



# PARK ROAD

## COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



# WEEKLY UPDATE

4  
November  
2022



### First Week Back in School at a Glance

Monday 7	Tuesday 8	Wednesday 9	Thursday 10	Friday 11
* Dinner Menu week 2 * 3.15-4.15 pm Disney Stars * <b>Deadline for Parents Evening Requests</b>	* 3.15-4.15 pm Y1/2 Performing Arts Club * 3.15-4.15 pm Y3/4 Science Club * 3.15-4.15 pm KS2 Girls' Football Club	* 2.50 pm Year 4 Class Assembly * 3.15-4.15 pm Choir * 3.15-4.15 pm KS2 Badminton	* 8.30 am Sports Crew * 12 pm Chicken Egg raffle ticket sales * 2.50 pm Year 6 Class Assembly * 3.15-4.15 pm KS2 Boys' Football Club * 3.15-4.15 pm Y5/6 Crochet Club * 3.15 - 4.15 pm PFA Craft Club	* <a href="#">Foodbank Friday Collection</a> * 3.15-4.15 pm KS2 Hockey club * 3.15-4.15 pm Y1/2 Multisports

## Value of the half term: **Kindness**

### Parents Evening Requests

Our Parents Evening appointment letters were sent out earlier this week, please can you return your requests for appointments by Monday 7 November so that the teachers can arrange and co-ordinate appointments. The appointments will be sent out after Wednesday next week.

### Year 4 Class Assembly

The Year 4 Class Assembly will be held on Wednesday 9 November at 2.50 pm. Parents, carers and families of Year 4 are invited to join us to watch the assembly. Entry will be via the KS2 gate at 2.45 pm. We hope you can join us.

### Year 6 Class Assembly

The Year 6 Class Assembly will be held on Thursday 10 November at 2.50 pm. Parents, carers and families of Year 6 are invited to join us to watch the assembly. Entry will be via the KS2 gate at 2.45 pm. We hope you can join us.

### Parent Governor Vacancy

Unfortunately, we did not receive any nominations for the Parent Governor position and the vacancy is still open. If you would be interested in joining our Governing Body or would like to know more about the role and would like to speak to either Mrs Parkinson or our Chair of Governors, Pauline Crosthwaite, please let the school office know and they will arrange a call or meeting.

### Thank You from the Immunisation Team

The flu immunisations will be carried out on Monday 14 November and the NHS team have thanked us for the great response from the Park Road Community in confirming whether or not you would like your child to be vaccinated. It is such a help to them to know that you have received the request and made your choice so THANK YOU to everyone who has completed the form. Full details on how to register your wishes can be found in the Seesaw announcements from the school office.

## Picture News

The Picture News topic is

**'Should more be done to help rescue pets?'**



Animal rescue groups in countries around the world are seeing a jump in the number of animals being brought to their shelters as household finances are squeezed. One of the main causes is thought to be the cost of living crisis, which has meant many different costs have increased. This includes pet food ingredients such as meat, grains and micronutrients, all of which have become more expensive in recent months.

Things to talk about at home:

- \* Do you know anyone who has rescued an animal from a shelter? What do you think are some of the reasons people choose to do this?
- \* Is there an animal shelter near where you live? What do you know about it?

## Hot Chocolate and Cake

This week's winners are:

Reception	Evelyn D
Year 1	Lyla C
Year 2	Ava G
Year 3	Isla L
Year 4	Michael A
Year 5	Emma B
Year 6	Alfie C

## Poppy Appeal

We will continue selling Poppies in school next week. The paper poppies are available for a donation or children are able to purchase the items shown below, **please send orders in clearly marked envelopes with details of the items you wish to purchase including the colour option, if applicable**, and the teachers will place the order with the office.

Paper poppies	Donation of your choice
Zip pulls	50p each
Reflectors	50p each
2022 Pin Badge	£2 each
Wristband	£1 each
Snap Band	£1.50 each



## Families Magazine

The latest edition of the Families online magazine, '**Cheshire Christmas**' issue, is full of helpful information for parents including:

- 'What's On' in Cheshire during November and December for Families
- Local Pantomime Productions
- Why should my child aim for university?
- Educating for the future
- How to choose the right Christmas Tree and lots more

