



PARK ROAD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



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WEEKLY UPDATE



Next Week in School at a Glance

Monday 16	Tuesday 17	Wednesday 18	Thursday 19	Friday 20
* Lunch Menu week 3	* Reception Class photograph taken by Warrington Guardian	*	*	* PFA Non Uniform Day in exchange for chocolate

Unique Individuals Learning Together

Mrs. Quigley's weekly message:

The end of our first full week has arrived, and I have to say it has flown by. Reception have spent their first full week in school, and have been amazing. I am so proud of all the children in school and how they have returned. New classes and routines can be tricky to get to grips with, but the children are taking it in their stride with the support of their class adults. Please keep checking Seesaw as teachers will provide learning updates throughout the week.

Next week, we have our non-uniform day to support 'Welcome Chingo'. Chingo is on Thursday 26 September, and I hope as many of you as possible can join us. It's always a wonderful community event, and there will be lots of prizes I'm sure. Fingers crossed I win this year, as last year I was not so lucky!!!

I will also be displaying lots of lost property at the end of each day outside the hall doors. These are all things that are not school uniform, and some look hardly worn, and expensive. Please have a look and take things if they belong to you. Anything left will be donated to charity. I am also busy organising a 'swap shop' where you can come and take uniform that still has life left in it. At the end of the year, there were 5 bin bags full of uniform with no name and unclaimed—again some appearing to be brand new. I have washed everything and it would be good to see these items go to a good home and be worn. Please put your child's name in clothing as we will always make sure it gets back to you if we know whose it is. Again anything left will be donated.

Please can I ask for your help when you are coming onto the school grounds by ensuring that you don't use your mobile phone. This is to safeguard everyone, particularly our children, but also for us to know that you have seen us sending your child over to you at that point. Thank you to all of the parents who are currently using the Tim Parry car park at drop off and pick up—it really does help to keep the immediate school area safe. I know the car park is busy, so if you are able to walk to school, please do so.

Finally, on Monday in assembly and in classes next week we will discuss team member roles—Happiness Heroes, Eco Warriors, Innov8 and Sports Crew. Week commencing 23 September, children will have the chance to present to their class and put themselves forward for the team they would like to join. Anonymous voting will then take place, with the new teams being announced in assembly on Friday 4 October. For our Year 6 children, there is a slightly different process as they will be leading on the teams, and there are some roles which are Y6 specific. Miss Mills will be sharing that directly with Year 6 and parents/carers. Team membership is available from Y1 up (the meetings take place before school, and we like Reception to settle into school life before taking on additional responsibility).

Have a lovely weekend—I believe the good weather is returning again next week for a short while!

Mrs Quigley

Picture News

The Picture News topic for next week is ...

'How can photos shape the world?'



The Wildlife Photographer of the Year shortlist has recently been announced, with just 100 photos left in the competition, following a record-breaking 59228 entries! The winners will be revealed on Tuesday 8 October and displayed in the Natural History Museum in London. To celebrate its Diamond Jubilee (60 years) this year, the competition has also introduced a new Impact Award to recognise conservation successes and stories of hope.

The Wildlife Photographer of the Year is the Natural History Museum's (NHM) annual competition and exhibition, 'highlighting the unique relationship between photography, science and art'.

The competition, which started in 1965 as a magazine contest with just 361 entries, has become, according to the NHM, one of the world's most prestigious photography awards, with over 45000 entries each year and an exhibition seen by millions!

Things to talk about at home:

- * Can you think of any wider benefits of people learning about the Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition?
- * Do you enjoy photography? Do you prefer looking at or taking photos?
- * Do you have a favourite photo? What is it of and who took it?



Jane Goodall with a chimpanzee (1960s) by wildlife photographer, Hugo van Lawick.



Lunch atop a Skyscraper (1932) by photographer, Charles C. Ebbets.

