



# PARK ROAD

## COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



15  
September  
2023

# WEEKLY UPDATE



### Next Week at a Glance

Monday 18	Tuesday 19	Wednesday 20	Thursday 21	Friday 22
* Lunch Menu week 3	* Warrington Guardian photo Reception Class	*	* 3.15- 4.15 pm Choir Y4, 5, 6	* PFA Non-Uniform Day in exchange for chocolate * 8 pm Clubs go live on Parentpay

Value/attribute of the half term: **Curiosity**

## Mrs. Quigley's weekly message:

This week we have completed our first full week in school, and our new Reception children have spent their lunchtime with us. It has been lovely to have the whole school together. Outside at lunchtime I've seen lots of happy faces, children looking after each other and back in the classroom great learning taking place with some excellent questioning and curiosity.

During this school year we will be embarking on a very exciting journey called 'High Performance Learning' or HPL. The philosophy is 'everyone can' which fits so well with our mission statement of 'Unique Individuals Learning Together'. We all have our strengths and talents, but we can all keep trying and growing. Over the term, I will share more around this programme and how it will influence our school. As part of this, programme we have introduced a new award. This award links to our focus value or attribute. Children were recognised today in assembly by their teachers for showing curiosity and using this to help them grow in their learning. Well done to this week's 'Golden Planet Stars'.

Thank you to the parents who were able to join us this week for 'Meet the Teacher'. I know for some of you the timings will not have fitted with other commitments, so teachers will be sharing their information via Seesaw. Please take some time to read this and contact the teacher if you have any questions.

Finally, next week in school, children from Y2-Y6 will have the opportunity to apply to be part of our school teams. These teams meet on a regular basis and work on projects that help to make our school even better. Teachers will share more information about the roles and how to apply. I know we have some amazing children in our school who will have great ideas to share. Next Friday, the successful applicants will be announced in assembly— I'll certainly be looking forward to seeing which children are going to be making up the teams this year! For Reception and Year 1, the children have the opportunity to work with the Y6 leaders and share their ideas as a class, helping them to develop their own communication skills, ready to take on the role in future years.

Have a wonderful weekend—see you all on Monday.

*Mrs Quigley*

## **Picture News**

Next week's Picture News topic is

**'Is a school more than just a building?'**



More than 100 schools across the UK have been affected by a potentially dangerous concrete used in their construction between the 1950s and the mid-90s. The crisis has left some school staff struggling to find temporary accommodation and forced many pupils to begin their academic year learning online. It's not just schools affected; more than 30 hospitals are also believed to be at risk, according to experts.

At the start of September, more than 100 schools discovered they contained a potentially dangerous form of concrete called RAAC. RAAC, which stands for reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete, is a light form of concrete, used in many buildings between the 1950s and mid 1990s. It was only after many buildings had been built with this concrete that it was discovered that the material may lose strength over time and so the government has been monitoring the risks.

Things to talk about at home:

- \* Share your thoughts on this week's news. Are you aware of any local schools or hospitals that have been affected?
- \* For those pupils resuming learning online from home, how do you think they might feel?
- \* Considering school buildings, how do you believe they might change in the future? Can you think of ways to improve school buildings or classrooms?

## **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. Reception class will receive a 'carry out' pack to enjoy at home. Well done to the following children chosen this week:

Reception	Jessica R
Year 1	Beau H
Year 2	Aria H
Year 3	Lexie S
Year 4	Leonard B
Year 5	Heidi E
Year 6	Liam B

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!

## **No Pedestrian Access via School Car Park**

As mentioned in last week's update, please do not use the school car park as a route to/from the KS1 gate as it is for vehicle access only. Please help us to set a good example to the children about using the pavements. There are many vehicles including delivery lorries using the car park and it is a health and safety issue having pedestrians walking through unnecessarily. Thank you for your support with this.

## **Reminder Gates Close at 8.45 am**

Learning starts in class at 8.45 am and the gates close at this time so that the site is secure. Please bear this in mind when planning times to drop children off.

## **Chicken Egg Raffle Suspended**

As you may be aware, there has been a case of bird flu in South Warrington. School is now within a 10km surveillance zone and there are a number of restrictions in place including a ban on removing eggs from the premises without a special licence. This means that the egg raffle will not be able to take place until the surveillance zone has been lifted.

### After School Clubs

Details of the After School clubs on offer for this half term can be found below. All of the clubs will be available to book via Parentpay at 8 pm on **FRIDAY 15 September**. It may take a couple of minutes for them all to appear so please be patient. Please make a note of the dates and pick up times/places for your information and don't forget to fill in the notes field with the name/telephone number of the person collecting and an emergency contact for during the club - without this, your child will not be able to stay.