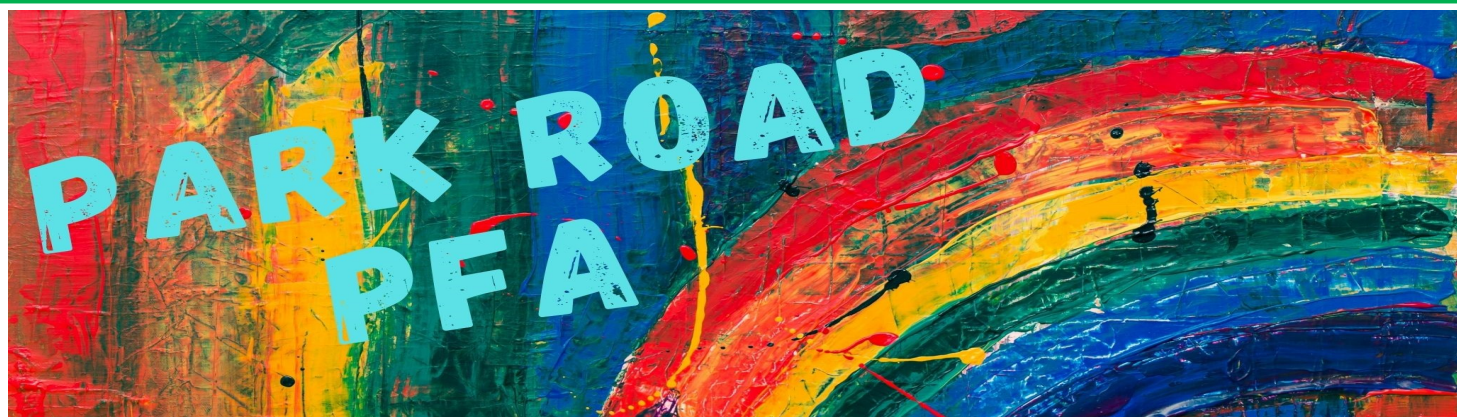
The link for the magazine can be found below:  
<https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/familiescheshirenovemberdecember22print>

## Winter Educational Visit Ezine

The Educational Visits UK Winter Magazine provides information about what is happening in your area over the coming months.

The link for the magazine can be found below:  
[Winter Digital Magazines - Educational Visits UK.](#)

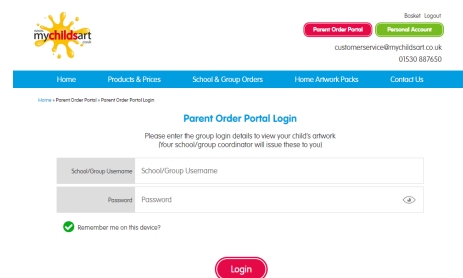




## **Christmas Card Orders - Portal Now Open**

The Christmas cards have been uploaded onto the portal and it is live for orders. The signing in details were sent out on Seesaw earlier this week. The link to the portal is

<https://mychildsart.co.uk/order/parent-portal/login/>



## **Save the Dates**

We just wanted to give you a couple of dates to pencil in your diaries - we will be sending out some more information shortly. It should hopefully be a lovely family event and we can't do it without your help so if you would be able to spend a little bit of your time to help, we would be very grateful. We will send out the volunteer link next week so please watch out for it.

### **CHRISTMAS MARKET**



**THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER**

### **CHRISTMAS DISCO**



**THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER**

## **Christmas Clothing**

The PFA and Eco Warriors are working together on a project that ticks so many boxes. The project will recycle unwanted clothes, save money for families AND raise money for the PFA. The idea is that everyone donates their unwanted Christmas tops and jumpers, the PFA will sort the items and offer them for sale at a small charge so everyone can have a new top at a fraction of the price. Tops and jumpers of all sizes welcome! The PFA will be collecting items from 31 October until November.

Have a lovely weekend  
Kelly, PFA Chair





## Check in & Chat Sessions October 2022—July 2023

Our **Check in & Chat** sessions have been really well attended this year. These sessions all take place at **Sandy Lane Children's Centre** and are your opportunity to chat with the team and other parent carers and share your experiences. Some sessions are general chat sessions and some we invite professionals to come along and chat to you or answer any questions you may have about the services they work in. We are also looking into some information and training sessions so keep your eye on our Facebook page and website for further information coming soon ...

Monday 17th October 12.30pm till 2.30pm  
Friday 11th November 10am till 12pm  
Monday 21st November 12.30pm till 2.30pm  
Friday 9th December 10am till 12pm  
Monday 19th December 12.30pm till 2.30pm  
Monday 9th January 12pm till 2pm  
Friday 27th January 10am till 12pm  
Monday 13th February 12pm till 2pm  
Friday 3rd March 10am till 12pm  
Monday 13th March 12pm till 2pm  
Friday 31st March 10am till 12pm  
Monday 21st April 10am till 12pm  
Monday 8th May 12pm till 2pm  
Friday 26th March 10am till 12pm  
Monday 12th June 12pm till 2pm  
Friday 30th June 10am till 12pm  
Monday 17th July 12pm till 2pm



## NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2022



### A Note From Your Chair



I am delighted to welcome you to the Autumn edition of our Newsletter. My team are all volunteers, each of us are carers for our own children and young people with Special Educational Needs. Like you we have that lived experience which makes us passionate about what we do, making sure that your young people live their best lives with great outcomes. We work tirelessly on your behalf across Education, Health, Social Care and other partners across Warrington, the North-West and Nationally.

