



# PARK ROAD

## COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

# WEEKLY UPDATE



8  
March  
2024



### Next Week in School at a Glance

Monday 11	Tuesday 12	Wednesday 13	Thursday 14	Friday 15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Lunch Menu week 2</li> <li>* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Disney Stars</li> <li>* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y3/4 Baking Club</li> <li>* 3.15 pm Y5/6 Homework Club</li> <li>* 3.15 pm Parents Forum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Rec/ Y1/2/3 Performing Arts</li> <li>* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y3/4 Book Club</li> <li>* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y5/6 Crochet</li> <li>* 3.15 - 4.15 pm KS2 Cross Country</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Y4 residential trip to York</li> <li>* <b>NO</b> Dodgeball</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* 2.50 pm Y5 Class Assembly</li> <li>* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Choir</li> <li>* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Rec/Y1/2 Baking</li> <li>* <b>NO</b> Indoor Running/Keep Fit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Chicken raffle tickets on sale</li> <li>* <b>Comic Relief Non-Uniform</b></li> <li>* <b>NO</b> Circuits</li> </ul>

Current value/attribute: **Confidence and Practise**

### Mrs. Quigley's weekly message:

This week we have had our monthly visit from Mark at HPL who has been continuing to work with staff to develop our use of values and cognitive performance characteristics across school. As a school community, we already had a strong values curriculum but this work will further enhance and support our children as they continue to develop and grow. Mark was very complimentary and was so impressed with the children's behaviour and attitudes. Following parents' evening, I have asked Mark to deliver a parents' workshop as so many of you were keen to find out more. This will be on Thursday 18 April at 2.15 pm, but for those parents who can't attend in the day, I will record and upload as much of the workshop as possible. I do hope you can save the date and join us for some coffee and cake and take away some HPL background knowledge.

Today we have celebrated World Book Day, and in true Park Road style we have seen some wonderful and creative costumes. All children had the chance to visit the library and spend some time exploring new books in the hall, as well as taking part in class activities. The whole school read the book 'The Dot' and then designed their own dot to represent themselves. They really do represent our amazing children who are all unique, but come together to learn. We will be displaying these in the coming weeks around school, and I look forward to sharing some pictures with you. Teachers will have shared lots from the day on Seesaw, so we hope this gives you a little flavour of the day across school!

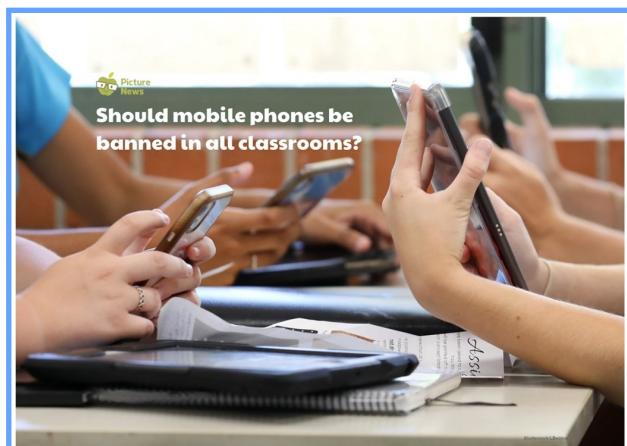
Finally, attached to the newsletter is a form to complete if you would like to join us for the Big Dig on Friday 22 March. Class times are within this, but if you can't come then, or wish to come for longer we would love to have you. As I know from recently spending time in my own garden, once the winter ends there is a lot to do to prepare for Spring and planting—any help will be greatly appreciated! Once I have volunteer numbers, I will be in touch next week with further details. If anyone can't come, but you are happy for your child to use a trowel, or gardening tool from your own home, please feel free to send in on the day, named, as the more equipment we have the better!

Have a lovely restful weekend, and I will see you Monday.  
Mrs Quigley

## **Picture News**

The Picture News topic for next week is ...

**‘Should mobile phones be banned in all classrooms?’**



Ministers have confirmed plans to ban the use of mobile phones in English schools and have released guidance for headteachers. The guidance is not statutory and offers schools different ways of introducing the ban. These include an order to leave all phones at home, handing them in on arrival, keeping them in inaccessible lockers or allowing pupils to keep them, on the condition they are not used or heard.

