



PARK ROAD

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



WEEKLY UPDATE

6
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2024



Next Week in School at a Glance

Monday 9	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11	Thursday 12	Friday 13
* Lunch Menu week 3 * Flu immunisation catch up	* 2.15 pm KS1 Christmas Performance (adults only) - tickets needed for entry	* 9.30 am KS1 Christmas Performance - tickets needed for entry	*	* Festive Forest School Day Years 2 - 6

Persevere, Respect, Collaborate

Mrs. Quigley's weekly message:

Christmas has fully arrived at Park Road this week. Our Happiness Heroes, HPL Ambassadors, Animal Welfare Ambassadors, Head Boy and Girl have decorated the tree in the hall - assisted by Mrs Robinson - and the stage has been transformed ready for our Christmas performances. I'm sure you will agree from the pictures later in the update, it is certainly looking magical.

Today we enjoyed a performance of Beauty and the Beast which was fun-filled and a truly wonderful experience. Thank you to the PFA who organised this as it really was such a fantastic way to end the week. Also, a special thank you to Carol and the kitchen staff who put together panto picnic lunches for the children who ordered a school lunch.

Next week, we have exciting events happening. Tuesday and Wednesday are the Reception/KS1 performances, and I know from the sneak peeks I've seen, the audience are in for a treat. Please read the details for the gate opening times and tickets carefully on the next page.

At the end of the week, Miss Taylor, Mrs Preston and Miss Pick our Forest School Team will be hosting a Festive Forest School experience for all classes. Years 2 to 6 will take place on Friday 13, and Reception and Year 1 will be on Monday 16 December. Please can children wear their PE kits on the day they are taking part, bring a waterproof coat and a change of shoes - this can be wellies or an extra pair of trainers. I'm sure it will be a great day with festive forest crafts, campfires and maybe even a sweet treat! Teachers will share more via Seesaw.

In assembly this week, we talked about challenging ourselves to an 'Advent of Kindness' as part of our HPL focus: Empathy. This week, I have seen children holding open doors for each other, making special notes for people to bring a smile to their face, and even had children bring in home learning inspired by advent. Well done to Park Road - this is what makes us the lovely school we are, and I certainly feel very lucky to be the headteacher here.

Finally, every year I make a chocolate sleigh and house, filled with sweets and chocolate, to be raffled off and the money is donated to our PFA funds. Raffle tickets are £1 and can be purchased either via classes or at one of the performances over the next 2 weeks. I've attached some pictures later in this update with details, but if you would like to win, please do buy a raffle ticket. My house currently smells pretty sweet and delicious! The sleigh and house will be making their way into school from Monday to keep them safe and avoid temptation!!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and continue to feel joy and happiness during this festive period.

See you on Monday.
Mrs Quigley

Picture News

The Picture News topic for next week is ...

'Should everyone have the opportunity to be a star?'



Wicked, the hugely successful Broadway musical, has recently premiered worldwide as a film. Wicked shares a different perspective of the events in the magical land featured in 'The Wizard of Oz', prior to Dorothy's arrival. It is the story of Elphaba (a misunderstood witch), who later becomes the Wicked Witch of the West, and her friendship with Glinda, who becomes the Good Witch. Karis Musongole, aged 10 from Manchester, plays the young version of Elphaba.

Karis is from Manchester and when chosen to play the young Elphaba, she said it felt like she was in a fairytale. The actor joined an all-star cast that included Cynthia Erivo (as adult Elphaba) and singer Ariana Grande (as Glinda the Good Witch).

Things to talk about at home:

- * What have you heard about the film Wicked? Is it something you have seen or would like to see? Ask someone at home. Are they familiar with the story of The Wizard of Oz?
- * Do you like performing on stage? Do you like other roles or responsibilities in plays or performances? Talk about the importance of each role and how our different strengths can all be celebrated.

