



Park Spring Primary Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 13th November 2019

Ethos Statement "I have the power to help others feel good"

Autumn 2 Diary Dates

Please find below a list of events that will be taking place during this term;

- 15.11.19 Children In Need Day
- 16.11.19 BIG DIG - Details Below
- 21.11.19 Choir Rehearsal
- 21.11.19 SATS Meeting 3.30 & 6pm
- 26.11.19 Book Fair week
- 29.11.19 Non-Uniform - Choc/Battle donations
- 29.11.19 Choir Rehearsal
- 02-04.12.19 Year 6 Trip to Dobroyd
- 02.12.19 Choir Dress Rehearsal
- 03.12.19 Choir Concert
- 06.12.19 Year 1 Trip - Kirkstall Abbey House
- 06.12.19 FOPS Christmas Fair
- 20.12.19 School Closes for Christmas Break

ATTENDANCE

If your child is going to be absent from school then please text this number 07706172385. Please note that this phone will not be answered for phone calls. This is last week's attendance report for the week ending 08th Nov 2019:

Rec a	89.7%	Rec b	92%
1a	96%	1b	95.3%
2a	98.7%	2b	94.4%
3a	97.8%	3b	93.3%
4a	94.7%	4b	97.9%
5a	89.6%	5b	97.5%
6a	94%	6b	91.7%

Bagels

Just a reminder that FREE breakfast bagels are available to everyone from outside of the main school entrance at 8.45am every school day morning.

Staff Car Parks

Please can we remind parents/carers that our car parks are for staff, visitors and those with blue badges only. They should not be used as a drop off or pick up point at any time, this also applies to taxis. Thank you

ParentPay

Please be aware that our school aims to become cashless by January 2020 by using ParentPay for school dinners, trips, breakfast clubs, afterschool clubs and milk. Letters with further information should now have been received, including login details for those who have not yet activated their accounts. You can still pay cash by using a local paypoint if you prefer, please pop in to the school office for more information. Thank you.

Saturday 16th November - BIG DIG

We are having a 'Park Spring Big Dig' to tidy up the Nature Area in our school grounds as we need to clear the weeds and nettles that have started to take over. If you are available for an hour or two please come and join us between 9.30am and 11.30am where we will provide you with a bacon sandwich as a thank you. Children are welcome and if you have any tools that you can bring with you they will be greatly appreciated. Access will be available via the Wellstone Avenue entrance.

Choir Dates

Rehearsal Thursday 21st November 1.30-3.30 - Horsforth
Rehearsal Friday 29th November - Pudsey Civic 1.15-3.15

Dress rehearsal Monday 2nd December - Leeds Town Hall
Arrive at 5.20 for a 6pm start, finishing at 8.15pm.

Concert Tuesday 3rd December - Leeds Town Hall Arrive at 6.20 for a 7pm start, finishing at 8.30pm.

Year 3 Sleepover

Another brilliant Y3 sleepover. The children had an amazing time, making pizzas, singing, dancing and sleeping in their classrooms!

Thanks to all the families that contributed financially to allow this event to happen. Thanks to the Y3 team for leading a great night and a special mention to all staff that in some way helped and gave up part of their valuable free time to provide this superb experience for our children.

Your smiles and thanks when picking your children up are always gratefully received by the very tired staff!

Book Fair

The book fair will be in the school hall from Tuesday 26th November for one week, before school from 8.30 until 8.55 and after school from 3.30 until 4.15. Hope to see you there!

The year of reading at Park Spring

Home reading challenge!

It has been a great start to the new term - in last week's KS2 celebration assembly we gave away books to some of our 'Always Readers' for their great home reading and we have 50 children who will be receiving badges for their great home reading last half term. Reading at home is a great support and we really appreciate the support from the families. Thank you!

Reading at home is a big indicator of success in the future for all children, it is staggering the difference just 20 minutes a day can make.

Child A	Child B	Child C
20 minutes additional reading at home everyday	5 minutes additional reading at home per day	1 minute additional reading at home per day
60 hours per school year	15 hours per school year	3 hours per school year
1,800,000 words per school year (one million, eight hundred thousand words)	282,000 words per school year (two hundred and eighty two thousand words)	8000 words per school year (eight thousand words)
By the end of Y6, 60 whole days' reading	By the end of Y6, 12 days' reading	By the end of Y6, 3 days' reading
Reading scores usually within 90% range	Reading scores usually within 50% range	Reading scores usually within 10% range

Well done to 6b for winning the home reading challenge - a fantastic effort, reading at least 5 times a week!

We are really pleased to have a new reading volunteer starting in Key Stage 2 this week. If you could spare some time one afternoon a week to listen to readers please contact the office or Mrs Digby.

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