

## Park Primary School

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**School Holiday**  
School closes for the Christmas holiday on  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December** and re-opens on  
**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.**



Dear Families,

It has been lovely to have everyone back in school this term, thank you for your continued support

Despite our measures to keep the number of covid infections in school to a minimum, we have recently seen a rise. However, we have not seen many links between cases due to the preventative measures we have taken such as split assemblies and lunchtimes, extra ventilation and extra handwashing.

Unfortunately, there are still a number of parents who are insisting on sending their children to school with one or more of the key symptoms. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE A PERSISTENT COUGH, HIGH TEMPERATURE OR LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL.** Please email [parents@park.doncaster.sch.uk](mailto:parents@park.doncaster.sch.uk) or telephone 01302 344659 to report your child's absence and/or seek advice, for example if your child is displaying other symptoms that you think might be Covid. If you suspect you or your child has the virus please request a PCR test, lateral flow tests are not sufficient to confirm the infection is Covid. ***If someone else in your household has contracted Covid please contact school for advice before sending your child/ren to school.***

Thank you for your support, stay safe and well and have a lovely Christmas break,  
Kind regards,  
Mrs Fagg and the Park Team

### ROAD SAFETY

The Wheatley community support team have sent this message:

*Please encourage children to wear brighter clothes when out and about after school or maybe and even walking to school if possible and during the Christmas break. We want them to be safe and seen by vehicle users in our community on these dark nights.*

**Central Area Community Team**



### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

We have agonised over whether or not to welcome parents into school to watch our Christmas concerts. Unfortunately, due to the rise in covid cases, the stringent measures we would have to take to accommodate a limited number of parents would mean that many families would miss out. Therefore, we have decided to record the concert and send out a copy of the recording to each family. You will be receiving a survey asking you to confirm whether or not you are happy for your child(ren) to appear on the video, please return it as soon as possible.

***This is the first time we have tried this, so please bear with us whilst we work out the technology!***

### NUT ALLERGIES

We are seeing an increasing number of children in school with nut allergies - usually peanuts, but in some cases all variety of nuts. We are able to ensure that school lunches etc are nut free. Please support the health and well-being of these children by ensuring that packed lunches are nut free whenever possible. If it is impossible to do so, please make sure your child is aware their lunch contains nuts.



## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Once again, we will be taking part in Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December to raise funds for Save the Children. Your child(ren) can come to school in their favourite Christmas jumper or non-uniform for a donation of **£1**. Please can donations be in cash to your child's class teacher on this occasion, they do not need to be in an envelope\*\*.

**Your child can also wear their Christmas Jumper (or non-uniform) on Christmas Dinner Day - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December and their party day (you will be notified when this will be by your child's class teacher).**

## \*\*PAYMENTS MADE TO SCHOOL

If you are unable to use ParentPay, payments sent into school MUST:

- Be in a sealed envelope
- Include your child's full name and class
- Be of the correct amount – change cannot be given
- Include any permission slips required.

***Staff have been instructed not to accept payments unless they meet the above requirements.***

Please support us by NOT sending payments into school on a Friday afternoon, this is to ensure there is no cash kept in school over the weekend.

## FOOTBALLS!

If your child brings a football to school, please make sure that they are not too hard and that they have your child's name clearly marked on them. We are seeing an increasing number of squabbles over the ownership of footballs. Can you also remind your child that they must not play football before and after school on the playground when there are parents and/or small children present.



## PARENT /CARER SURVEY

Thank you so much to all the families who returned their surveys to us, we had over 80 responses. The results will now be collated and analysed alongside the pupil surveys that the House Captains are gathering and I will report back to you in the New Year. The Hamper prize was won by a lucky family in one of our Foundation 2 classes – I hope they enjoyed it!

## SCHOOL LIBRARY

The school library is up and running again. Well done and thank you to the team of Year 5 librarians who are taking the role very seriously and doing a fantastic job. Please support them by returning books on time and encouraging your child to take care of them whilst they are in their possession.



## CHRISTMAS PARTIES



We have decided to hold traditional Christmas parties again after the success of those held last year. The children really enjoyed playing traditional party games such as Pass the Parcel and Musical Statues!

## School Holiday Dates

Here are the dates of school holidays and training days for the rest of the academic year for your convenience..

### Christmas

School closes on Friday December 17<sup>th</sup> and re-opens on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

### February half-term

School closes on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February and re-opens on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

### Easter

School closes on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April and re-opens on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

### May Day

School is closed on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

### May half-term

School closes on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May and re-opens on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

### Summer Training Days

School is closed on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July for staff training.

**School closes for the end of the academic year on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July.**

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

SATs test will be re-introduced for children in Year 6 in 2022.

Please support your child by NOT taking your child out of school during SATs – week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 or in the weeks leading up to SATs week.

## AND FINALLY...

Mrs Illingworth's Grandma has again baked five gorgeous fully iced Christmas Cakes and has kindly given them to school along with some wine, for us to raffle to raise money for the parties and other Christmas goodies. If you would like to support our parties by being in the draw for the chance to win a lovely cake, please complete and return the slip below (in an envelope please) by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Entries are £1 each.



### **CHRISTMAS CAKE RAFFLE** (to raise funds for the Christmas parties).

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ (insert number) entries into the Christmas Cake raffle at **£1** each.

I enclose £ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact phone number \_\_\_\_\_

