



PARK ROAD

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



WEEKLY UPDATE

30
September
2022



Next Week at a Glance

Monday 3	Tuesday 4	Wednesday 5	Thursday 6	Friday 7
<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Dinner Menu week 3* 3.15-4.15 pm Disney Stars	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* 3.15-4.15 pm Y1,2,3 Performing Arts Club* 3.15-4.15 pm KS2 Quick Cricket Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* NO Choir* 3.15-4.15 pm Y1/2 Mixed Football Club* 5.30 pm Reception Families Phonics Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Y6 trip to Western Approaches* 1 pm Y1 Local Walk* 3.15-4.15 pm KS2 Boys' Football Club* 3.15-4.15 pm Y5/6 Crochet Club* 3.15-4.15 pm Y1/2 Yoga	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Foodbank Friday Collection* 3.15-4.15 pm KS2 Girls' Football Club

Value of the half term: **Friendship**

Seesaw Notifications

Following recent changes by Seesaw, we are aware that families are receiving an increased number of email notifications, for example if another parent likes a post. Unfortunately, there isn't a way to choose which notifications you want to receive and which you don't, they are either off or on.

School has reviewed how we use Seesaw to try to help/support with this and to ensure that you receive the most relevant notifications. From Monday, staff will send direct messages only to the family accounts (not the child's account). This would then send the email notification for items that are relevant to the family member.

This will allow you to switch off email notifications for your child's account so that you will stop receiving notifications when another person comments or likes a post. You are still able to like or comment on posts in the app but you won't receive the notification to your email address.

This does mean that it is important that you are logged into your Family app and it is activated. If you need the log in details, please let the school office know via Seesaw or email. Thank you.

No After School Choir This Wednesday

There will be no Choir this week as Mr Wiebe is away so please could you make alternative arrangements to pick up children. It will restart on Wednesday 12 October.

Morning Access to School

We wanted to remind parents of our morning routine for children coming into school.

The gates open at 8.35 am with the KS2 gate **for pupils only** and all adults accompanying KS1 children entering through the KS1 gate. This minimises any congestion and allows the KS2 children to enter the premises independently. Staff on the gates are there to greet, take messages and ensure that everyone enters and exits the premises safely by following the above routine. Please can we ask that you are understanding and respectful if reminded to follow the entrance/exit systems.

All children will be able to wait on the playground until 8.45 am, supervised by members of staff. At 8.45 am, the teaching staff will collect the children from the playground. Parents will be able to use either gate to leave the school premises after the children have gone into class.

World Mental Health Day - Monday 10 October 2022

On Monday 10 October, it will be World Mental Health Day and to mark this, we would like to ask children to come to school in non-uniform, wearing something green.

For further information on Mental Health and sites that may offer some useful suggestions, please see the following links:

Free resources for children and young people On Warrington's Happy? OK? Sad? site, you'll find links to a range of free services and resources, relating to children and young people's mental health and wellbeing. The Happy? OK? Sad? site has a page for children and young people, with details of mental health information and support they can access themselves. To find this information:

- * Go to www.happyoksad.org.uk
- * Click the blue button "**children and young people**" or "**adults**"
- * Then look under the dark heading "**information and support**"



Mental health and wellbeing support for front line staff, parents and carers **Young Minds** Young Minds runs a parents' helpline which offers free, confidential advice and support to parents and carers concerned about the mental health of a child or young person (up to the age of 25).
<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-helpline-and-webchat>

PAPYRUS Service As well as providing support to young people who feel suicidal and to people concerned about a young person, www.papyrus-uk.org offers a debrief service. People, of any age, can ring HOPELINEUK on 0800 068 41 41, to debrief, after a recent encounter with suicide, for example, after a patient, client, or loved one has attempted suicide or anyone who has had a recent encounter with suicide, or who has recently witnessed a suicide.

Urgent support Details of mental health support services for someone in crisis, can be found at <https://happyoksad.warrington.gov.uk/if-you-need-help-right-now.aspx>.

If you need help in a **mental health crisis**, you can contact your local 24/7 mental health crisis line (Freephone):

Mental health crisis line for people in Halton, Knowsley, St Helens and Warrington: 0800 051 1508 (see website <https://www.merseycare.nhs.uk/> for more details)

Park Road Community Café - Monday 10 October 3.15 pm

We would like to invite parents, carers, children and families to our first Community Café, which will be run by our school's Wellbeing and Happiness Teams.

Why not come along for a drink and a piece of cake and get to know other people in our school community. We hope the café will offer a time to relax and have a break and enjoy the company. It will be held on **Monday 10 October 2022 from 3.15 pm** - we hope you can join us.

A huge thank you to Emily B in Year 4's mum and Tesco for providing the cakes and biscuits - you are amazing!



Picture News

Next week's Picture News topic is

**'Do we achieve more when
there is a competition?'**



The popular dance competition, Strictly Come Dancing, has returned to TV screens. The 20th series of the competition has the show's largest ever line-up of professional dancers. Fifteen celebrities are competing for the glitterball this year, including presenters Kym Marsh and Helen Skelton, former footballer Tony Adams, Paralympic gold medallist Ellie Simmonds, Eastenders actor James Bye and singer Matt Goss.

