



PARK PRIMARY Newsletter

29th Sept 23

As we move in to Autumn, and also October 🍂, it is a good opportunity to look back and reflect.

We have had a great start to the new academic year and have welcomed our new starters to Park in Foundation Stage as well as throughout the school; both pupils, parents **and** staff.

Over the next couple of weeks, I would really like to seek your opinions and thoughts about what we are doing well at Park and what we can do to make Park even better. I have created a quick Google Form ([here](#)) to collate your thoughts and I will get back to you with a summary over the next couple of weeks. Please take some time to share your views.

Staff and pupils, like me, are very proud of our school; our behaviour, our curriculum and our pastoral care. We really do have a lot in place – and I am looking forward to sharing this more with you.

It has been lovely to see so many children returning this term with the correct uniform. Unfortunately, some pupils are still wearing trainers, and we would encourage you to support our uniform policy by ensuring your child has the correct clothes and shoes – just plain black. Please see our website for further details.



Have you had a look at our website? We are in the process of continuing to develop and update the content – if you haven't been on there for a while, take another look!

Hope you have a very safe and happy weekend. See you on Monday.

Mr Mellin
Headteacher

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ATTENDANCE

The attendance and punctuality of our pupils is our priority.

By ensuring your child attends school every day, **and on time**, you are giving them the best opportunity to learn and socialise with their friends.

We will continue contacting families who we identify as requiring support to improve attendance and/or punctuality issues. We will also be working closely with our Local Authority Attendance Team who will provide further intervention where needed.

We hope you will work with us to ensure we all give your child the best chance to achieve.

We are now publishing details of our weekly attendance awards on our website – so keep an eye out!

News Roundup...

New menus

The new dishes on our 2023/24 menus have been very popular with children. If you haven't had chance to check out our new menus, please see our website. If you believe that your child may be entitled to free school meals, please email the school office.

Packed lunches and Snacks

We are pleased that so many children bring healthy packed lunches and mid-morning snacks to school. However, there are a number of children bringing in chocolate bars & sweets. We request that these treats are kept for outside of school & snacks such as fruit, vegetables & crackers are provided. Please note that children from Foundation 1 to Year 2 receive free fruit and/or vegetable snacks everyday, so there is no need to send something extra in.

Celebrations - Cakes and Sweets

We can no longer allow cakes, sweets and other treats to be brought into school for birthdays and other celebrations. This is due to the number of children in school with allergies and other dietary requirements. We appreciate this may be disappointing, but hope that you will support our decision.

ScholarPack App

If you haven't yet downloaded our ScholarPack app, you can find it in the Apple or Google Play Stores. We use the app as our main method of communication. Parents and carers can also message school, report absences and update your child's consents. Contact the school office for a link up code to get connected.

Pupils with Injuries

If your child has an injury but can still attend school, please contact the school office **beforehand** so that we can ensure that the appropriate risk assessment is prepared

School Milk

Our new provider, Cool Milk, will be delivering from Monday 2nd October. We apologise for the interruption to our milk provision, but this was due to the supplier going out of business. All pupils under 5 years of age and/or entitled to free school meals automatically receive milk every day. If you would like to pay for your child to have milk, please visit coolmilk.com

Lost Property

Lost property items are now located in individual classrooms & no longer at the main school office. We would strongly request that all items are labelled with your child's name so that missing items can be returned.

Car Parking

Please note that our car park is for staff and visitors, & we request that you do not park there to drop off or collect children.

E Bikes and E Scooters

E bikes and scooters are not permitted anywhere on school grounds, by pupils or parents/carers.

Data Collection Forms

We will be sending home data collection forms next week for you to check and complete. Please return these either in your child's school bag, or direct to the school office.



