



# Park Spring Primary Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 11th December 2019

Ethos Statement "I can make connections in my learning"

## Autumn 2 Diary Dates

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

- 12.12.19 Year 3 & 4 Walk to St.Marks
- 13.12.19 KSI Christmas Performance AM & PM
- 13.12.19 Christmas Jumper Day
- 17.12.19 Nursery Christmas parties AM (am/beg)
- 18.12.19 EYFS Christmas play 9.15 and 2.15
- 19.12.19 Nursery Christmas parties PM (pm/end)
- 19.12.19 Reception, KSI & KS2 Christmas parties
- 20.12.19 School Closes for Christmas Break
- 06.01.20 School Reopens
- 27.01.20 Training Day - School Closed

## 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 6th Dec 2019:

Rec a	89.3%	Rec b	94.3%
1a	94%	1b	91%
2a	95.7%	2b	85.7%
3a	94.1%	3b	88.5%
4a	89.7%	4b	95.6%
5a	97.6%	5b	86.7%
6a	95.7%	6b	100%

## Chewing Gum

A polite reminder to our children and families that chewing gum is not permitted on school premises. We are finding more and more being dropped on the playground when it should be disposed of in the bins around the grounds. We have unfortunately also found chewed gum around school stuck on carpeted areas. Please bin it before entering school grounds. Thank you for your cooperation

## Reading Volunteers

Our children at Park Spring love to read and we want to give them every opportunity we can. If you could spare some time to come into school to listen to some of our children read, please pop in to the office and let us know.

## Residentials

Well done to the children of Y6 who last week braved the toughest residential of them all - Dobroyd Castle. They were brave, daring, clever and were a credit to the school and their families.

Thanks to all the families that supported this amazing experience with a SPECIAL THANKS to all the staff that stayed away from home for 2 nights - Y6 team you are PARK SPRING AWESOME.

The Y5 residential is booked for April 2020 for Malham and Dobroyd is booked for them in December next year. We do everything we can to keep costs as affordable as possible. Installments can be paid on ParentPay for Y4 camp, Y5 Malham and Y6 Dobroyd Castle.

## Christmas Celebration at St.Marks

On Thursday 12th December, Years 3 and 4 will take part in a celebration at St.Marks.

The children will be leaving school at 2.00pm and will be returning at approximately 2.45pm. The performances will start at 2.10pm where they will be singing Christmas songs and reflecting on this special time of year with Reverend Keith.

As we will be walking to church, we will need volunteers to walk with us. If you would like to walk with your child please let your child's class teacher know. Alternatively you could meet us there! We look forward to seeing you.

## ParentPay and Activity Clubs

Our school will become cashless by January 2020 by using ParentPay. You can still pay cash by using a local paypoint if you prefer.

Activity clubs will also be booked through ParentPay after Christmas, you will still receive a letter with full details but the limited club places will be applied for through your account. If you need another copy of your login details or have any queries, please pop in to the school office. Thank you.

### Lost Property

We are gaining lots and lots of lost items each week. Many cannot be returned to their owners as they are not named. We have plenty of sharpie pens in the office so you can label your child's coat, jumpers etc.

Please check that all items have names - this lost property must be costing families FORTUNES!!!

All lost property is cleared and recycled at the end of each half term - as we have limited storage space. Once it has gone - it's gone to charity so please do have a regular check. Lost property can be found outside the school office or stored inside the old school entrance - access is available at the start and end of each day.

Thank you

### Year 5 Poem Winners

In the dark sky, planets lay,  
Floating in a peculiar way.  
The shimmer of the cosmic dust  
Flies around as it must.  
In the distance I can see a star,  
It's far away from where we are.  
The engines roared louder than a bomb!  
I feel like the whole world's gone...  
The control panel started bleeping,  
Who knows what things we'll be meeting.  
Where have we gone?  
The planets are here, no I'm wrong.  
Everything is going to be alright,  
I can see a black hole with all its might.  
The ship spun round like a shooting star.  
Although I'm spinning round and round,  
I'll get through this even if I'm found!  
Meteors crashed getting sucked in,  
Don't hurt our metal tin!  
SMASH!  
Everything was in pure darkness in a flash.  
The sky split in half, leaving me clinging on for  
dear life.  
The light started to fade away,  
Would I live to see another day?  
I guess this is my last glimpse of a star,  
I wonder where we are?  
Darkness was engulfing me,  
I miss my family.  
Stars disappeared in front of my eyes,  
It's time to say my final goodbyes.  
Ground Control, Ground Control;  
It's going to be a challenge getting home.

Frankie 5b

#### Peace in Space

Planets playing peacefully while the tranquil Earth  
slept under the dark night sky.  
The gorgeous, gold galaxy glanced at the  
enchanted, emerald Earth.  
The chilled rocket sunbathed under the baking, red  
sun.  
Saturn, as silent as mouse, glimmered gracefully as  
the striking, shiny stars drifted into space.  
While the sun shone, the meditating stars drifted  
sedately in the azure night sky.

As of a sudden, as loud as an elephant, the raging  
planets drifted noisily into oblivion.  
As loud as a rocket blasting, the ship launched  
towards them.  
CRASH!  
BOOM!  
Jupiter crashed, Pluto roared.  
Jupiter sprinted around the exploding meteor while  
the tranquil Earth watched the dangerous war...

Harvey 5a

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