



# PARK ROAD

## COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

# WEEKLY UPDATE



9  
February  
2024



### First Week Back in School at a Glance

Monday 19	Tuesday 20	Wednesday 21	Thursday 22	Friday 23
* Lunch Menu wk 2 * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Disney Stars * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y3/4 Baking Club * 3.15 pm Y5/6 Homework Club	* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Rec/Y1/2/3 Performing Arts * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y3/4 Book Club * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y5/6 Crochet * 3.15 - 4.15 pm KS2 Cross Country	* 3.15 - 4.15 pm KS2 Dodgeball	* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y4/5/6 Choir * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Rec/Y1/2 Baking * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Rec/Y1/2 Indoor Running/Keep Fit * 5 pm Y4 Residential Meeting	* Chicken raffle tickets on sale * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Rec/Y1/2 Circuits

Current value/attribute: **Perseverance**

### Mrs. Quigley's weekly message:

What a lovely half term we have had in school! This half term we have fully launched our journey into HPL (High Performance Learning) with children learning about and recognising how to demonstrate perseverance. Each half term we will focus on one or two values which will help children to develop themselves. In addition to this, we will be beginning to think about the skills needed to succeed. Next half term we will be talking to the children about meta-cognition - quite simply thinking about thinking. We will be teaching the children how they are already doing this a lot of the time, but also how to use this when facing challenges. Our HPL Ambassadors are now leading weekly certificate assemblies and are currently designing our mascots to support us learning about the different values, skills and how/when we can use this. They will be sharing this with the children and families after the half term. I have had a sneak peak and can confirm they have done an amazing design job! Our vision for HPL is that it will support all children to have the belief 'everyone can' succeed.

Next half term we will have Parents Evening and teachers will be able to share with you successes and next steps for your child. I will also be asking parents to complete a short survey so we can gain some of your feedback for different things we are working on. If you haven't yet booked your appointment, please do so as soon as possible. If you do have any feedback in the meantime, please remember you can contact your child's class teacher via Seesaw or at pick up time, and I am on one of the entrance gates most days.

Finally, next half term we will be displaying our PAN art work at the Gateway in town. This will be on show from Thursday 22 February to Thursday 7 March, so please do visit if you can. It is a lovely presentation of lots of collaborative and creative learning that all children across school have contributed towards.

Have a lovely half term holiday and see you when we come back!  
Mrs Quigley

## Picture News

The Picture News topic for after half term is ...

**'Should we learn sign language at school?'**



Pupils in England will have the choice to take a GCSE exam in British Sign Language (BSL) from 2025. BSL is a form of communication using hand gestures and other movements. Pupils, who take the subject, will learn around 1000 different signs. Fairfield High School (pictured in this week's poster) already runs a successful extracurricular club in response to pupils' interest in learning BSL.

British Sign Language (BSL) is a form of communication that uses hand gestures and movements. For the new GCSE qualification in BSL, students will learn about the history of BSL and how it evolved into the language it is today. The GCSE assumes no prior knowledge of BSL but will be accessible for students who use it as their first language.

Things to talk about at home:

- \* Have you ever used sign language or seen it being used by others?
- \* Is sign language a language you would like to learn? What do you think are some of the advantages of learning sign language?
- \* Are there any other skills or subjects you believe would be useful to learn at school?

## Hot Chocolate and Cake

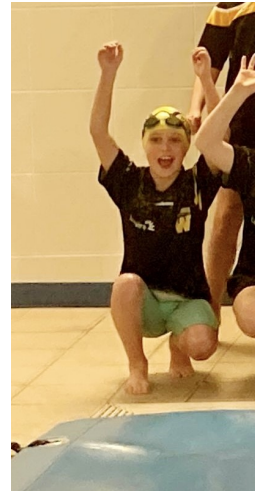
Well done to the following children chosen this week:

Reception	Laasya V
Year 1	Isaac CG
Year 2	Lexi H
Year 3	Isla H
Year 4	Megan S
Year 5	Marcus H
Year 6	Benjamin G

## Super Swimmer

Zoe S in Year 4 swims for Warrington Warriors and was selected to represent them in the Bolton Central Manchester (BCM) Swimming Gala. Warrington Warriors had a successful evening and came first in the first round of the mini league competition.