Hot Chocolate and Cake

Each week, the Midday Assistants will choose a child who has demonstrated good manners and our school values at lunchtimes. The children selected from Years 1 to 6 will join Mrs Quigley for hot chocolate and cake the following week (or as soon after that if it is not possible). Reception class will receive a 'carry out' pack to enjoy at home. Well done to the following children chosen this week:

Reception	Heidi R
Year 1	Ellen C
Year 2	Charlie McD
Year 3	Jacob H
Year 4	Hannah L
Year 5	Neel A
Year 6	Olive Y

If a child is unable to attend their Hot Chocolate and Cake event because of an approved absence, we will provide a 'carry out' pack so they can enjoy it at home at their leisure!

Pick Up Notification

If someone is picking up your child, who is not on your approved pick up list, please could you let the office know **before 2 pm** on the collection day so that there is time to get the information to the class staff.

If the person picking up is on your approved pick up list, the class has this on file, so you don't need to let us know on those occasions.

Parentpay - Auto Top Up

Just a reminder that there is an option to set up an automatic top up on Parentpay for your child's dinners/snacks - please click the link below for information on how to do this <https://parent-support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/articles/6273068011665-How-to-enable-Auto-top-up-ATU#how-to-enable-auto-top-up-atu--0-0>. If you would prefer, you are able to set up a low balance alert. Details can be found in the link below <https://www.parentpay.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/How-to-set-up-email-or-text-alerts.pdf>.

No Mobile Phones Used On Site

All adults on the school site, including parents, carers, children and families, should not use mobile phones while on the school grounds for any reason. If you do forget and are reminded, please don't be offended, this is for safeguarding purposes. Thank you.

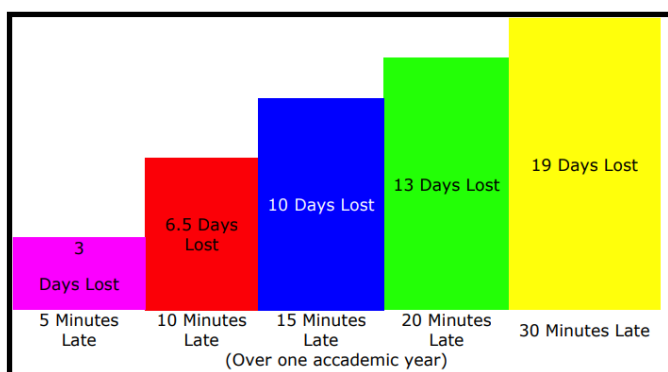
Attendance - Important Information

Regular attendance at school is important for both your child's education and for settling into school. The beginning of a school term or year is particularly an important time for children to settle in to their class and understand any new routines or topics. It is also a time where children may make new friends or re-establish their previous friendship groups. Sometimes young children may find it difficult to get back into their friendship groups after a break so consistent attendance can help to minimise this.

This table below shows how the percentage attendance equates to the amount of school time missed. The school year has 190 days for pupils to attend a year and each day that is missed unnecessarily has an impact on their education. Please remember that there are 175 days per year when your child does not have to attend school so please plan any routine appointments etc for during this time. The 175 days can be used to:

- * Attend routine appointments eg dentist
- * Spend time together
- * Go on family visits
- * Visit friends and family
- * Go on holiday
- * Go shopping
- * Go on days out

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent Days	Equivalent Sessions	Equivalent Weeks	Equivalent Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	18 Sessions	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	38 Sessions	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	58 Sessions	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	72 Sessions	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	96 Sessions	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	114 Sessions	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	134 Sessions	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons



It is not only the number of days that your child is in school that matters but **Every Minute Counts**: If you arrive late to school everyday, your child's learning begins to suffer. This graph shows how being late to school everyday over a school year adds up to lost learning time. Arriving on time allows your child to settle into the school day along with their classmates.

As you may be aware, attendance is a key focus of the Government and there are measures being put into place by Warrington Borough Council to address unauthorised absences. All pupils with an attendance under 90% will be automatically monitored by WBC. As soon as we have confirmation of the measures, we will let you know. In the meantime, please see the websites below for more information.

[School attendance and absence: Overview - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

[School attendance and absence: Legal action to enforce school attendance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

Don't forget, the gates open at **8.35 am** and close at **8.45 am**, please help your child to settle well by arriving on time

Family Fun Welcome Chingo (Chocolate Bingo)

**** Limited availability so please book quickly ****

Our Welcome Chingo (bingo with chocolate prizes!) will take place on Thursday 26 September. There will be two parts to the event: an Early Bird game and a Twilight game with our AGM in the middle.

