

## Park Primary School

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Dear Families,

What an exciting first half term we have had. There has been lots of fantastic learning carried out and the children have enjoyed a variety of exciting topics and experiences.

### Communication.

Families and teachers have reported that the use of Class Dojo has been a very useful tool for communication between teachers and parents. Please make sure you also read our whole school page as important messages and reminders will be posted here.

However, I must remind a few parents that this system is for concerns relating to a child's learning / well-being when in school. It is not a vehicle for passing a request / instruction on to your child or notifying school of a child's absence. Can I also ask for you to be mindful when you do send messages and remember that the teacher cannot answer messages during lesson times as well as during quiet times.

***If you are not registered for Class Dojo or are concerned that we may not have your up to date contact details please email: [parents@park.doncaster.sch.uk](mailto:parents@park.doncaster.sch.uk)***

This email address is monitored constantly and is the quickest way to contact us. In addition if you have any welfare concerns please email [pastoral@park.doncaster.sch.uk](mailto:pastoral@park.doncaster.sch.uk) If you have any specific questions regarding your child's learning, please contact their class teacher via Class Dojo.

### Appointments during the school day



We understand that it can be very difficult to get appointments with doctors, dentists and opticians etc. outside of the school day now. However, we still need proof of any such appointment for your child's attendance records and you **MUST** notify the office in advance of any appointments via

[parents@park.doncaster.sch.uk](mailto:parents@park.doncaster.sch.uk) .



**On Friday 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be holding a SPOTAclar Non-Uniform Day! £1 donation.** This year we would like you to come in SPOTS or something **yellow** to help celebrate CHILDREN IN NEED. Please make your donation through the link on class Dojo – Thank you.

### Poppy Appeal



We will be supporting the British legion in raising funds through selling poppies. Normal poppies can be bought for a donation of 20p, however, there is a variety of items on sale for a donation of £1 including zip pulls, poppy zip clips, rulers, wrist bands, pencil sharpeners, rubbers and snap bands – these will be limited to one per child. These will go on sale from tomorrow **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November** and will be available every morning playtime. If your child/children would like to purchase anything, please put any money in an envelope to keep safe until playtime (loose change only). Please be aware that we have limited supplies of all items other than poppies and are unable to give change.

### National Diabetes Day.

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November we are asking all our children to come to school in something blue. As we have a pupil in school who has Diabetes, we would like to raise awareness of this condition. Although we are not raising funds for this charity, if you would like to donate then a link will be available on the whole school Dojo page later this week.

### Park Primary Admission Arrangements

If you have children who are due to attend full time school in September 2023 you can apply now on the Doncaster MBC Primary Admission website for a place.

Please note:

- Closing Date for applications is **15 January 2023**.
- National offer date is **17 April 2023**. Emails will be sent out on this date confirming places.

There are also a limited number of places available in our Nursery for September 2023. Please apply through the Doncaster MBC nursery admission website.

### Teacher training days (school closed)

Just a reminder, here are the dates for the teacher training days over the coming school year for your information. If there are any changes to these dates we will let you know with as much notice as possible.

**Monday 20th February**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

### Parent Meetings / Information

Throughout COVID we have been producing parent information videos regarding your child's learning via Class Dojos as well as offering individual meetings if required. This half term your child's teacher will once again produce a similar video for your information as well as being available to hold individual meetings if needed. We will however, be moving to face to face parent meetings in the spring term so please look out for these after Christmas.



### Christmas Events

it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! We are very excited to returning fully to inviting parents in for some of our Christmas celebrations. There will be lots of fun things happening across the school including Christmas craft activities in our Foundation stage, KS1 Nativity, Christmas dinner, Christmas Parties and maybe a surprise visitor...

Please find below a timetable of events for your diary.

<b>Monday 5th December</b>	
<b>Tuesday 6th December</b>	<b>KS1 Nativity 2pm</b> <b>Nursery Christmas Craft am session 9-10 and pm session 12:30-1:30 in the unit, parents invited.</b>
<b>Wednesday 7th December</b>	<b>KS1 Nativity 2pm</b> <b>FS2 Christmas Craft afternoon 2-3pm</b>
<b>Thursday 8th December</b>	<b>Official Christmas Jumper day for Charity £1</b>
<b>Friday 9th December</b>	
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Nursery Christmas party day</b> <b>FS2 Christmas party afternoon</b>
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Dinner</b> <b>Christmas Jumpers - no charge</b>
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Jumpers – no charge</b> <b>Close for Christmas</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023</b>	<b>School reopens for all staff and pupils.</b>

### Christmas Dinner

The school will be serving a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. If your child does not usually have a school dinner but would like to have one on this date, please look out for further information about how to order coming out shortly. Please remember that if your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 this meal will be FREE.



Finally, Thank you for you ongoing support. All the staff at Park would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.