

## Park Primary School

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**School Holiday**  
School closes for the Easter holiday on  
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** and re-opens on  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.**



Dear Families,

It has been lovely to watch the pupils enjoying their learning this term, thank you for your continued support in helping your child to attend school regularly and encouraging them to talk about their learning at home.

### Attendance.

Firstly, can I please thank all our parents for your hard work in ensuring your child/ren attend regularly and promptly. Although as a school we do appreciate children do get poorly especially at this time of year, it is still vital that illness is the only reason they are absent. Over the last term, unfortunately we did have several children who were having days off when they were not ill. Sadly, some of the reasons include birthdays, trips away and not getting up in time. This impacts significantly on your child's learning both academically and socially. If a child is absent, they miss so much which can prove difficult to catch up on as well as them missing out of social activities with their friends.

Government guidance for all schools state that attendance for all pupils in order for them to maximise their learning should be 97%. Last term Park's attendance was 93.6%. Although this is slightly above national figures (91.2%) this is still low. We are therefore asking all parents to ensure that their child/ren attend regularly.

Please remember doors open at 8:45am and close at 8:55am. If your child/ren are after this time, they are therefore late and this will impact on their learning.

### Electrical Devices

We are very much in a digital era where our children are far more 'tech' savvy than we were at their age. Although we do appreciate that a number of our pupils are lucky enough to have several electrical devices including mobile phones, computer consoles, tablets and smart watches, we do ask that you work with us to ensure our children are safe and these items are not brought to school.

#### **SMART Watches**

It has been brought to my attention that a small number of pupils have been wearing SMART watches in school. As these can now be used in several different ways including making calls and playing music, we ask that they **DO NOT** wear them for school. If your child wants to wear a watch to help them with telling the time, then a sensible wristwatch with either a digital or analogue face is acceptable. Anything too big or that makes a noise is also not allowed.

#### **Mobile Phones**

However, we do appreciate that some of our older children do come and go home from school without an adult and do bring a mobile phone for their safety. If your child needs to bring their phone to school for this reason, then this is allowed but they must give it to their teacher as soon as they arrive in school and collect it before they go home.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

## World Book Week

### **World Book Day at Park Primary School.**

We are extremely excited as we build up to celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024!** We have lots of exciting, celebratory ways to promote reading for pleasure not just for World Book Day, but all year round. Please see flyer on Dojos.

## EASTER ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOL

We are really EGGsited to announce that on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March we will be holding our annual Egg decorating and Easter Bonnet competition. Our Easter assembly led by Adam Prestley (St Paul's Church), will also take place on this day where our visitors will judge all the entrees. Please look out for more information on class Dojo.



## Walking across the Car Park

I have observed several families who **still insist** on walking across the car park, rather than using the paths. PLEASE use the pedestrian routes around school - before there is an accident.

## Payments made to school

ParentPay is now our main method for payments made to school. Please use this whenever possible unless directed not to do so by school. Cash payments if required 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.

Diary Dates 2024	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 assembly
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Park's book week – including world book day on the Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Orange team non-uniform day.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 assembly
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose day 2024 – non-uniform day – more information to follow.
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 trip to Crucial Crew
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Lower Key stage 2 performance.
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Egg competition and Easter Bonnet parade.
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Break up for the Easter break.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	School reopens after the Easter break.
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Year 1 trip to Conisbrough Castle
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Mayday Bank holiday
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	FS trip to the butterfly house
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for Spring bank holiday
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School reopens after the half term holiday
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 assembly

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 times tables check
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	FS2 assembly
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June/Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Sing out! Date to be confirmed.
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 assembly
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Assembly
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 2 assembly
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	FS1 and 2 Sports day
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 trip to Austerfield
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school sports day
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	UKS2 performance
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 leavers assembly
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Prom
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	School Closes for the Summer