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Autumn Term Newsletter 13

Dear Mums/Dads/Carers,

We've come to the final week of an action-packed term here at the Park Schools Federation! The highlights for me have been our Mount Cook residential, our reintroduction to Forest School and our fabulous class reward trips!!!

I'll be doing a parent/carer video update at the end of this week on Class Dojo, outlining what's been happening this term to keep you all up to date.

Santa Fun Run

What a success this was last week! It was wonderful to see our children taking part in the yearly fun run, dressed in their Christmas gear and hats! At the time of counting on Friday, we had already reached just over £2000 in sponsorship money, with some more bits to come in this week! Thank you so much for all your support with this event. All the monies raised will be going in to providing resources for our children in school. The top three sponsorship totals from children will be announced on Dojo this week.



Christmas Raffle

Our raffle continues this week. We are selling raffle tickets before and after school each day, as well as during our Carols in the Courtyard event and our Year 1/2 Christmas Production. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday evening, with the results shared on Dojo on Thursday night. Parents/carers will be able to collect their prizes from the school office on Friday December 20. Please hang onto your tickets!

Christmas Crafts

Don't forget our festive Christmas craft sessions today and tomorrow! Your little ones will have the chance to unleash their creativity and make some delightful decorations ahead of the festive period! The craft sessions will run from 2pm to 3pm and 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.

You will be able to sign your child out once they have completed all the crafts. Please be aware that, due to the limited space in the classrooms, we can only accommodate one parent/carer per child.

Carols in the Courtyard

We are excited to present Carols in the Courtyard on Wednesday December 18 from 2.40pm (car park entrance gates will be open from 2.30pm). Children are invited to wear a festive hat for the performance, they can use the same one for the Santa fun run. Order of performance (timings are a rough estimate):

2.40pm – FS2, Year 1 and Year 2

2.50pm – Year 3 and Year 4

3.00pm – Year 5 and Year 6



The children can be collected as soon as their section finishes, from their usual end-of-day collection point. Please give us a couple of minutes to get them back to class for their belongings.

We will be selling hot drinks to parents/carers on the courtyard during the show; this includes tea, coffee, hot chocolate and mulled wine!

Year 1/2 Christmas Production

Our Year 1/2 Production is this Thursday at 10am and 2pm.

Tickets for each of our Christmas productions have already been sent home and any reserve tickets have all been allocated. Both shows are completely full and we cannot fit anyone else in to watch the show, I'm afraid.

The car park gate will be open about 30 minutes before each show, to let you get in and settled in your seats in time for each performance.

If you arrive shortly before the performance begins, or after it has already begun, please be aware it will be very difficult for you to find a seat as we will already be almost full. This is especially true if you are bringing a buggy or pushchair.



Performance Photographs

Families are permitted to take photos and video of their children in our productions. However, we recognise that it can be very tricky to get a photo of just your child on their own. With this in mind, we have taken an individual photo of your child in their performance costume.

If you would like a copy of your child's photo, please respond to the Schoolzine message that is going out today. Once we have your request, we will print the photo and laminate it. To help us with the cost of printing and laminating, we are asking for £1 per photo please.

Assessment Update Form

On Wednesday, we'll be sending home an assessment update form with your child. This will be in a sealed envelope, so the information isn't shared with other children.

This form is not an end-of-year report and is not designed to be a detailed write up of the school year so far. It is a very brief outline of where your child is currently working and their efforts in some key areas.

If you would like to discuss the contents in your child's assessment update form, please get in touch with your child's class teacher and they will arrange to meet with you at a mutually convenient time when we return to school in January.

Assessment Update Record for Parents/Careers - December 2024				
Child's Name				
Year Group	Attendance (so far this year)			
Attainment	Your child is currently working significantly below the age-related expectations for their current year group.	Your child is currently working a little below the age-related expectations for their current year group.	Your child is currently working just below the age-related expectations for their year group.	Your child is on track to meet their year group's expected expectations at the end of the academic year (1st July).
Reading				Your child is on track to meet their year group's expected expectations at the end of the academic year (1st July).
Writing				
Mathematics				
Additional Comments	Attitudes to Learning	Personal and Social Development	Behaviour	
1 - Outstanding				
2 - Good				
3 - Satisfactory				
4 - Poor				
Any Additional Comments				
Class Teacher:				

Optional Early Collection on the Last Day

Our governing body has approved an optional early collection time of 1.30pm on the last day of term, this Friday. Your children can be collected at 1.30pm and signed out from their classroom exits. The car park gate will be open from 1.20pm and the Alder Way gate will remain closed until the normal end of the school day.

For early finish days, children must be collected by a parent/carer if they are leaving early and we can only release children early to their own family members/carers. We cannot release children early with parents/carers of other children. If you choose to wait until the end of the school day, then your normal childcare collection arrangements are absolutely fine. For example, if your child is walking home on their own, then they will need to wait until the end of the school day.

Forest School This Friday

With the early collection day on Friday, our Forest School session this Friday has been cancelled.

Christmas Sing-Along Video

If I get time on Wednesday, I'll be recording our children for a Christmas sing-along video. This will be posted onto our Class Dojo platform. If your child is not in school on Wednesday, then they won't be in the video. Please be aware that this video will only happen if I end up having the availability to do it that day.

Christmas Dinner

If your child would like a Christmas dinner on Wednesday, all they have to do is ask on Wednesday morning during registration, just like they would for any normal school dinner day. There are no different arrangements for booking a Christmas dinner.

This year, we will be having a real Christmas feel in the dinner hall, with Christmas table cloths, Christmas crackers for all the children and Christmas songs on the speaker system.



Gate Opening Times Next Term

As shared in last week's newsletter, from January, we will be adjusting the timings for our morning gates. This is to make us more in line with government requirements. Historically, the school gates have been open until 8.50am but, as school starts at 8.40am, we will be closing the gates at 8.45am from January onwards. If you arrive after 8.45am, please use the school office entrance, where your child will sign in.

We will also be following the government guidelines for late arrivals, as outlined in our school attendance policy. If you would like the details of this, it can be found on the policies page of our school website:

<https://www.parkfed.co.uk/page/?title=Policies+and+Key+Documents&pid=23>

And Finally

We hope all of our families enjoy a truly magical Christmas holiday with their loved ones. It has been a full-on term and you all deserve a lovely time with your families and friends. Our children return to school on Tuesday January 7, 2025. Sending all our love from the Park Schools Federation team.

Many thanks for your continued help and support,



Nadeem Shah

Executive Headteacher



Autumn Term Diary Dates

Monday December 16	Christmas Crafts with Parents/Carers for Years 1/2 and Year 5/6 at 2pm
	Year 3 Carol singing at Bassett House at 2pm
Tuesday December 17	Christmas Crafts with Parents/Carers for EYFS and Year 3/4 at 2pm
Wednesday December 18	'Little Princess Party' competition winner event
	Christmas Dinner
	Carols in the Courtyard at 2.40pm – gates will be open from 2.30pm
Thursday December 19	Year 1/2 Christmas Show at 10am and 2pm
	FS2 (Reception) Carol singing at Richmond Care Home at 2pm
	Year 4 Panthers Class Pyjama and Pizza Party *new date
Friday December 20	Last day of autumn half-term 2
	Wear Something Christmassy Day
	Optional Early Collection at 1.30pm
	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
Thursday January 23, 2025	Year 2 Visit to Magna * new date
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