

## Park Primary School

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**School Holiday**  
School closes for October half-term today  
and re-opens on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.  
(It is a two-week October half-term  
this year).



Dear Families,

It has been lovely to have everyone back in school this term and to be able to create a 'new normal'. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to our Year Group meetings - we appreciate your support. If you were unable to attend or would like to talk to your child's class teacher at any time during the academic year, please make an appointment with them via Class Dojo.

We still have several measures in place to try and keep the number of covid infections in school to a minimum, such as split assemblies and lunchtimes, extra ventilation and extra handwashing. These appear to be working, as practically none of the cases this term have been as a result of catching the infection from a fellow pupil or member of staff.

**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 advised for children under 12 and are not sufficient to confirm the infection is Covid.

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

### Late Arrivals

School has reverted back to its usual start and finish times (ALL classroom doors will open at **8:45am** and children should be in their seats ready for registration by **8:55am**. The school day will end at **3:15pm**). If you are late arriving in the morning, you **MUST** come via the school office to ensure your child's attendance is registered correctly.

**There are also an increasing number of parents/carers who are arriving late to collect their child/ren.**

The school day ends at **3:15** for children, but staff have work related commitments straight after school. Therefore, there may not be anyone readily available to care for your child until you arrive. **PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ARRIVE ON TIME** – if you are unavoidably delayed and cannot arrange for someone else to collect your child on time, **please give us as much notice as possible of your delay.**

### Cleaning Vacancy at Park

On behalf of Park, North Yorkshire County Council have a vacancy for a cleaner for around 12 hours per week. To access the vacancy, 'Google' NYCC jobs and select 'cleaner' and 'Doncaster' in the search boxes. Or if you are accessing this newsletter electronically Ctrl + Click here to follow the link [View Vacancy Details](#)

### Class Dojo

Class Dojo has rapidly become the first choice for communication between school and home and is the best way to talk to your child's class teacher directly. However, some parents are contacting them late in the evening and at weekends. If you do contact them outside of school hours, please be aware that you may not get a response until the next school day. If you contact them during the school day, you may not get a response until after school ends or the next school day. **Please do not use Class Dojo in an emergency, or to pass a message on to your child.**

## [Breakfast Club](#)

Breakfast club is up and running successfully again. It opens at 8am and is £2.50 per day – payable in cash or via ParentPay. Your child will receive their choice of cereal, toast and fruit juice/milk. We still have a number of places available.

## [ParentPay](#)

ParentPay is the best method for making payments to school. If you have not yet signed up, please do so as soon as possible. If you need help, please email [parents@park.doncaster.sch.uk](mailto:parents@park.doncaster.sch.uk) . (Cash will only be accepted at classroom doors – not the school office (other than for breakfast club). It must be in a sealed envelope with your child's name, class, amount enclosed and reason for payments clearly shown)

## [COVID REMINDER](#)

**IF YOU ARE CONCERNED THAT ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS CONTRACTED COVID PLEASE CONTACT SCHOOL FOR ADVICE BEFORE SENDING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.** (Current guidance states if you have tested positive for Covid-19 yourself, you do still need to self-isolate for 10 days but anyone who has been identified as a close contact of a positive case no longer has to self-isolate, **providing they have been fully vaccinated or are under the age of 18 and are not displaying any Covid-19 symptoms.** Instead, you/they will be advised to take a PCR test as soon as possible and, if this is negative, you do not need to take any further action unless you go on to develop symptoms.)

## [Attendance](#)

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please email [parents@park.doncaster.sch.uk](mailto:parents@park.doncaster.sch.uk) or telephone 01302 344659 and leave a message ON THE FIRST DAY OF ABSENCE.

Please be aware that if you don't contact us, Mrs. O'Hara will contact you. If you have contacted us, she may also be in touch if she needs further information. This is to ensure the safe whereabouts of all our children.

## [Film Nights](#)

We have decided to organise *Film Nights* this term instead of discos, as we can run them in key stages rather than whole school. Tickets are £2 and include 'bottomless' popcorn and a drink. There will also be a tuck shop for children to purchase extra sweets. Your child's class teacher will let you know when their class is having their film night – all profits will go towards our Christmas parties.

## [Some of our school library books are missing!](#)

We have been doing a stock-take of our library books and there are about **100** books missing from the school library. In anticipation of being able to re-open the library next half-term please can you scour your homes for any books belonging to Park and return them after the holidays. All books returned will earn their returner a house point for being responsible. It might be a good way of encouraging your children to tidy their rooms!

## [Visit by the Civic Mayor](#)

We were pleased to receive a visit from the Civic Mayor of Doncaster - Councillor Richard Allan Jones. He brought his chains of office and the civic mace to show the children and was ceremonially welcomed into assembly. He had lunch with the house captains who then took him on a tour of the school. We were all very impressed by the way the children welcomed him to Park with great enthusiasm, confidence and good manners. They also asked him a series of very interesting and searching questions.

## [House Captains](#)

Our new house captains for 21-22 have successfully taken up their posts. Their first official role was to meet the Civic Mayor as detailed above. Well done everyone!

Their next job will be to interview their peers to find out what they think about school - what works well and what we can do even better. We are looking forward to finding out what they think.

### [Parent / Carer Survey](#)

We would also like to find out what you as parents / carers think about Park as it has been a considerable time since we sought your thoughts and opinions. Please can you kindly complete the survey sent out with this letter and return it to school after the holidays. All returned surveys that include a name, will be entered into a raffle for a hamper full of goodies!

### [School Holiday Dates](#)

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

#### **October half-term**

School closes on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October and re-opens on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

#### **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.