Things to talk about at home:

- \* Share your experience of mobile phones and other portable devices. Do you use them at home or at school? Do you enjoy using them?
- \* Discuss with people at home your thoughts on the new guidance. Do you all agree that mobile phones should be banned in school classrooms?

## **Year 5 Class Assembly**

On Thursday 14 March, it will be Year 5's Class Assembly at 2.50 pm, where the children will showcase what they have been studying over the last half-term. Parents and carers of Year 5 are welcome to come along to watch the assembly and the KS2 gate will be opened at 2.45 pm. We hope to see you there!

## **Hot Chocolate and Cake**

Well done to the following children chosen this week:

Reception	Reece H
Year 1	Charlotte G
Year 2	Clara S
Year 3	Alaina B
Year 4	Joe K
Year 5	Michael A
Year 6	Emma B

## **Comic Relief - Red Nose Day**

Red Nose Day is back on Friday 15 March and school is joining in the fundraising fun!



For a donation of £1 (or more if you can) to Comic Relief using the link below, children can come to school in their own clothes, wearing something red if they have it or Red Nose Day clothing. As always, please remember that clothing and footwear should be appropriate for school and the usual policy for jewellery/ earrings applies.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=13543>

## **Big Dig Volunteers**

If you would be able to help us with our Big Dig, please could you complete the very short online form that was sent out with the copy of this Weekly Update on Seesaw.

## **Dentist/Dental Nurse**

If you are or know of a dentist or dental nurse, who would be willing to come into school to talk to Year 4 about teeth, please could you let the office or Miss Cunliffe know. Thank you.

## **Year 5 Bikeright Lessons**

Just a reminder, please could all Y5 parents ensure they have completed the Bikeright form online by Friday 15 March (the link was sent out on Tuesday 27 February by Seesaw). If your child does not wish to take part, please could you let the school office know so we know that you have seen the message. Thank you.

### Road Safety

Please could we ask that if at all possible, you avoid driving and parking on the stretch of Wroxham Road in front of school. This area becomes very congested and it makes it difficult for children and families crossing the road.

### The most important rule to remember when driving around schools is to slow down.

During the school run, the roads are busy with children making their way to school. Children don't have great road sense and you should always be aware that they might run out in front of your vehicle at any given moment, so the slower you're travelling the easier it will be to react. Don't forget to give extra space to children on bikes and scooters.

There is ample parking at either entrance of the Tim Parry Park next to school, which is only a short, 2 minutes maximum, walk away (the school car park is for staff only).

The statistics for road traffic accidents that occur on roads in the vicinity of schools is an eye opening read ...

- \* 1 IN 3 of all child pedestrians that are killed or seriously injured (KSI) are aged 10–11 years old
- \* 12 TO 15 YEAR-OLD BOYS are nine times more likely to be in an accident when riding a bike than a girl of the same age
- \* A QUARTER of road traffic casualties are 13 to 15 year-olds
- \* ALMOST HALF of all accidents that happen on the road occur between 15:00 and 18:00
- \* EVERY **MONTH** 1,200 children are injured in traffic related collisions that happen **within 500m of a school**

### Reminder for Mr Bibby's Clubs next week

Mr Bibby is joining Year 4 on their trip to York next week so just a reminder as per the dates on Parentpay when the clubs were booked, the clubs that he leads from Wednesday to Friday will not take place next week (Dodgeball, Running/Keep Fit and Circuits).

### Parentpay WBC Year End

It is very important that Parentpay dinner/snack accounts are not in arrears on

**Thursday 28 March.** This is the final day of Warrington Borough Council's financial year. Thank you to everyone who does keep their accounts updated, it is a big help.

Please remember, there is no credit offered for meals so funds should be available on Parentpay at the point where your child orders a snack or meal.

There are a number of ways to keep your accounts up to date:

- by checking funds each time your child orders a meal or snack
- by setting up email (free) or text (charges applicable) reminders for the maximum amount your child would spend in a day (eg if they have a meal, 2 toast and a drink, it should be set at £3.45, if it is just a meal, toast and drink it would be £3.20)
- by setting up an auto top up (if you do chose this option, to stop the account going into arrears, the top up should be set at the maximum amount that your child would use in one day)

If you need any help to set up the reminders or to top up, please contact Kate in the school office.

