takes into account individual needs. Eg, if a child is unlikely to seek out adult support, they may have regular check-ins. If families have any concerns that school are not aware of, we would welcome these to be shared so we can investigate further.</p>
<p>We are concerned that our children don't have enough time to eat their lunch</p>	<p>All children have a 30 minute session to eat their lunch. We have carried this on from lockdown. This also enables the children to have longer and an opportunity to chat to friends. If a few children are still eating after 30 minutes, it's really no issue for them to continue eating in the atrium.</p>
<p>I am concerned that you have too many assemblies at Park</p>	<p>We have a statutory responsibility as a maintained school to have a daily act of collective worship (assemblies). We vary how this is done over the week: Monday is a whole school assembly where I share key messages with all children; Tuesday is based on British Values and children learn about current events in the world; Wednesday is a class assembly to discuss this further; Thursday is whole school singing assembly and Friday is recognition to celebrate positive behaviour and achievements in our school.</p>
<p>Can we have more homework, especially for older children?</p>	<p>We are reviewing homework and would love to gather your thoughts about what would work best for your child. Please complete this form to let us know what you think about homework at Park https://forms.gle/XN127v5cLTWJqEZC9</p> <p>We will take this into consideration as we decide the best way forward regarding homework at Park.</p> <p>In the meantime, please ensure your child reads every night, completes their reading log and completes any additional homework their teacher sets</p>
<p>Could we have more information regarding SEN support available at Park?</p>	<p>Please see our website for information about our SEND offer for children at Park. This can be found here https://www.parkprimaryschool.com/send-policy</p> <p>If you have any further questions, please speak to your child's class teacher</p>
<p>Will children be going swimming this year?</p>	<p>Swimming is part of the KS2 National Curriculum. Our Y5 children will go swimming in April and Y6 will go in March. We will send more information nearer the time.</p>



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