



Park Community Academy



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Welcome to our first Newsletter of the new school year! In very different circumstances, all our pupils have made a very positive start to the term and their appearance is a credit to you, Park Community Academy, and most importantly themselves. Whilst there may have been some initial anxieties amongst our children and families, staff have worked hard to make school as safe, secure and welcoming as we can for the children's return.

Parent/carer support for Academy policies & procedures is very important. Sending children to Park Community Academy regularly and on time, dressing smartly in the correct uniform, taking an interest in your child's school life and generally encouraging positive behaviour & habits are all important ingredients in an effective partnership between home and Park Community Academy.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents & carers for their co-operation, patience and understanding during our first week back. Your support has been crucial in helping school life to get back to normal.

To keep fully up to date with day-to-day life at PCA, follow our Twitter feeds at @PCABlackpool, @PCAprimary, @PCAsecondary & PCAWSFC. Mr Berry

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PARENTS/ CARERS WHO DELIVER AND COLLECT THEIR CHILDREN TO PCA ON A DAILY BASIS

Can we please remind you that parents /carers should only access school for dropping off and picking up children between 8.40-8.50am and 3.05-3.15pm. KS1&2 pupils should be dropped off and collected from the **main school reception**, and KS3&4 pupils from the **Stables building side gate**. Thank you for your co-operation.

Update of Medical Info (OS3) / Contact Details

Can we please remind you that completed OS3 'Medical' forms, which have been sent home with your child, need to be returned to your child's Class teacher as soon as possible. Thank you. **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE UP-TO-DATE TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES IN ORDER TO CONTACT PARENTS/CARERS.**

Fluoridated Milk - All PCA pupils apart from Reception are provided with fluoridated milk. Why fluoridated milk? Fluoride in milk helps keep teeth healthy; it's no cost to parents; and it's safe to drink.



If you wish for your child NOT to have fluoridated milk, please inform their class teacher by **Friday 11th September**. For further information, please see Blackpool Council's website or contact school.

The Best Class Attendance of the Week CONGRATULATIONS

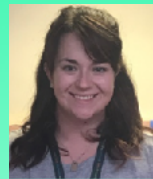


to classes **1B, 1P, 2B, 2M, 3T, 3GR, 3J and 5B** who had **100%** attendance this week.

Weekly Attendance - The average weekly attendance this week is **95.6%**

Staffing Update

Park Community Academy welcomes the following new staff this term: Miss Harrison who joins us as an SSA in Lower Primary, Mr Smith as an SSA in Key Stage 3, and Mr Sagar as an Apprentice Teaching Assistant in Upper Primary.



We also welcome back Miss Miller as a Class teacher in Upper Primary following her successful completion of teacher training on our School Direct programme.. We wish them all good luck in their new positions.

Mrs Sparrow made the decision to leave the education sector over the summer holidays for a career change. Mrs Sparrow originally joined PCA on a voluntary basis as part of her degree course and went on to work in the school for almost 2 years. We wish her all the very best for the future.



School Lunch Menu - Please see our lunch menu on the PCA website: - www.park.blackpool.sch.uk/students/lunchtime-menu. Next week is **week 3**.

'Teachers2Parents' App

We regularly send out text messages to parents /carers from school on the 'Teachers2Parents' app. This can be downloaded via the App store / Play store for android phones. Just search 'Teachers2Parents' and it will link to your mobile number. It will then automatically show Park and any other school that you share your mobile number with.

Use of Physical Control - Staff at Park Community Academy have undertaken a nationally recognised training programme in the positive management of child aggression and disruption. This includes a variety of ways of calming down difficult situations. However when a child has lost self control, staff will manage the situation using safe physical control methods designed specifically for children. Such control is carried out within a legal framework agreed with the Department for Education and the Local Education Authority.

Academy Uniform - If you have ordered new Academy uniform and not yet collected it, please do so before the end of next week or it will need to be put back into stock. PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME. Should you experience any problems with payment, please contact school to discuss - we are always here to help.

Reminder - please ensure your child always brings the correct P.E. kit on the appropriate day:

KS1&2 - red PCA polo shirt, black shorts, black pumps.

KS3&4 - red PCA polo shirt, black shorts, trainers and a towel.

KS4/5 'Achiever of the Week'

4H - Jamie for a really positive start to the year.

4W - The whole class for starting the year with enthusiasm and maturity.

4M - Anthony for superb behaviour this week and for settling into our school and his class so well.

4I - Olivia for following all instructions and settling into to new routines.

5T - All of 5T as they have all settled really well and shown a great level of maturity in coming back to Sixth Form.

5C - Marco for a positive and mature attitude all week.

5P - The whole class for a super start to the new school year.

5B - Everyone for being so sensible and mature throughout the week.

Mobile Phone Policy - Park Community Academy has a Mobile Phone Policy for pupils within the Academy. The only pupils who need to bring mobiles into PCA are those who are independent travellers. Children are required to hand in their mobile phones to their Class teacher for storage at the beginning of the day. They will then be able to collect their phones at the end of the day. The Policy is available on the PCA website. It is important that this policy is applied consistently and rigidly across the Academy. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 20 October, 4-7pm - Parents Evening

Friday 23 October - School closes for pupils for half term

Monday 2 November - School re-opens after half term

Friday 18 December, 2pm - End of Autumn Term

Tuesday 5 January - Start of Spring Term

Child Protection Procedures - Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is a whole school responsibility. All staff at Park Community Academy who come into contact with children and their families and carers are particularly well placed to observe signs of abuse, or neglect. Parents and carers should be aware, therefore, that where it appears to a member of staff that there may be a safeguarding or child protection concern; **we are required, as part of Blackpool's Local Safeguarding Children Board Procedures, to report where necessary to Children's Services.** Thank you for your co-operation and understanding in this matter.

Lower & Upper Primary Stars of the Week!

1B - All of 1B for a fantastic first week at PCA.

1P - Logan H for having a great first week and settling back into school life really well.

1C - Tyler for a fantastic first week. He enjoyed playing with all of his friends and used his manners.

2B - Everyone for having a really good week.

2HD - Caitlin for her impressive writing.

2M - The whole class for settling in so well and producing some amazing work.

2HY - Everyone for having a fantastic first week back.

2H - Trey for settling in and for being such a good role model.

2C - Leo for starting Year 6 with a positive and mature attitude.

Home/Academy Transport - If you have any problems with your child's transport, you should contact the transport team on 01253 476174 or 476795. There will be someone to answer your call from 7.30am on a daily basis. This will give you early access to a prompt response to any queries that you may have.

Key Stage 3 'Achiever of the Week'

3G - Matthew for joining in with everything and completing excellent phonics assessment.

3T - Jordan G for settling in so fabulously and trying his best.

3W - Brodie for being a good friend and welcoming a new class member.

3S - Jordan C for creating a fantastic diary over lockdown.

3GR - The whole of 3GR for all returning their forms to school and having a fantastic first week.

3J - Josh for beautiful manners this week and settling straight back into life at PCA.

Dinner Money - is £10 per full week (£2 per day). It is important that you send this into Park in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name every week. Payments can also be made via Parentpay - the school office will advise on how to access this if required. Payments can be made for a full term in advance. Cheques are made payable to 'P&A Food Management Services Ltd' or you can leave it blank for school to fill in.