Please note that clubs are not being offered to Reception class for the first term.

The charge for 5 sessions is £2.50 per child per club (ie 50p a session), multisports will only have 4 sessions at £2. Please only sign up if you can attend each week as there will be no refunds if your child is unable to attend a session. There is no charge for Choir but we do ask that your child commits to attending every week. If a child can't stay for a club, please remember to let the office know in advance so that they can update the registers. Thank you.

Day	Clubs	Years	Time	Collect from	Dates
Tuesday	Performing Arts	1, 2, 3	3.15 - 4.15 pm	Main entrance	26/9 - 24/10
	Crochet (limited spaces)	6	3.15 - 4.15 pm	KS2 Gate	26/9 - 24/10
	Boys Football	3, 4, 5, 6	3.15 - 4.15 pm	KS2 Gate	26/9 - 24/10
Wednesday	Netball Skills	3, 4, 5, 6	3.15 - 4.15 pm	Main Entrance	27/9 - 25/10
	Gardening Club	Y4	3.15 - 4.15 pm	KS2 Gate	27/9 - 25/10
Thursday	Choir	Y4, 5, 6 (only need to sign up if new member this year)	3.15 - 4.15 pm	Main entrance	Starts 21/9, ongoing (not on 28/9)
	Multisports	1 and 2	3.15 - 4.15 pm	KS2 Gate	5/10 - 26/10
Friday	Girls Football	3, 4, 5, 6	3.15 - 4.15 pm	Main entrance	29/9 - 27/10

Football, netball and multisports will be outside unless the weather is bad.

\*\*\*\* Please make sure you add an emergency contact and who will be picking up your child in the NOTES field on Parentpay  
WITHOUT THIS THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO STAY AT THE CLUB \*\*\*\*



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### **Non Uniform Day Friday 22 September**

The PFA are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 22 September in exchange for a donation of chocolate, which will be used for prizes at the Welcome Chingo. The PFA will be collecting the donations on the playground in the morning. As always, if you do not wish to take part by sending chocolate into school, your child can come to school dressed in their uniform as usual.

Watch out next week for a letter in your child's bookbag about our fun Chingo event on Thursday 28 September.

### **Unwanted Gift Bags**

If anyone has any unwanted gift bags of all sizes and styles lying around- we are taking donations.

### **Scarecrow Festival**

We have a scarecrow festival in planning, which will run over the October half term and our full community are invited to participate if they wish. Why not start thinking of ideas for our theme 'book characters'. More information will be sent out next week.

### **AGM**

The PFA's AGM will be held on **Thursday 28 September** during the Chingo event. During the AGM our current position holders all resign their post and a new committee is elected. We need members for the following positions:

CHAIR PERSON  
VICE CHAIRPERSON  
SECRETARY  
TREASURER  
GENERAL MEMBER 1  
GENERAL MEMBER 2  
GENERAL MEMBER 3

Our current Chair person, vice chair person and treasurer are all willing to stand again this year, however if anyone wishes to join and volunteer themselves/someone else for a position then this would go to a vote. Please have a think if you would be willing to help us and join the PFA - we would love for new members to join us. If anyone would like more information or to express an interest, please get in touch (email address below).

Have a lovely weekend

*Kelly*

PFA Chair  
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## Community Pages

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中秋  
沃靈頓中秋嘉滿FUN  
Warrington  
Mid Autumn Festival  
& Hong Kong  
cultural fun day

Bring your family and join us to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival, have fun and meet new friends from Hong Kong in your neighbourhood!

Hong Kong Food  
Lantern crafts  
Snowy Moon cake workshop  
Balloons  
Face painting  
Nail art  
Family Photo  
Games  
Riddles

Date : 23 Sept 2023 ( Sat)  
Time : 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Fee : Free  
Venue : Tim Parry Recreation Ground,  
Cromdale Way, Great Sankey,  
Warrington WA5 3NY  
(Free parking available)

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NETBALL WORLD  
CUP?

WARRINGTON TOWN  
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NETBALL CLUB

WANT TO LEARN THE  
BASICS BEFORE HIGH  
SCHOOL?

BEGINNER NETBALL SESSION FOR  
GIRLS IN YEAR 6 UPWARDS  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT 6-7.30PM  
PENKETH YOUTH CENTRE  
HONITON WAY. STARTS WEDNESDAY  
13TH SEPT. FOR MORE DETAILS  
CONTACT SARAH GOUGH  
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### Families Magazine

The **Sept/Oct 2023** issue is packed full of useful information for parents including:

- What's On in Cheshire nearby for families in September & October
- Best new adventure books for kids
- Phonics resources to assist with reading
- How AI can support dyslexia?
- Making the most of Parents' Evening
- Spooktacular half term fun at RHS Bridgewater
- and loads more.....

