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Autumn Term Newsletter 11

Dear Mums/Dads/Carers,

It's Christmas Time!

Now we're into December, we've brightened up our schools with lots of lovely Christmas decorations and inflatables! Our children should start to feel very Christmassy!!!

You'll be able to join us in our Christmas festivities, with our Christmas Crafts sessions, Christmas Productions and our Carols in the Courtyard. Details of all these are below:

Christmas Crafts

We are thrilled to announce our festive Christmas craft sessions at school! Your little ones will have the chance to unleash their creativity and make some delightful decorations ahead of the festive period! Our craft sessions will be organised as below;

Monday December 16: Year 1, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6.

Tuesday December 17: EYFS, Year 3, and Year 4.

Each session will run from 2pm to 3pm, unless your child is in our morning Nursery, when it will be 10.30am to 11.30am.

You will be able to sign your child out once they have completed all the crafts.

Due to the limited space we have in the classrooms, we can only accommodate one parent/carer per child please. We sincerely apologise if this creates any inconvenience.

Christmas Productions

Tickets for each of our Christmas productions were sent home last week. Every child was allocated two tickets for their family. If you would like any extras, please let our office know and we will add you to our reserve list. Reserve list tickets will be made available on Monday December 9.

Christmas Production times:

Early Years (FS1 and FS2) – Thursday December 12 at 10am and 2pm

Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) – Thursday December 19 at 10am and 2pm

Carols in the Courtyard

Each of our year groups will be singing a couple of Christmas carols at the end of the school day on Wednesday December 18.

We'd love to have as many of our families as possible come along and see them all singing together. You can even join in with singing the songs, if you'd like!

We will be starting with our first year groups at 2.45pm and you will be able to sign your children out slightly earlier from their classrooms, once they've had their turn singing.

Singing to Local Residents

On the subject of Christmas Carols, some of our year groups will be visiting our local care homes to sing a number of Christmas Carols to the residents there. This is a lovely experience for all involved and we hope that we can spread the Park Schools joy to lots of lovely people in our community.

Santa Fun Run

A reminder that we have our Santa fun run on Friday December 13. This is a sponsored event and all the sponsorship forms were sent out a couple of weeks ago. Please get collecting donations, because all the monies raised from this



event will be used to pay for playtime equipment which our children can play with at breaktimes. There will be exciting prizes for the 3 children who collect the most donations for this event!

School Website

A quick message to say that our new school website should be going 'live' this week! It should all work from the same website address, so fingers crossed we don't have any issues!

Christmas Clear Out Toy Sale

And finally, our 'Christmas Clear Out' Toy Sale will take place this Friday - 06/12/24. This allows families to make a bit of room in your homes before Christmas and for our children to pick out a toy at a very cheap cost.

If you have any toys you wish to donate, please bring them up to school by this Wednesday (04/12/24) and leave them with our office team or in our infant hall.

These toys will be sold to our children at very low prices – 50p, £1 or £2 each. All the money raised will go towards future events for our children.



We haven't had many donations for this event yet, so please start dropping off any unwanted toys as soon as you can. If we don't get many donations, we'll let you know on Thursday if the event is being cancelled.

Many thanks for your continued help and support,

Nadeem Shah

Executive Headteacher

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Monday December 2	Assessment Week Part 2
Tuesday December 3	Year 2 Starfish Class Library Visit
	Year 5/6 Football after school at Derby Racecourse *new date
Thursday December 5	New FS1 (nursery) children transition session with parents in class 9.30am to 11am
Friday December 6	Christmas Clear Out Toy Sale
	New FS1 (nursery) children transition session with parents meeting in the hall 9.30am to 11am
Monday December 9	Reserve list tickets for our Christmas Productions available
Tuesday December 10	Visit from Father Christmas and Mrs Claus
Wednesday December 11	Year 4 Carol singing at The Grange at 10am *new date
Thursday December 12	EYFS Nativity at 10am and 2pm
Friday December 13	Santa Fun Run
	No after-school childcare this evening
Monday December 16	Christmas Crafts with Parents/Carers for Years 1/2 and Year 5/6
	Year 3 Carol singing at Bassett House at 2pm *new date
Tuesday December 17	Christmas Crafts with Parents/Carers for EYFS and Year 3/4
Wednesday December 18	'Little Princess Party' competition winner event *new date
	Christmas Dinner
	Carols in the Courtyard at 2.45pm
Thursday December 19	Year 1/2 Christmas Show at 10am and 2pm
	FS2 (Reception) Carol singing at Richmond Care Home at 2pm *new date

