



# PARK ROAD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



## WEEKLY UPDATE

6  
September  
2024



### Next Week in School at a Glance

Monday 9	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11	Thursday 12	Friday 13
* Lunch Menu week 2	*	*	*	*

## Unique Individuals Learning Together

### Mrs. Quigley's weekly message:

Welcome back to the new school year. It seems just a moment ago we were enjoying ice creams on the last day and waving our previous Year 6 children off into their next journey. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer.

It was lovely to see all of our children on Wednesday; they looked incredibly smart in their new uniforms and it was wonderful to once again have the school filled with happy and smiling children. A very warm welcome to the new members of our school community, whether in our new Reception class or joining other classes. We are so pleased to have you with us and I know that everyone will make you feel very welcome. We would also like you to join us in welcoming our new members of staff to school: Miss Pick in Year 1, Miss Haine in Year 3 and Mr Taylor, who will be working across school providing sports provision and classroom support. Welcome Chingo is fast approaching and our PFA are working hard to organise this. If you shop at Asda, please sign up to the new Cashpot for Schools to support our school - more details can be found on the PFA's page (number 5).

You may have noticed we have had some external work completed this summer. We have had the KS2 paths replaced and tarmacked, photographs added to the front external windows and new sail shades installed on the field. Mr Finch has also been working very hard in our forest school area, along with Miss Taylor and Mrs Preston who will be starting forest school shortly. Children across school, throughout the year will have the chance to access this during the school day, and we will also be offering clubs for this later in the year. I'm sure you will agree that the school looks lovely after all of this work.

Every morning, wherever possible, I will be on one of the entry gates each day, so do come and have a chat if you have a query that the class teacher or the office can't help with, or to just generally keep in touch. Whenever I can, I will also be out at the end of the day.

This half term, we will be focusing on our mission statement as part of our values work whilst we refine our values programme. Thank you to the families who managed to share feedback and help us in this process.

Finally, please can I draw your attention to our uniform policy and expectations on the next page. We do not require any school logo branded items unless you wish but do ask children to wear the correct uniform. In the next few weeks we will be holding a swap shop where you are welcome to come and take some new uniform if you're still waiting to buy new items. We have lots of sizes and lots of nearly new items. Can I also ask for your support with water bottles—some children have very large bottles and they take up a lot of learning space, as well as making a lot of noise when they fall. Children are able to refill throughout the day so they do not need to have a water bottle larger than standard size.

Have a wonderful weekend, and I'll look forward to seeing you all on Monday. Mrs Quigley

### **Absence Requests/Notifications**

As you may have heard on the news, the Government is introducing new measures to improve attendance in school, including fines for unauthorised absences. For more details, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence/legal-action-to-enforce-school-attendance>. The fines will be administered by the council and, once we have details on how this will work, we will share the information.

Please let us know as soon as possible of any planned absences but at least 14 days before the first day of absence. The children usually let us know about their holidays but it is useful to have it officially!.

### **Drop Off/Pick Up Request**

At the start of the school day, the pavements and entrances to school are very busy. Please can we ask parents and carers to stand to one side of the paths and be aware of other footpath users who may need to pass by safely.

To ease the congestion at the front of school in the mornings and evenings and to safeguard children crossing the roads, please remember to use the car parks at either end of the Tim Parry Recreation Ground rather than parking at the front of school. A minute of walking is worth it to protect our children and it helps us to support our neighbours and the wider community. Please remember to mention this to any other members of the family or friends who may be picking up at any time. Thank you for your support with this.

Please remember that KS2 children should be dropped at the gate and parents/carers should not enter the area beyond the gate - any queries can be given to staff on the gate or to the school office.

KS1 children and parents/carers can only enter and exit school via the KS1 gate and should not access the KS2 areas of school.

Finally, please could we ask for your help at the end of the day by collecting your children promptly and then leaving the playground, to allow our outside clubs to start. If you need to speak to a teacher, please sign in through the office.

### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

Please remember the following information regarding school uniform - teachers will be following up any queries with parents/carers.

#### **Bookbag/Alternative Bag Size**

School has limited cloakroom space and children should bring in only essential items. Bookbags are available from the school or uniform suppliers or you can purchase any bag **that is no bigger when filled than H: 31cm, W: 37cm. D: 8cm.**

#### **School Uniform**

We would like to remind you of our School Uniform Policy - please see the details below.