WarrPAC are currently involved in 23 workstreams, the most impactful being the SEND Board Chaired by the Director of Children's Services where we can bring your voice to the highest level of decision making. Other workstreams include the Neurodevelopment Pathway Board led by health and Clinical Commissioners, this encompasses waiting lists, communication, lack of OT's, equipment and everything in the middle. We have met with senior staff from the CDC around waiting times, suggesting and coproducing a letter for families informing them of long-awaited results. We knew there was a shortage of consultants so we asked them to email/post out a result letter initially as a much quicker process than waiting for a face-to-face appointment. This is now part of their clinical practice. You told us Communication with families is a massive issue so we have held those teams to account telling them it needs to be better and how to improve. Meeting and challenging the transport team on the annual issues we have, especially at the start of a new academic year. We have been instrumental in challenging parental costings around post 19 transport very recently after being approached by parent/carers. We are also in a great position to deliver the positive comments that we had from over 60 families who contacted us in crisis during COVID, whose cases we were able to take directly to Education, Health and Social Care who stepped up with positive outcomes for all of them.

The LA and Health Services are doing some great work behind the scenes in the most challenging times financially for SEND so it is vital we work together as a community to find smart solutions. Whilst we have a good working relationship with the LA and health we are independent of them and very much a critical friend. We challenge them without prejudice on your behalf to ensure your voice is heard at the highest level so we can change things for the better. We hear you and I can assure you

we are giving you your voice.

**Jean**

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Warrington Parents & Carers Forum is a voluntary group of enthusiastic, dedicated and experienced parents and carers of children and young people with disabilities and additional needs. We work in partnership with parents and local organisations with the overall aim of improving the quality of life for our children and their families.

## Could you Volunteer?

WarrPAC has an extremely large work-load, we could do much more with a bigger team. If you would like the opportunity to volunteer alongside a friendly, professional, passionate, caring, fun loving team check us out, we have a great volunteer pack if you want to know more.

## So what have we been up to?

With such a high workload for a relatively small group of volunteers we often find we are so busy working that we rarely get chance to feedback about the work we are doing let alone **celebrate our many achievements**. We thought it would be nice to share some of the recent work we are most proud of...

Gail has developed a **new section of our website for induction and training** of volunteers. This has streamlined our induction process and we have been asked to share this with other forums. We are also working on an **online registration form** to make it easier for our members to join.

Our **Check in & Chat sessions** have been **well attended** and evening sessions are **growing**. As the heart of what we do, this is really something to celebrate as these sessions are critical for us to gather live feedback about SEND services to ensure your voice is heard at the right time by the right people to achieve positive outcomes.

We are very proud that **during the pandemic we have managed to grow both our team and our involvement in strategic work**, we are currently part of more than **26 workstreams**.

During the pandemic we also met regularly with the local authority and by working together we **supported 75 families facing individual issues, to achieve positive outcomes**. We are incredibly proud that we could support those families at such a critical time and would like to express our gratitude to the professionals who went over and above to reach a positive resolution for those families.

## A great big WarrPAC WELCOME!



We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest volunteer parent representative's Lorraine and Laura R. Having joined us during the pandemic they have certainly hit the ground running and wholeheartedly embraced their role. Lorraine and Laura have been busy meeting parents at our check in and chat sessions as well as attending strategic meetings to present the collective experiences of our families. Both parent-carers themselves, they bring with them a wealth of knowledge and experience to complement our already widely experienced team.

## AGM

Last month we held our Annual General Meeting and the forum voted to keep all members in their current positions within the team. The team also voted for existing parent representative Laura F to take on the role of forum secretary. Our team now looks like this ...

**Chair**—Jean Fitzpatrick

**Parent Representatives...**

**Vice-Chair**— Gail Hall

Andrea Machin

**Development Officer**— Sharon Wilson

Julie Crane

**Treasurer**— Beccy Bichiou

Lakshmi Saye Narayanan

**Secretary**—Laura Forster

Lorraine Madden

Laura Ridings

Make A Difference

Our office is at Sandy Lane Children's Centre, WA2 9HY

Your Voice Matters



## Community Information

### Time for a new start this winter?

if you're out-of-work and struggling to make ends meet, Springboard can help get you into work quickly!

Work with our team of experts and receive 121 support to help with:

- CV writing
- Applying for jobs
- Training opportunities
- Interviews skills

And much more!

With the cost-of-living on the rise, Springboard can help you have a stress-free Christmas.

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### Springboard

For advice from an employment specialist based around Cheshire and Warrington. You can meet with them locally face-to-face or online, whichever is best for you. Full support with CV's, interview skills, job searching and applying for jobs. Their contact details are shown on the leaflet to the left.

### GET INVOLVED IN RESEARCH

## Have you taken your child to hospital with a fever?

Take part in the CHILLED Study

### What is the study about?

Fever (a high temperature) is extremely common in children, and we know that more parents are taking their child to hospital when their child has a fever. We would like to understand the reasons for this. The study aims to help us understand how, and why, parents bring their child to a hospital emergency department when they have a fever.

### What is involved?

Taking part involves being interviewed and helping the researcher to create a timeline to show what happened to you and your child.

### Who can take part?

We would like to hear from you if you are a parent/carer with an experience of bringing your child to the hospital with a fever.

### How can I take part?

Great! If you are willing to take part in this study, please contact Courtney Franklin for more information.

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### Chilled Study

For parents who are happy to take part, this would involve one interview (over Zoom if more convenient) for approximately 1 hour, where they'll be asked to share their thoughts and feelings about their experience. There is also a chance to win a voucher as a 'thank you' for taking part.