



PARK ROAD

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE



8
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2023



Next Week at a Glance

Monday 11	Tuesday 12	Wednesday 13	Thursday 14	Friday 15
* Dinner Menu week 3	*	* 3.30 - 4.30 pm Meet the Teacher Sessions (please see further in update for details)	* Chicken Egg Raffle	*

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

Mrs. Quigley's weekly message:

Welcome Back from the Park Road Team!

Welcome back to our new school year which I'm sure will be a year filled with excitement, joy and lots of learning! I hope everyone has had a lovely summer, although I know the weather perhaps didn't feel like summer! Many of you know me very well as I've been here for quite a while as Deputy Headteacher and have had the pleasure to teach your children, but for those who don't or are new to our school community, I would just like to introduce myself and say hello. Most mornings, I will be on one of the gates, so if we haven't met properly—or even if we have! - please do come and say hello! It was wonderful to see all of the children on Tuesday, hear their excited chatter, see their smiling faces and of course see how smart they looked in their new uniforms. I know from speaking to all of the teachers and teaching assistants, they are so proud of the way the children have settled, and have enjoyed getting to know their new class this week.

Over the holidays we have had a lot of work carried out around school. Some highlights are the sensory garden (special thanks to the PFA, Kelly Harrison for her tireless work putting it altogether, and Mrs Parkinson for organising this, as well as Mr Finch who is currently busy making it chicken proof!). We now have a new playground covering, and the hall has been painted and had a new floor put down. Over the next few weeks, markings will be going onto the playground and we will be having new equipment installed to replace our KS2 adventure trail. I know the children will absolutely love it—I might even have to have a go myself!!!

Next week is 'Meet the Teacher' and times are shared on the next page. Teachers will share routines and expectations with you as well as a little insight to some of the exciting things for the year ahead and a chance for you to see your child's classroom. If you are able to attend, please enter via the classroom doors at the allocated time. I hope you will be able to join us.

As we move through the year, I look forward to working with you, and enjoying this journey with your children. Park Road really is such a special place, as I'm sure you all know, and I feel so privileged to have this opportunity to be the Headteacher. Enjoy the weekend, and see you on Monday!

Mrs Quigley



Meet the Teacher Wednesday 13 September

Our 'Meet the teacher' sessions will be held on Wednesday 13 September so that you will have the opportunity to come along to meet your child's new teacher, 'put a face to a name' and to find out about the learning expectations for the year and the curriculum.

We will run two sessions for each class and the information sessions will last 15 minutes each. The timings are shown in the table below. It would be great if you could make one of the sessions, but if you can't, we will add the details discussed to Seesaw.

Class	Information Session 1	Information Session 2
Reception	3.30 – 3.45 pm	4.00 – 4.15 pm
Year 1	3.45 - 4.00 pm	4.15 – 4.30 pm
Year 2	3.30 – 3.45 pm	4.00 – 4.15 pm
Year 3	3.45 - 4.00 pm	4.15 – 4.30 pm
Year 4	3.30 – 3.45 pm	4.00 – 4.15 pm
Year 5	3.45 - 4.00 pm	4.15 – 4.30 pm
Year 6	3.30 – 3.45 pm	4.00 – 4.15 pm

Picture News

Each week in school, we use Picture News, a resource which provides a current news story, an image and a thought-provoking question. Every Friday, we will let you know the topic for the following week so that you can explore the topic with your child - there are even some helpful hints at the end of the article.

Next week's Picture News topic is

'Should lifejackets be compulsory for all on open water?'



In Canada, the government in the province of Ontario is set to pass a new law that will make it compulsory for children aged 12 and under to wear lifejackets on boats. Parents, guardians or other adults supervising children could be subject to a fine of up to \$200 (£130) if they do not comply. In the UK, currently, there is no legal requirement for anyone using rivers and seas for leisure purposes to wear a lifejacket/personal flotation device (PFD).

Things to talk about at home:

- * Share your experience of lifejackets. Have you ever been required to wear one? Where were you? Did everyone wear them?
- * Can you make a list of all the times you think lifejackets should be worn?
- * Do you feel there should be laws in place to ensure people wear lifejackets on boats at sea? If so, do you believe they should apply to everyone?

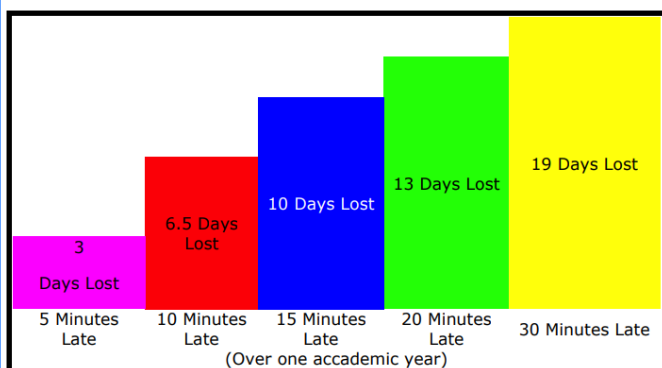
Attendance

Regular attendance at school is important for both your child's education and for settling into school. The beginning of a school term or year is particularly an important time for children to settle in to their class and understand any new routines or topics. It is also a time where children may make new friends or re-establish their previous friendship groups. Sometimes young children may find it difficult to get back into their friendship groups after a break so consistent attendance can help to minimise this.

