

The Park Schools Federation

Junior, Infant & Nursery

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Autumn Term Newsletter 2

Dear Mums/Dads/Carers,

Class Names

In our first week back at school, our children chose their own class names. They all have an animal theme this year and the classes will be referred to as these names, which are all listed below:

FS1 Nursery	Mrs Watson – Busy Bees	
FS2 Reception	Miss Thornewill – Giraffes	Miss Head – Flamingos
Year 1	Miss Wheeldon – Lizards	Mrs Mills – Hedgehogs
Year 2	Mrs Richardson/Watkins – Dragonflies	Miss Beckett – Starfish
Year 3	Miss Philbin/Greaves – Tanukis	Miss Thompson – Spiders
Year 4	Miss Chapman – Panthers	Mr Watson – Koalas
Year 5	Mrs Grayson – Owls	Mr Rodgers – Elephants
Year 6	Mrs Marriott/Cheeseman – Wolves	Mr Powers – Goats

Meet the Team Sessions

We hope you took the opportunity to meet with your child's teaching team last week at the Meet the Team session? If you weren't able to make it, a class newsletter with all the relevant information for this half-term was sent home with all the children on Friday.

Pupil Behaviour Procedures

We have now put two explanation videos onto our Class Dojo page regarding pupils behaviours in school; one for Rewards and another one for Consequences. If you want to know how this will work, please have a watch.

Hands Up in Class

On the subject of Class Dojo videos, a parent caught me last week to say that another parent had told them that the children are now going to get in trouble for putting their hands up in class. This is absolutely not the case and has never been said by us.

The Class Dojo video from July 11 on 'hands up' explains clearly that we are no longer using 'hands up' for children to answer specific questions asked by the teacher, this is to stop the same children dominating class discussions. It does not refer to a child putting their hand up if they're stuck, or need some help from an adult, or need the toilet etc. Of course children can still put their hands up to do this and they are encouraged to do so.

If you're ever concerned about anything you think we might be doing, please come and speak with me so I can clarify any misconceptions, like this one. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Mount Cook Residential – Year 3/4

The payment deadline for Mount Cook passed last Friday. If you haven't made the payment now, then your child will not be attending this trip.

We have our parent/carer information evening this Wednesday evening at 5pm. Please make sure you come along to find out all the important information regarding this amazing experience!

After-School Clubs

Our new after-school clubs list went home last week. We have had nearly 200 requests for places and will be working through these this week.

If your child is allocated a place on an after-school club, you will receive confirmation by this Friday (September 20).

After-school clubs begin next week, on the week beginning Monday September 23.

The list of dates for this term's clubs is outlined below:



Week Beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
16/09/24	No Clubs ✗	Football Club only	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗
23/09/24	Clubs on ✓	Clubs on ✓	No Clubs ✗	Clubs on ✓	Clubs on ✓
30/09/24	Clubs on ✓	Clubs on ✓	No Clubs ✗	Clubs on ✓	Clubs on ✓
07/10/24	Clubs on ✓	Clubs on ✓	No Clubs ✗	Clubs on ✓	Clubs on ✓
14/10/24	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗
21/10/24	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗
28/10/24	Half Term				
04/11/24	Clubs on ✓	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗	Clubs on ✓	Clubs on ✓
11/11/24	Clubs on ✓	Clubs on ✓	No Clubs ✗	Clubs on ✓	Clubs on ✓
18/11/24	Clubs on ✓	Clubs on ✓	No Clubs ✗	Clubs on ✓	Clubs on ✓
25/11/24	No more after-school clubs for the rest of this term				

Junior School Ofsted Inspection Meeting

If you would like to attend a parent/carer meeting to discuss our Junior School Ofsted Inspection, then they are scheduled for this Thursday at 9am and 5.30pm.

Assemblies

We are enhancing our assemblies here at The Park Schools Federation. This term we will be starting **Class Assemblies** for the first time. This is where parents/carers are invited to an assembly where their child's class will perform some songs and showcase some of this term's learning. The times and dates for these are on the dates' list.

We are also enhancing our **Wow Assemblies** by having them every week, instead of fortnightly. Our Junior School Wow Assemblies will be every Friday morning at 9am and our Infant School Wow Assemblies will be every Friday afternoon at 2.45pm.

Wrap-Around Childcare

Our childcare provision is up and running from today. We have our breakfast club running from 7.45am and after-school care up until 5.30pm. We are running a slightly different service now and we're located in the KS1 hall building.

If you are dropping off your child for breakfast club, you will need to walk them to our school office, please don't leave them at the gate.

If you are collecting your child, please come through the school office until 4.30pm. After 4.30pm, you will need to walk through the car park gates and collect directly from the childcare room.



Many thanks for your continued help and support,

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Executive Headteacher

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Monday September 16	Wrap-Around Childcare Begins
Wednesday September 18	Mount Cook Parent/Carer Meeting at 5pm
Thursday September 19	Junior School Ofsted Inspection Parent Meetings at 9am and 5.30pm *new date
Friday September 20	EYFS Teddy Bear Picnic
Monday September 23	After-School Clubs Begin
Wednesday September 25	Year 6 Trip to Perlethorpe
Thursday September 26	Year 5 Trip to the National Space Centre
Friday September 27	Whole School Times Tables Rock Star Day
Monday September 30	Year 5/6 Open Evening at Shirebrook Academy from 5pm to 7pm *new date
Tuesday October 8	Year 6 Goats Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
Wednesday October 9	Year 6 Wolves Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
Thursday October 10	Wear Something Yellow for Young Minds Day
Monday October 14	No After-School Clubs This Week
Tuesday October 15	Year 5 Owls Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
Wednesday October 16	Year 3/4 leave for the residential trip to Mount Cook
	Year 5 Elephants Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
Thursday October 17	Year 3/4 return from the residential trip to Mount Cook
Friday October 18	EYFS Harvest Crafts with Parents/Carers
Monday October 21	No After-School Clubs This Week
Tuesday October 22	Parents Evening from 3.30pm
Wednesday October 23	Parents Evening from 3.30pm
Thursday October 24	Parents Evening from 3.30pm
Friday October 25	Last day of autumn half-term 1
Monday November 4	Children return to school
	After-School Clubs Back On
Tuesday November 5	Year 4 Panthers Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Bonfire Night Disco
Wednesday November 6	Year 4 Koalas Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
Thursday November 7	Individual and Family Photographs
Tuesday November 12	Year 3 Tanukis Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
Wednesday November 13	Year 3 Spiders Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
Friday November 22	Final Night of After-School Clubs
Monday November 25	Assessment Week
Thursday December 12	EYFS Nativity at 10am and 2pm
Monday December 16	Christmas Crafts with Parents/Carers for Years 1/2 and Year 5/6
Tuesday December 17	Christmas Crafts with Parents/Carers for EYFS and Year 3/4
Wednesday December 18	Christmas Dinner
Thursday December 19	Year 1/2 Nativity at 10am and 2pm
Friday December 20	Last day of autumn half-term 2
	Wear Something Christmassy Day

Spring Term Diary Dates 2025

Monday January 6, 2025	Inset Day
Tuesday January 7, 2025	Children return to school
Friday February 14, 2025	Last day of spring half-term 1
Monday February 24, 2025	Children return to school
Monday March 10, 2025	Year 4 Trip to Jorvik Viking Centre
Friday April 4, 2025	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
Monday May 5, 2025	Bank Holiday
Monday May 12, 2025	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday May 23, 2025	Last day of summer half-term 1
Monday June 2, 2025	Children return to school
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