Doors will open at 4:15 pm, when bingo tickets will go on sale for the Early Bird session (if anyone wishes to stay for both sessions they can buy the full 6 games here). Please note that **children MUST be accompanied by an adult** at the event.

4:30 pm Eyes down for 45 minutes of Early Bird bingo and raffle

5:15 pm [Doors open for the Twilight session bingo ticket sales and serving of pre-ordered food and drinks](#)

5:30 pm AGM commences

5:45 pm Eyes down again for Twilight bingo and raffle

6:30 pm Approximate finish time

There will be 3 games in each session with prizes for first game 1 line, second game 2 lines, 3rd game full house. Entry tickets are 50p per person (tickets are needed for anyone attending including babies or young children), because of the hall capacity. You are able to buy tickets for entry and to pre-order hot dog and drinks on Parentpay until 9 am Monday 23 September. A hot dog is £1 or you can order a hot dog with cold drink for £2. Drinks will also be available to buy on the night. ALL RAFFLE AND CHINGO BOOK SALES WILL BE SOLD ON THE NIGHT ONLY.

Our AGM must be held to keep us compliant with the guidelines set out by the charities commission to uphold our charity status. Without this meeting, we would be forced to close the charity and would no longer be able to provide our school community with the fantastic opportunities they have had so far. The charity's trustees are responsible for its governance and management, and for making decisions about how it should be run. Currently, we have 5 trustees comprising our Chair and 4 other trustees. Our current chair has been in position for 5 years and is willing to stand again should the charity require her to; however, we need some further support to ensure the future of our charity and to be able to run our events. Please have a think over the coming weeks about whether you would like to make a difference and to join us. More information will be sent out prior to the AGM about the charity, its objectives and how you can be involved.

Help: As always, our events can't run without our amazing volunteers. Please help if you can and sign up using the link below. If you are interested in joining the PFA, there is also a section on the sign up sheet to express your interest - this does not mean you are committing to a role as that would require a vote at the AGM, however your interests are noted and appreciated. Please click this link to volunteer/express interest in joining the **PFA - <https://volunteersignup.org/8BCBK>**

Non Uniform Day In Exchange for Chocolate

To make the Chingo Event as fantastic as possible, we need lots of chocolate, so children are able to come to school in their own clothes on Friday 20 September in exchange for a donation of CHOCOLATE! The donated chocolate will then be used to make up the prizes for the games AND the raffles. We hope you will take part in both the Non Uniform and the Chingo so it is the BEST EVER!

Have a lovely weekend!

Kelly

PFA Chair, kellyhpfa@gmail.com



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OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER

JOIN US 4:45PM - 8PM

SESSION 1: 5pm | SESSION 2: 6pm | SESSION 3: 7pm



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Calling all Jigsaw enthusiasts

St Elphin's, St Barnabas & Holy Trinity Churches invite you to join them at St Elphin's Church, Church Street, Warrington, WA1 2TL for a

Jigsaw Festival

20th - 22nd September 2024

Friday: 12.00 - 5.00pm

Sat: 10.00 - 4.00pm

Sunday: 1.00 - 4.00pm



Other Stalls include:

Refreshments

Cake Stall

Chocolate Tombola

Jams Stall

Knitted goods

Candles

Stained Glass

Admission £2.00 - includes free raffle ticket
(free re-admission with programme over the 3 days)
Proceeds to be split between the 3 churches

Trans Pennine Trail Survey

The Trans Pennine Trail (TPT) organisation has asked us to share their visitor survey with families in our school community - the link is below
<https://forms.office.com/e/fJwVhBH6Ka>.

The survey aims to gather valuable feedback and thoughts about the Trail, which will help them to improve and enhance the experience for all visitors.

The deadline for survey submissions is Monday 16 September. Each comment and piece of feedback is incredibly valuable to them, as it will provide insights that benefit both the national office and their partnership efforts.



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Saturday 5 October

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