As mentioned, it is important that Parentpay accounts are not in arrears at the end of March because of WBC's year end. If you are having any difficulties making payments, please let us know as we can only help if we are aware of a problem. Thank you.

Please remember that £5 will not cover 2 meals (2 meals would be £5.20).

### Clubs Update

There are a few places left on the KS1 Yoga on Fridays and on the KS2 Cross Country on Tuesday. Unless they are full, clubs will be available until Sunday 17 March to book.



# World Book Day at

# Park Road CP School





Parents, Friends  
Association

### **Cancelled Event**

We were extremely saddened to have to cancel our planned Family Quiz Night this week. A lot of work goes into these events behind the scenes with planning and making them as family friendly and fun as possible. Unfortunately we just didn't have enough families sign up in order for us to go ahead. To the families that did buy tickets I'd like to thank you for your support. Any monies received will be returned this coming week.



### **URGENT HELP NEEDED**

Our PTA needs your help now more than ever. For the last 2 years, events have been organised by myself and Jade with us pulling it all together on the day with the help of our wonderful volunteers. This year our personal and family circumstances have changed meaning we are struggling to give as much time as we had been doing to the school and the children. We have great feedback about our events and we would like it to continue so if lots of people could give a little bit of time, we can keep this going.



We can still commit to the big events we have already planned, and have every hope that they will go ahead, however we can only do this with extra help.

If anyone would like to plan or put on any other event for the PFA, we would be thrilled to take ideas and support your efforts. Our next event is the spring disco, details for this will be released as soon as possible. After that, its summer season and the fairs will be upon us once again!

We would be willing to schedule the Family Quiz Night in again later in spring if the interest is there so please let us know if you would be interested.

If you could spare just a small amount of your time, please let us know as lots of small amounts add up!

Have a lovely weekend  
Kelly  
PFA Chair  
kellyhpfa@gmail.com

## Community Pages

Any items shared on these pages are for information only and are not endorsed or vetted by school.

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# YOUNG CARERS ACTION DAY

**WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH 2024**

One in three young carers struggle to balance caring with education, missing out on opportunities to learn, earn, and thrive. Every young carer should have the chance to fulfil their potential. Help create **Fair Futures for Young Carers**.

Find out more and get involved:  
**Carers.org/ycad**  
#YoungCarersActionDay

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Being a young carer shouldn't be a barrier to a young person's dreams. It should be a stepping stone to a brighter future. Together, let's create a future where young carers can dream without limits. Your voice matters. Support us on Young Carers Action Day so every young carer can learn, earn, and thrive!

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## Families Magazine March/April 2024

The latest issue is packed full of useful information for parents including make your own Easter chick cup, top educational gaming options for kids, developing a positive attitude to learning, great podcasts for kids, teach your child Forest School skills and much more.



The link is <https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/familiescheshiremarchapril2024digital>

**Computer Xplorers**

Leading the way in providing tech-based activities that are both inspirational and educational!

# EASTER TECH CLUB

**CODING-LEGO ROBOTICS-GAME DESIGN-MINECRAFT & MORE**

**WARRINGTON**

**Culcheth High School**  
Warrington Road, WA3 5HH  
8th-11th April 2024  
9am or 11am-3pm

**FREE PLACES\***

Join us to embark on a fun-filled journey into the world of coding, gaming, and creativity! This special program is designed to ignite your child's passion for tech and foster their problem-solving skills, all while having a blast during the school break! Both paid and funded places are available to book for kids aged 5-15.

\*Available to eligible Warrington resident children in receipt of free school meals

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# Write Your Own Historical Fiction competition 2024

Get your pupils to bring the past to life

Write Your Own Historical Fiction is a national competition for pupils in Years 5 to 9. To take part in the competition, pupils need to write their own piece of historical fiction. Pupils' stories can be about any age-appropriate historical event in any time or place, provided it is linked to a piece of whole-class or group history work. It's a great way to combine history teaching and research with creative writing – why not ignite your pupils' creativity by taking part in this year's competition?

For more details on the competition, including the fantastic prizes on offer to schools and students, visit:  
[www.history.org.uk/go/HistoricalFiction24](https://www.history.org.uk/go/HistoricalFiction24)