Friday December 20	Last day of autumn half-term 2
	Wear Something Christmassy Day
	No after-school childcare this evening

Spring Term Diary Dates 2025

Monday January 6, 2025	Inset Day
Tuesday January 7, 2025	Children return to school
Tuesday January 14, 2025	Year 2 Dragonflies Class Library Visit
Monday January 20, 2025	After-School Enrichment Clubs Begin
Tuesday January 21, 2025	Year 1 Hedgehogs Class Library Visit
Tuesday January 28, 2025	Talent Show Heats
	Year 1 Lizards Class Library Visit
Wednesday January 29, 2025	Talent Show Heats
Tuesday February 4, 2025	Talent Show Finals
	Year 6 Wolves Class Library Visit
Wednesday February 5, 2025	Year 5 Transition Event at Shirebrook Academy
	Year 5/6 Parent/Carer Meeting for Scarborough Residential at 5pm
Tuesday February 11, 2025	Year 2 Dragonflies Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Year 6 Goats Class Library Visit
Wednesday February 12, 2025	Year 2 Starfish Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
Friday February 14, 2025	Times Tables Rock Stars Day
	Last day of spring half-term 1
Monday February 24, 2025	Children return to school
Tuesday February 25, 2025	Year 5 Elephants Class Library Visit
Friday February 28, 2025	Year 5/6 Scarborough Residential Payment Deadline
Tuesday March 4, 2025	Year 1 Hedgehogs Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Year 5 Owls Class Library Visit
Wednesday March 5, 2025	Year 1 Lizards Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
Thursday March 6, 2025	World Book Day
Friday March 7, 2025	After-School Enrichment Clubs End
Monday March 10, 2025	Year 4 Trip to Jorvik Viking Centre
Tuesday March 11, 2025	FS2 Giraffes Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Year 4 Panthers Class Library Visit
Wednesday March 12, 2025	FS2 Flamingoes Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
Tuesday March 18, 2025	Year 6 Wolves Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Year 4 Koalas Class Library Visit
Wednesday March 19, 2025	Year 6 Goats Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
Friday March 21, 2025	Family Chocolate Bingo Night at 5pm
Tuesday March 25, 2025	Year 5 Owls Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Year 3 Tanukis Class Library Visit
	Parents' Evening
Wednesday March 26, 2025	Year 5 Elephants Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Parents' Evening
Thursday March 27, 2025	Parents' Evening
Tuesday April 1, 2025	Year 3 Spiders Class Library Visit

Wednesday April 2, 2025	Year 3/4 Production at 10am and 2pm
Friday April 4, 2025	Easter Eggs and/or Easter Bonnets (optional homework activity)
	Last day of spring half-term 2

Summer Term Diary Dates 2025

Tuesday April 22, 2025	Inset Day
Wednesday April 23, 2025	Children return to school
Tuesday April 29, 2025	Year 2 Starfish Class Library Visit
Monday May 5, 2025	Bank Holiday
Tuesday May 6, 2025	Year 2 Dragonflies Class Library Visit
Monday May 12, 2025	Year 6 SATs Week
Tuesday May 13, 2025	Year 1 Hedgehogs Class Library Visit
Tuesday May 20, 2025	Year 1 Lizards Class Library Visit
Friday May 23, 2025	Last day of summer half-term 1
Monday June 2, 2025	Children return to school
Tuesday June 3, 2025	FS2 Giraffes Class Library Visit
Tuesday June 10, 2025	FS2 Flamingoes Class Library Visit
Tuesday June 17, 2025	Year 6 Wolves Class Library Visit
Tuesday June 24, 2025	Year 6 Goats Class Library Visit
Monday June 30, 2025	Year 5 leave for the residential trip to Scarborough
Wednesday July 2, 2025	Year 6 leave for the residential trip to Scarborough
	Year 5 return from the residential trip to Scarborough
Friday July 4, 2025	Year 6 return from the residential trip to Scarborough
Monday July 7, 2025	Year 4 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Thursday July 24, 2025	Last day of summer half-term 2

Autumn Term Diary Dates 2025

Thursday September 4, 2025	Inset Day
Friday September 5, 2025	Inset Day
Monday September 8, 2025	Children Return to School