Well done Zoe - what an exciting evening!



## Midday Assistant Vacancy

We have a midday assistant vacancy in school. It would be for 1 hour and 10 minutes each day during term time, from 12.00 pm - 1.10 pm. The closing date for applications is Friday 23 February 2024 at 12.00 pm.

Full details of the role, remuneration and how to apply can be found on the Omega MAT website following this link

<https://omegamat.co.uk/job-vacancies/park-road-primary-school-midday-assistant>.

Cheshire Police  
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Safer Internet day 2024

Email and social media account hacking is the most reported form of cyber crime in the UK.

Are you using strong passwords and 2-step verification (2SV) to protect your accounts?

Reusing the same password means criminals only need to steal one of your passwords in order to get into many of your accounts

Check out these top tips on how to secure your accounts properly:  
<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberaware/home>

### **Parentpay WBC Year End**

It is very important that all Parentpay dinner/snack accounts are not in arrears on Friday 31 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 and 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 top up, please contact Kate in the school office.

For information, snacks cost 25p per slice of toast, crumpet or piece of fruit, 30p for milk and 35p for juice, lunches cost £2.60. This means £5 will not cover 2 days of lunch.

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.

### **Parking Issues Update—Police Scheme**

Cheshire residents are now able to **report public illegal parking problems online** after a trial project in Crewe was given the green light to be rolled out across the county.

Operation Park Safe is a project which allows members of the public to report parking issues online through the Cheshire Police website.

Residents can upload videos and photographs of offending vehicles to the website where they will be assessed by an experienced traffic officer, who will triage and deal with any dangerous parking offences. Any minor traffic obstructions or community impact issues will be allocated to the local PCSO or Beat officers to deal with.

### **What residents will need to do:**

- You will need to provide a written statement about the offence, including the date and time it happened
- You will need to provide us with your name, address, date of birth, and contact details
- You may be required to attend court if the matter is contested
- Do NOT challenge the driver or get involved in confrontation, Do NOT put yourself at risk to obtain a photograph

### **What officers will do:**

The Roads and Crime Unit will triage the report and will deal with the person responsible. This may include issuing fines or educational courses depending on the severity of the offence committed.

### **Offences officers will deal with:**

- Vehicles parked on or in a crossing area: This includes the area covered by zig-zag lines
- Parking on white lines: People cannot stop or park on a road marked with double white lines, even when a broken white line is on your side of the road, except to pick up or set down passengers, or to load or unload. This includes the pavement or verge
- Forcing pedestrians to walk in the road: This includes parking on the pavement where there is not enough room for pedestrians to get past
- Parking at/on a junction: Vehicles cannot stop, park opposite or within 10m of a junction
- School parking offences: People cannot stop or park on the zig-zag lines or keep clear markings
- Parking on a cycle track
- Parking a goods vehicle on the road: Vehicles with a maximum laden weight of more than 7.5 tonnes (including trailers) cannot park on a verge, pavement, or any land situated between carriageways, without police permission, unless this is essential for loading/unloading, but the vehicle cannot be left unattended

### **What officers can't deal with:**

- Single / double yellow line offences: These are local authority parking enforcement only
- Pavement parking: where there is still room for pedestrians to get past without having to go into the road

To report parking issues please visit <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report/rti/rti-beta-2.1/report-a-road-traffic-incident/>

### **Dog Fouling**

It is also possible to report dog fouling to WBC online at <https://www.warrington.gov.uk/dog-fouling>.



## Community Café

Yesterday was our first community cafe of the year and what a fabulous turnout we had. It was lovely to see so many parents, children and grandparents all enjoying a drink and a sweet treat. Yesterday's cafe was part of Mental Health Awareness week and throughout the week the children have taken part in lots of wellbeing and mindfulness activities, which they have really enjoyed.

We would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Branigan ( Emily in Yr4's mum ) and Tesco for donating all of the cakes and biscuits and a big thank you to Mrs Mitchinson for her amazing brownies and crispy cakes too ... we really do appreciate your help and support.

Finally a big thank you to our Wellbeing and Happiness teams for organising and helping out at the cafe .. you are all amazing!