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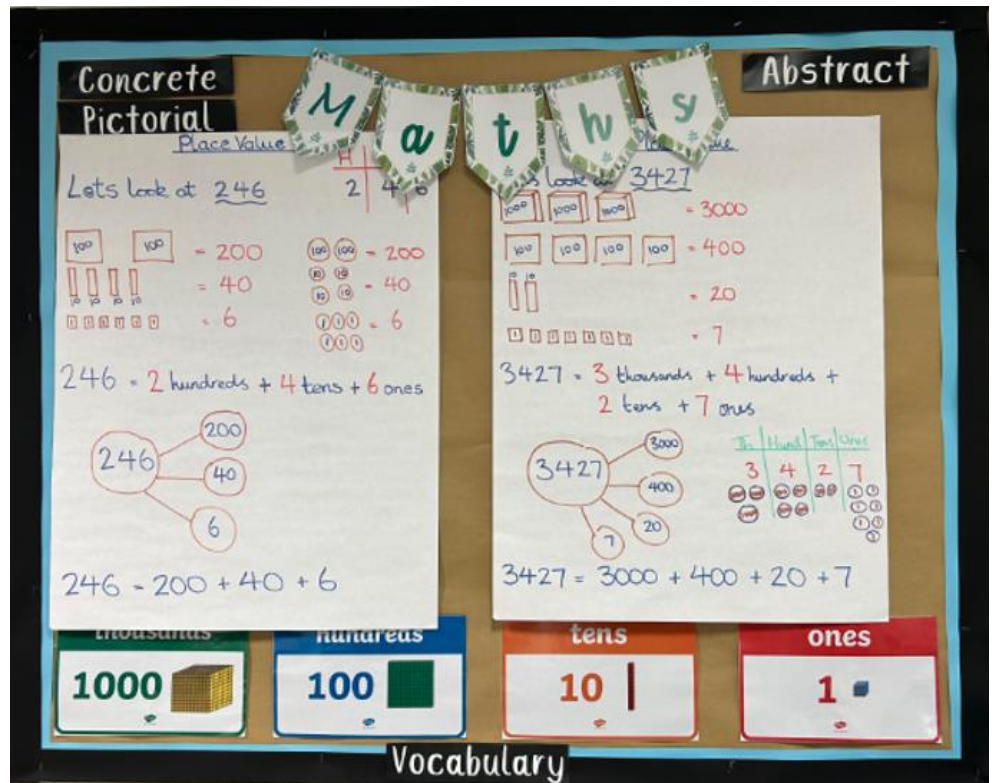
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CURRICULUM SPOTLIGHT

Maths Update

The children have been busy exploring and learning all about place value in maths this month. Using our school's approach of Concrete, Pictorial and Abstract (CPA), children have been manipulating counters, Base-10 and Rekenreks (ask your child's teacher about these!) in order to make those valuable connections that make maths easier to understand for all pupils.

Children in EYFS have been busy exploring numbers and recognising pattern up to 20.



Throughout Key Stages 1 and 2, children have been starting their days with daily basic skills practice to really sharpen their understanding of the four operations.

New to Park this year is the 'Mastering Number Programme' in F2 and KS1 where children are getting to grips with Rekenreks in order to develop a solid understanding of number.

Year 6 Evolution Workshop



On Thursday, Year 6 took part in an evolution workshop with Hi-impact.

We discussed Charles Darwin's journey to the Galapagos Islands and the variety of birds he found there.

Using a range of equipment, we tested which beaks would be best suited to picking up different types of food. This helped us to understand the process of natural selection and how animals who are better suited to their environment will survive.