<b>Boys' School Uniform</b>	
<b>Uniform Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>
White polo shirt	Not a shirt or crew neck t-shirt
Grey trousers or shorts	Plain school trousers
Grey or black socks	
Black shoes	Not trainers
Black sweatshirt or jumper	Not grey, no branding

<b>Girls' School Uniform</b>	
<b>Uniform Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>
White polo shirt	Not a shirt or crew neck t-shirt
Grey skirt, pinafore, trousers or shorts	No branding
Grey or white socks or grey tights	
Black shoes	Not trainers or sandals
Black sweatshirt, cardigan or jumper	Not grey, no branding
<b>Optional summer uniform</b>	
Light blue gingham check dress with white or black cardigan	No other colour

<b>PE Uniform (whole school) to be worn on PE Day only</b>	
<b>PE Uniform Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Plain white T shirt	Round necked, not collared, no branding
Black shorts or skirt	No branding
Black jogging bottoms or leggings	Not grey/blue, no branding
Black sweatshirt or zip up tracksuit top	No other colour or branding
Black or white trainers	No other colours or embellishments

The School Uniform Network shop is in Golden Square and stocks free school uniform for families who need it. They also accept donations of any unwanted uniform - full details of can be found on our website at [www.parkroadprimary.co.uk/parents/school-uniform](http://www.parkroadprimary.co.uk/parents/school-uniform).

## **Picture News**

The Picture News topic for next week is ...

**'How can we respond to unexpected events?'**



Space agency, Nasa, says two astronauts stuck on the International Space Station (ISS) won't return to Earth until next year. Sunita Williams and Barry 'Butch' Wilmore originally went on an eight-day mission but have currently been in space for three months. The Boeing Starliner spacecraft they were supposed to return on has a problem, so they need to wait for a different space capsule to bring them home in February. The astronauts will continue researching whilst they are there.

Sunita and Barry journeyed into space in early June on a spacecraft called the Starliner. The spacecraft encountered problems on its way out, and it was deemed unsafe for them to return on that craft. It has now been decided that the pair will stay on the ISS until another scheduled trip in February 2025. They will have been in space for around eight months, though the original trip should have been just eight days! This unexpected stay has turned the pair into full-time crew members on the ISS. They will join in with the upcoming SpaceX Crew-9 mission, taking on essential duties, such as conducting spacewalks, maintaining the station, and participating in scientific experiments.

Things to talk about at home:

- \* How do you think the astronauts felt upon hearing the news that they would be staying much longer in space than originally planned?
- \* Can you think of a time you were in an unexpected situation or a time when you needed to change your plans? How did you deal with it?

## **Dates for the Diary**

Our Dates for the Diary will be sent out on Seesaw shortly and a hard copy will be sent home on Monday for every child. These are all of the key dates for the year so that you can plan ahead. Wherever possible, we try to keep to these dates but there may be occasions beyond our control where they may need to change. Where this happens, we will give you as much notice as we can.

## **Clubs**

Our clubs offer for this half term is shown on the next page. The clubs will go live from Monday - they will go on as soon as we can, but it will depend on the workload in the office so please bear with us - we won't be able to give you exact timings of when this will be.

For Choir, it is the start of a new academic year so we are not carrying over any members and will be starting from new. There is no charge for Choir and it is open for years 4 to 6. The membership is for the full year so you only need to contact us if your child no longer wishes to take part and you do not need to sign up each half term.

There is very limited availability for the baking clubs and, because of this, children will only be able to do it once in the year.

## **Water Bottles - 500ml Maximum**

A number of children have been bringing in very large water bottles, but unfortunately, they are causing problems in the classroom by being knocked over or being unable to fit on the tables, thus limiting the availability to the children. Please can we ask that children have a water bottle no bigger than the school water bottles, ideally around 500ml. Thank you for your support with this.

## **Snack Price Increase**

Please remember the increase in price for snacks from September 2024:

Piece of fruit - 25p  
Milk - 32p  
Toast - 30p  
Crumpets and fruit juice - 35p

School meals remain at £2.60.

## 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 across next week

**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.**

Clubs are not being offered to Reception class for the first term.