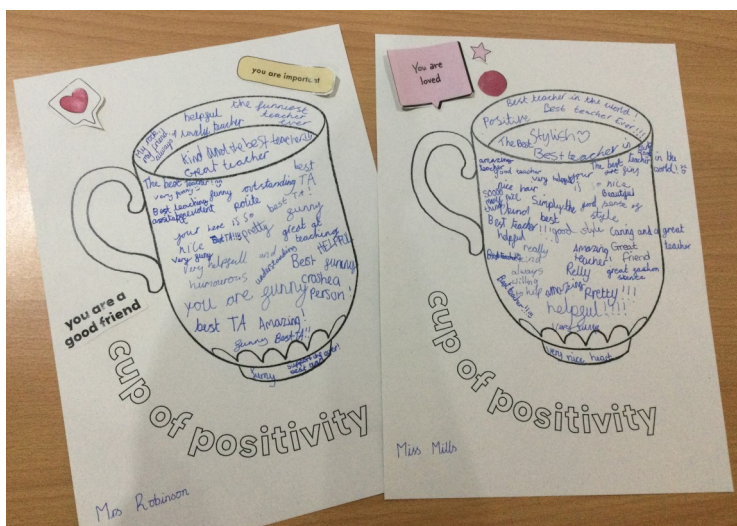


## Mental Health and Wellbeing Week

Children and staff have been busy with lots of mental health and Wellbeing activities across the week.

During lunchtimes, the Midday Assistants had lots of activities for children to complete - colouring, creating, circle time, playing games and having fun. To finish the week off for **Fabulous Friday**, there was an outdoor disco, which was very popular.

On **Words Wednesday**, Year 6, Miss Mills and Mrs Robinson created their cups of positivity. The children had some lovely positive comments about Miss Mills and Mrs Robinson so we thought we would share them with you.



## Blooming Art

Year 4 were lucky to have Gail from Blooming Art visiting their class to deliver an art workshop linked to wellbeing. She was amazed by the knowledge and creativity of our children as well as their willingness to contribute to the discussions.



She will return after half term to work with the rest of the class.



Parents, Friends  
Association

Thank you for your support this half term!

We are busy working on details for our events that are coming up as well as a few extra events that we are looking forward to sharing soon. Watch this space as we will be revealing all when we come back after half term.

We would like to wish you a lovely half term break,  
Kelly and the PFA

## Community Pages

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### St Joseph's Family Centre

St Joseph's Family Centre's Easter 2024 campaign will help give extra support to families experiencing extreme financial difficulties across Warrington by providing a small food hamper for those families in need. They would welcome donations of non-perishable items, such as, tins, rice & dried pasta, cooking sauces, cereals, and other long-life foods as well as toiletries.

## The Great Easter Egg Hunt 2024!

### Can you help?

St Joseph's will be supporting local families at Easter by providing **food parcels and Easter treats**.

We are looking for donations of cupboard staples such as tinned food, teabags, biscuits and cereals, but most of all ...

**we need to find some chocolate eggs!**

Donations can be dropped off at the  
Centre on Museum Street  
Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm

They would also love any Easter Eggs and other chocolate treats so that the Easter bunny can visit all the young people who may otherwise not be lucky enough to be gifted a chocolate egg.

Easter Egg Donations: Can be dropped at the St Joseph Family Centre Monday to Friday 9-5pm or email to check availability for collection.

Monetary Donations & fundraising: Donations can also be made by cash, card or cheque to St Joseph's Family Centre

[www.saintjosephsfamilycentre.co.uk](http://www.saintjosephsfamilycentre.co.uk)





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### Trans Pennine Kids half Term Activity Pack

This holiday's activity pack can be used 'on the go' by downloading it to a mobile or printed out at home. If you would like a printed copy, please contact the TPT Team at [info@transpenninetrail.org.uk](mailto:info@transpenninetrail.org.uk)  
<https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/welcome-to-our-childrens-page/>.

The TPT Team would love to receive any feedback you may have about the pack and would welcome any suggestions for activities to include in their next pack that will be produced for Easter, just email them at [info.transpenninetrail.org.uk](mailto:info.transpenninetrail.org.uk).



Our school is working with the public libraries in Warrington to help them collect overdue library books. If you, or any of your family have any library books at home that need returning, please bring them into school with you and give them to your teacher. Any fines you may have on them will be cleared.

Thank you 😊