The school year has 190 days for pupils to attend a year and each day that is missed unnecessarily has an impact on their education. Please remember that there are 175 days per year when your child does not have to attend school so please plan any routine appointments etc for during this time. The 175 days can be used to:

- * Attend routine appointments eg dentist
- * Spend time together
- * Go on family visits
- * Visit friends and family
- * Go on holiday
- * Go shopping
- * Go on days out

It is not only the number of days that your child is in school that matters but **Every Minute Counts**: If you arrive late to school everyday, your child's learning begins to suffer. This graph shows how being late to school everyday over a school year adds up to lost learning time. Arriving on time allows your child to settle into the school day along with their classmates.



We know how busy everyone is over the summer and thought the following reminders might be useful:

Dinners and Snacks

Please remember to keep your Parentpay accounts topped up if your child has snacks or if your child is in KS2 and has a meal from the school kitchen. Meals and snacks should be paid for when they are taken—school cannot afford to offer credit. If you do forget to top up, we will send you a reminder through Seesaw. If you do receive a reminder, please do top up straight away or reply to let us know if there are any problems as we can only help if we are aware of it. Thank you.

Data Collection Sheets

We will be sending out our data collection sheets for you to check. These sheets are **extremely important should we need to contact you in case of an emergency**. Please check all of your child's and your details and notify us of any changes or confirm that nothing has changed on the sheet, sign it and return it to school

Permission to Pick Up

If you want to make any changes to the people that you have given permission to be able to pick up your child to school, please send a Seesaw message or email the office, office@prps.omegamat.co.uk, with your child's name, year and the changes you would like to make.

Chicken/Guinea Pig Rota

We will shortly be sending out a request for help to care for our Chickens and Guinea Pigs over the weekends and holidays. If you are available at all and willing to check on, feed and water our animals, let out the chickens and possibly clean them out, please keep an eye out on Seesaw for a forms link so that you can let us know when you would be available to help. Full training will be given and you can keep any eggs that are laid during your duty!!

Absence Reporting

Please remember to let the school office know **by 9.15 am** if your child is going to be absent for any reason. There are many ways to let us know: via option 1 on our telephone line 01925 723 550, via our website, via Seesaw or via the school email (office@prps.omegamat.co.uk). The office emails are constantly monitored whereas a specific teacher may be off or unable to access their account during teaching time. Thank you.

Labelling Clothing

Each year, we have large amounts of lost property that we are unable to return to children because they are not labelled with the child's name. Please help us to return items to your children by clearly naming them - it is even more important with the increase in living expenses that we can do this.

Dropping Off/Picking Up

Please could we ask that you do not walk through the staff car park and that you access school using the pedestrian routes. Thank you.

Sickness Guidelines

Please remember that, following the advice of Public Health England, we ask that children are kept off school for 48 hours after the last instance of sickness/diarrhoea.

We ask this for two reasons: firstly, it will prevent the spread of the illness throughout the local community and secondly, to allow your child time to fully get back on their feet.

We do understand that children want to return to school and don't want to miss out but it can set them back, particularly if they are not yet eating properly or returned to full health.

We appreciate your help in reducing the spread of these viruses and please remember to contact the school office to notify of absences (not the teachers).

Dates for the Diary

The 'Dates for the Diary' will be sent out in your children's bookbags early next week. It will show the key dates for the coming year to allow you time to arrange time off work for events. The dates may be subject to change, but only in exceptional circumstances and we will give you as much notice as possible.

There will be reminders of the key events in our Weekly Update in the next week at a glance (see above) as well as any changes that may happen.

Remember Packed Lunch Cutlery!

If your child has a packed lunch, please do remember to send any cutlery that they may need eg spoon for yoghurts or fork for salad, the kitchen has limited stocks of cutlery for children taking a school meal.



Parents, Friends
Association



The PFA would like to welcome everyone to this year in school and we look forward to sharing our exciting events with you!

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.

More details for CHINGO, the non uniform days, and tickets sales etc will be sent out in due course. Our volunteer sign up link will also follow.


Have a lovely weekend

Kelly

PFA Chair
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Community Pages

At times we are asked to share information that may be helpful for our community. We are sharing the information but do not endorse/recommend the events ,




Lightnings

SUNDAY SCHOOL



We would love to welcome you to join us at
St Mary's Church, Great Sankey for our Sunday School Lightnings lessons.



Lightnings Sunday School is open to all children from age 4 – 11 and we learn about the Christian faith through fun activities with fully DBS checked children's leaders. You can find us at 10am on Sunday mornings each week aside from the first Sunday of each month, this is when we hold our all-age worship for all our families to worship together. Please see the list of dates for each of our sessions in the coming months.

September 10 th	Lightnings
September 17 th	Lightnings
September 24 th	Lightnings
October 1 st	All Age Worship
October 8 th	Lightnings
October 15 th	Lightnings
October 22 nd	Lightnings
October 29 th	Lightnings
November 5 th	All Age Worship
November 12 th	Remembrance Sunday Service
November 19 th	Lightnings
November 26 th	Lightnings
December 3 rd	All Age Worship
December 10 th	Nativity Practice
December 17 th	Nativity Service
December 25 th	Christmas Day Family Service

We'd love you to come along and learn with us. Keep an eye on the St Mary's website (below) and Facebook page for any special events coming up too.

For more information, visit www.stmarysgreatsankey.org.uk



Come and Join Our



Starting Saturday 16 September

4.00 – 5.30 p.m.

Crafts, Worship and Food

Bookings via Eventbrite:

[Messy Church Tickets, Sat 16 Sep 2023](#)

[at 16:00 | Eventbrite](#)

[St.Mary's Church, Liverpool Road, Great Sankey, WA5 1RE](#)

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