Hot Chocolate and Cake

The children chosen this week, who have demonstrated good manners and our school values at lunchtimes and will join Mrs Quigley next week (or as soon after if that is not possible) for hot chocolate and cake:

Reception	Rose C
Year 1	Freja P
Year 2	Lilly G
Year 3	Harley C
Year 4	Adam Y
Year 5	Leonard B
Year 6	Chelsea S

Illness

As expected in the winter months, seasonal illnesses are circulating and to support parents, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has published advice on how to reduce their spread.

The advice to schools is to continue maintaining high attendance expectations and that parents should refer to NHS guidance to know when a child is too ill for school <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>. Pupils should not miss school on a precautionary basis and can normally attend school with a cough or cold, unless they have a fever, diarrhoea or vomiting.

Christmas Cheer

As mentioned in Mrs Quigley's update, here are the photographs of the Chocolate Sleigh and House that are to be raffled to raise funds for the PFA and of our beautiful Christmas tree.



KS1 Christmas Performances

The KS1 Christmas performances will be next week on Tuesday 10 December at 2.15 pm (adults only) and Wednesday 11 December at 9.30 am (children welcome).

For the Tuesday 2.15 pm performance, the KS1 gate will be opened at 2.00 pm to allow time for everyone to be seated by 2.15 pm - the gate will be locked promptly at this time.

For the Wednesday 9.30 am performance, the KS1 gate will be opened at 9.15 pm to allow time for everyone to be seated by 9.30 am - the gate will be locked promptly at this time.

As there is restricted access to the performance, **please do arrive promptly as we may not be able to admit late arrivals.**

The tickets are numbered and **MUST** be presented to be admitted to the performance. We are unable to replace any lost tickets so please do take extra special care of them! If you forget to bring your ticket with you, we will ask you to wait until everyone else has been admitted, so we can ensure there is a seat available for you.

Pets Corner

Joseph Littler in Y5 has 3 pets. A Labrador called Chase. He is 4 years old and likes to eat anything and everything. He's very bouncy and giddy and he loves Joseph.



He also has 2 Horsfield tortoises, called Mickey and Minnie. They are around 9 or 10 years old, and love to eat



lamb's lettuce, strawberries and dandelions. Chase loves to 'play' with the tortoises, but doesn't understand why they don't run around.



Christmas Card Appeal

This year, Year 2 will again be creating Christmas cards in class for people who have to spend time in hospital over the festive season.

Every year, the feedback given to the NHS by patients is how fantastic it is to receive these cards and it really does make a difference to the patients during the festive season.

The children's Christmas pictures become part of a pack created for the patients and include an NHS Trust message and activities as well as the children's pictures.

If you would also like to help in this act of kindness and make a card, you are able to send them into school and Mrs Wilkinson will pass them on to her sister, who works for the NHS Trust.



Dance Show

Last Friday evening, it was the Felicia Burns School of Dance performance at the Parr Hall. Girls from across school took part and here are a few photographs of them all. Their parents commented on how well the evening went. Well done girls for demonstrating our value perseverance - we hope you enjoyed your evening!



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Christmas Raffle



Chocolate house and sleigh, filled with sweets.



Tickets only £1



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WARRINGTON

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2nd-3rd January 2025
9am-3pm
11am-3pm for FREE* funded sessions

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Department for Education



*FREE places available to eligible Warrington borough resident children who are in receipt of benefit related free school meals or SEND (subject to approval)

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Monday 5-7pm

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OUR OTHER CLASSES

Lymm Rugby Club
Monday & Tuesday: 3.45-5.45:
Yr7 to GCSE

Newton le Willows Cross Lane United Church
Monday: 4.30-6.30:
Yr7 to GCSE

Grappenhall Ex-Servicemen's Club
Wednesday: 4.30-6.30:
Yr7 to GCSE

Sandy Lane Community Centre Stockton Heath
Wednesday 4.30-6.30
Thursday: 4.15-6.15:
Yr7 to GCSE

St Wilfrid's Parish Centre Grappenhall
Wednesday: 4.30-6.30:
Yr1 to Yr6

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