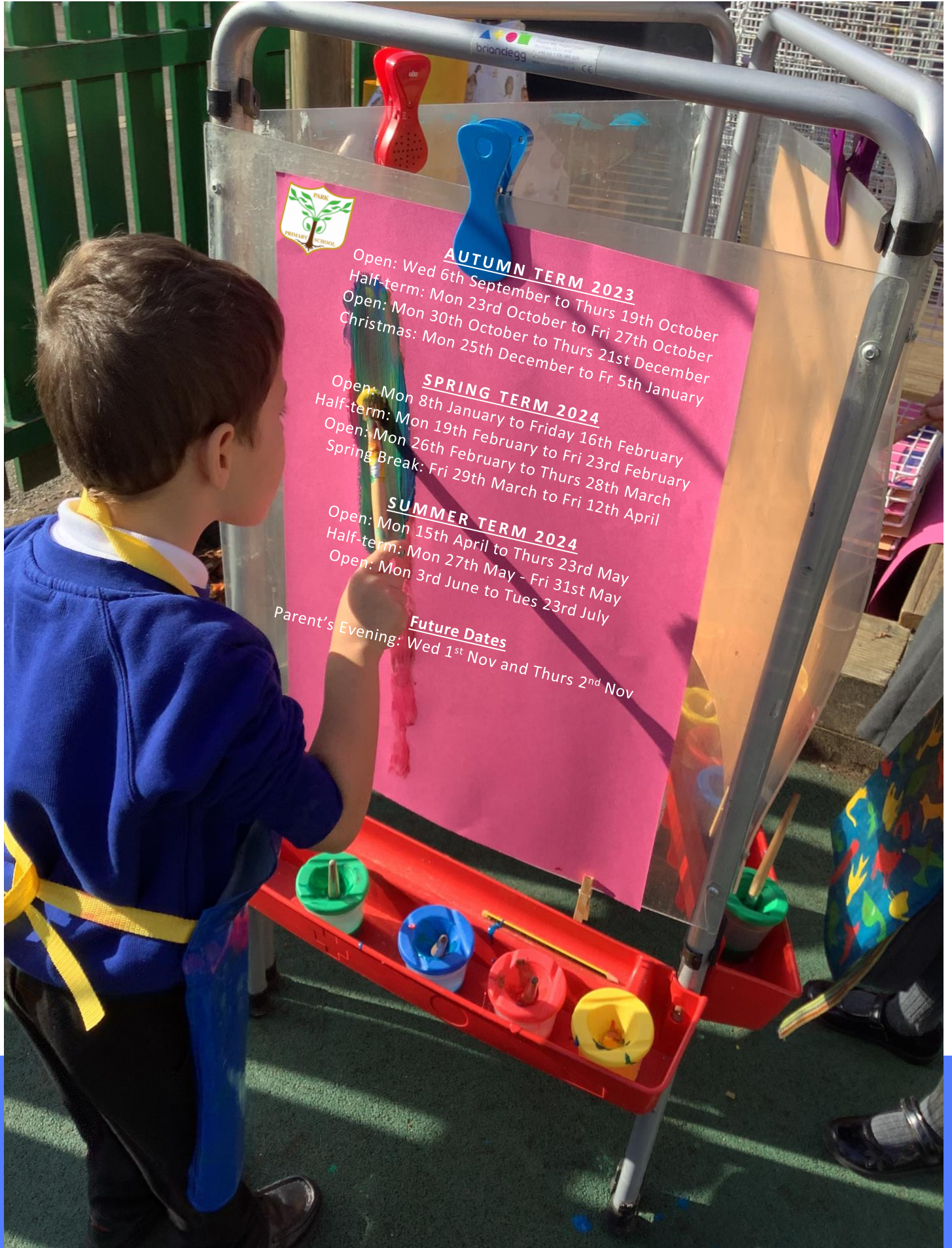
Foundation 2

Our New Foundation 2
Here's a selection of our new
Foundation Two pupils...

...can you spot your child?!



DATES FOR THE DIARY



AUTUMN TERM 2023

Open: Wed 6th September to Thurs 19th October
Half-term: Mon 23rd October to Fri 27th October
Open: Mon 30th October to Thurs 21st December
Christmas: Mon 25th December to Fr 5th January

SPRING TERM 2024

Open: Mon 8th January to Friday 16th February
Half-term: Mon 19th February to Fri 23rd February
Open: Mon 26th February to Thurs 28th March
Spring Break: Fri 29th March to Fri 12th April

SUMMER TERM 2024

Open: Mon 15th April to Thurs 23rd May
Half-term: Mon 27th May - Fri 31st May
Open: Mon 3rd June to Tues 23rd July

Future Dates

Parent's Evening: Wed 1st Nov and Thurs 2nd Nov