Things to talk about at home:

- * Share any competitions that you may have taken part in. Do you enjoy it when things are competitive? What about others at home
- * Do you prefer watching or taking part in competitions?
- * Considering the phrase, 'it's the taking part that counts' - what do you think it means and do you agree?

Hot Chocolate and Cake

This week's winners are:

Reception	Carter C
Year 1	Jasmine L
Year 2	Hannah L
Year 3	Emily B
Year 4	Luke B
Year 5	Martha P
Year 6	Harry H

CLUBS UPDATE

From next week, all football clubs and the quick cricket club will be dismissed from the KS2 gate rather than the front entrance to ease congestion.

We are currently planning our clubs for after half term and hope to send this out next week on Seesaw so please watch out for it. The message will have all of the information about the clubs and the date when the clubs will go live for you to book on Parentpay. There is no need to sign up to Choir again as this club is for the year and we only need to know if your child no longer wishes to take part.

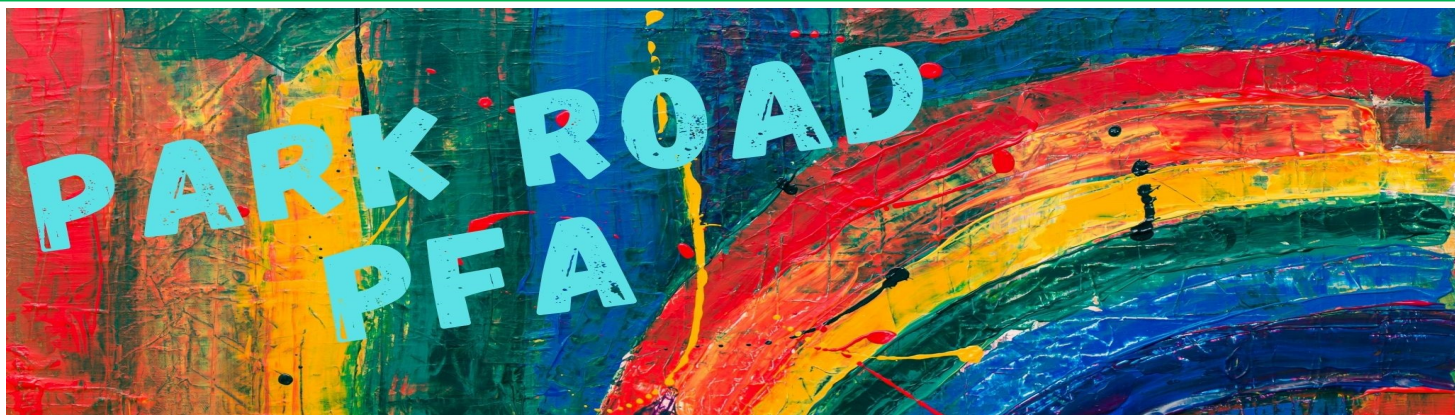
Harvest Festival Collection

Just a reminder that we are still collecting for our Harvest Festival - thank you so much to everyone who has donated so far.

Suggested donation items:

Tinned rice pudding	Custard
Tinned potatoes	Instant potato
Cream crackers	Tinned Fruit
Tinned meats (hot)	Fish/meat paste
Corned beef	Cat food
Angel Delight	Jelly
Long life milk	Selection boxes
Pasta	Tins of biscuits
Chocolates Sweets	Shortbread
Pasta sauces	Cereal
Tinned vegetables	Tinned fish
Rice	Tinned puddings
Soup	Christmas food

Please **check the "use by" dates** and only send in food with longer shelf-lives as the Foodbank need time to sort and distribute the items.



PFA AGM - Update

Our AGM was a huge success, and I am very pleased to announce that we have managed to secure enough members to enable us to continue our efforts for another year.

On behalf of the PFA, past and present, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Helen and Fiona for their dedication and commitment over the past 7 years. Their efforts have been a part of some amazing events which have led to some great opportunities and enhancements for the children and their families. The PFA will not be the same without them however with our newest members, who I would also like to welcome on board, I am sure this year will be just as successful as last!

New faces bring new ideas and a fresh look at our events and with this in mind we are looking for help from parents, and children to identify anything they would like to see this year in term of events, afterschool clubs, opportunities. To gather this information, please could you complete our quick online survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Y9CCZP5>

Thank you as always for your support

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Action Fraud Energy Alert

Action Fraud has received 139 crime reports relating to fake text messages purporting to be from the UK government. The texts state that the recipient is “owed” or “eligible” for an energy bill discount as part of the Energy Bill Support Scheme. The links in the emails lead to genuine-looking websites that are designed to steal your personal and financial information.

How to protect yourself

- Energy Bill Discount : £400 off energy bills for households in Great Britain from October 2022. You do not need to apply for the scheme and you will not be asked for your bank details.
- Spotted a suspicious text message? Forward it to 7726 (it's free of charge). If you forward a text to 7726, your provider can investigate the origin of the text and arrange to block or ban the sender, if it's found to be malicious.

For more information on how to stay secure online, please visit www.cyberaware.gov.uk