The link for this edition is below:

[Families Cheshire Magazine Sep/Oct 2023](#)



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MARTIAL ARTS

NEW CLASSES  
STARTING IN  
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## **Back To School Advice from Cheshire Police:**

As parents and children prepare for the new school year there can be a lot of changes which need to be thought about. Below is some safety advice in relation to internet safety and personal safety when travelling to and from school.

### **Internet Safety**

The internet is such an integral part of children's lives these days. It opens up so many educational and social opportunities, giving them access to, quite literally, a world of information and experiences. Whether on a computer at school, a laptop at home, a games console or mobile phone, children and young people are increasingly accessing the internet whenever they can and wherever they are. As you would protect your child in the real world, you will want to make sure that they are safe whatever they are doing. Like learning to cross the road, online safety skills are skills for life. If your child understands the risks and can make sensible and informed choices online, they can get the most from the internet and stay safe whilst doing so – particularly from those people who might seek them out to harm them.

So, how can you protect your child online? The answer is simple. If you understand the internet and understand what the risks are, there are a number of things you can do that will make your child safer online ... to find out how you can protect your children and for more information about keeping your child safe on the net please visit [www.thinkyouknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkyouknow.co.uk)

### **Travelling to School**

If your child is travelling to school on their own for the first time it can be a very worrying time. Below are some simple steps to make the process easier.

- ◆ Where possible, practise the new journey with your child a few times beforehand. If they will be taking a bus, then practice the run a few times until they are comfortable with the journey.
- ◆ Avoid distractions such as using mobile devices or wearing headphones.
- ◆ Let them know that if there are any incidents on the way to or from school, they can talk to you in the first instance and to keep themselves as safe as possible.
- ◆ Always try to find other students to walk to school with that live nearby to avoid taking the journey alone.
- ◆ Make sure to reiterate to your child that they should only cross the road at safe places, such as zebra crossings or pelican crossings. There might be a gap in between cars on the roads, but it's important that they don't try to slip across the road in the middle of oncoming traffic.

### **Cycle Safety - Advice for cyclists**

Safe and responsible cycling involves thinking about and doing five things:

1. Making good and frequent observations . · Make sure you are aware of who else is around you, and how far away they are. Be aware of potential hazards.
2. Choose the most suitable riding position for each point in your journey. **You** should keep at least 0.5 metres (just over 1.5 feet) away from the kerb edge (and further where it is safer) when riding on busy roads with vehicles moving faster than you. **At** junctions with no separate cyclist facilities, you should position yourself as if you were driving a motor vehicle: Position yourself in the centre of your chosen lane, where you feel able to do this safely, to make yourself as visible as possible and to avoid being overtaken. · **People** cycling are asked to be aware of people driving behind them and allow them to overtake (for example, by moving into single file or stopping) when it's safe to do so. · **Take** care when passing parked vehicles, leaving enough room (a door's width or 1 metre) to avoid being hit if a car door is opened, and watch out for pedestrians stepping into your path. · **Use** cycling infrastructure where it makes your journey safer and easier. This will depend on your experience and skills and the situation at the time. While such facilities are provided for reasons of safety, cyclists may exercise their judgement and are not obliged to use them.
3. Communicating intentions clearly to others · If there are other road users, you can signal to show them what you plan to do, make eye contact where possible.
4. Understanding priorities on the road · **When** turning into or out of a side road, you should give priority to people crossing or waiting to cross. As part of the hierarchy of road users those that can cause greater harm have more responsibility to reduce the risk that they may pose to others. · **When** you are cycling straight ahead at a junction, you have priority over traffic waiting to turn into or out of a side road, unless road signs or markings indicate otherwise. · **You** may pass slower-moving or stationary traffic on their right or left. You should proceed with caution as people driving may not be able to see you. · **You** must obey all traffic signs and traffic light signals.
5. Be prepared · **Always** use lights after dark or when visibility is poor. · **Light**-coloured or fluorescent clothing can help other road users to see you in daylight and poor light, while reflective clothing and/or accessories (belt, arm or ankle bands) can increase your visibility in the dark. · **You** should avoid clothes that may get tangled in the chain, or in a wheel or may obscure your lights when you are cycling. · **Wear** a correctly fitted cycle helmet that is securely fastened and conforms to current regulations.

For more information on cycle safety please visit [www.think.gov.uk/cycle-safety](http://www.think.gov.uk/cycle-safety)