The charge for 4 sessions is £3 per child per club (ie 75p a session), Crochet and Dodgeball are for 2 weeks only so will be £1.50 per child per club. 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 and your child will be able to leave as usual rather than going to the club.**

Day	Clubs	Years	Time	Collect from	Dates
Monday	Baking	5, 6	3.15 - 4.15 pm	KS1 Gate	23/9 - 14/10
Tuesday	Performing Arts	1, 2, 3	3.15 - 4.15 pm	Main entrance	24/9 - 15/10
	Netball	3, 4, 5, 6	3.15 - 4.15 pm	KS2 Gate	24/9 - 15/10
	Baking	3, 4	3.15 - 4.15 pm	KS1 Gate	24/9 - 15/10
Wednesday	Multisports	1, 2	3.15 - 4.15 pm	Main Entrance	25/9 - 16/10
	Gardening	5, 6	3.15 - 4.15 pm	KS2 Gate	25/9 - 16/10
Thursday <b>(2 weeks only)</b>	Choir	4, 5, 6	3.15 - 4.15 pm	Main Entrance	<b>3/10 - 10/10</b>
	Crochet	5, 6	3.15 - 4.15 pm	KS2 Gate	<b>3/10 - 10/10</b>
	Dodgeball	1, 2	3.15 - 4.15 pm	KS1 Gate	<b>3/10 - 10/10</b>
Friday	Baking	1,2	3.15 - 4.15 pm	KS1 Gate	27/9 - 18/10
	Football	3, 4, 5, 6	3.15 - 4.15 pm	Main Entrance	27/9 - 18/10

**\*\*\*\* 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 \*\*\*\***



Parents, Friends Association

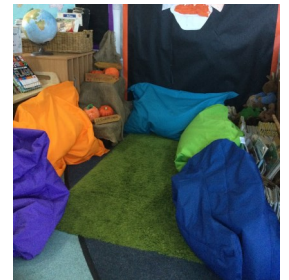


For all who are not familiar with us, we are the parent-run fundraising team here within the school who put on events, apply for grants and raise funds throughout the year to improve and enhance the children's learning opportunities and resources.

We hold lots of fun-filled and exciting events throughout the year with our Welcome Chingo and AGM just weeks away on Thursday 26 September - we hope you will be able to join us and more details will follow in next week's Weekly Update about this event.



We hope to have the pleasure of seeing some new faces this year as well as welcoming back familiar faces. A new year means new funds... last year the PFA gave each class £250 to spend on enhancing the classroom. Over summer, we delivered all the new items into school including a tuff tray with resources, emotions resources, reading corner furniture, guided reading materials and much more.



The funds have now refreshed for this year and we hope to be able to support the teachers more.

### **Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools**

If you have an Asda Rewards card/app, there is a now an option to opt in to a Cashpot for Schools. It doesn't affect the rewards you collect for yourself so you still get 100% of the rewards for your shopping, but you can opt in to Cashpots for Schools in addition and we will receive £1 for every new sign up plus the value of 0.05% of your shopping. So far we are on £138.22 with over 80 days to go. It is easy to sign up but if you have any problems, please get in touch with the PFA or school office and we'll be happy to help.

Cashpot for schools

Park Road Community Primary School

You have raised

**£138.22**

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Have a lovely weekend!

Kelly

PFA Chair, kellyhpfa@gmail.com

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# FESTIVAL

Sunday 15th September - 10am-4pm

The Engine Rooms, Birchwood Park, 101 Faraday st Warrington

SPECIAL GUESTS:

**Hunted Star & Motivational Speaker - Jaxon Feeley**  
**Warrington Wolves Mascot - Wolfie**

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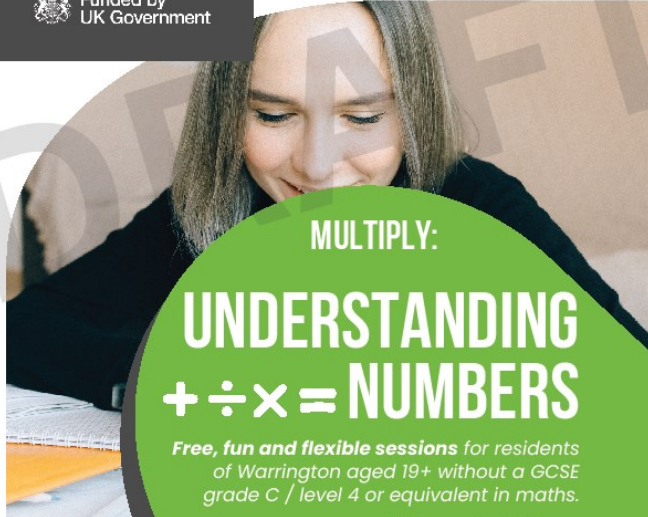
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