



# Park Spring Primary School

## 'Achieving Together'



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**Friday 24th February 2023**

**Absence Reporting** Please report your child's absence to the school office via telephone or via text message to **07891 274 260**

### SCHOOL DAY REMINDER

Please can we remind families and pupils that the normal school day begins at **8.55am** and the gates will open automatically at **8.45am** (no need to press the buzzer). If the gates do open for children in boosters, visitors or staff before this time please remain at the gates and do not enter the playground. Many thanks



### SPRING 1 & 2 DIARY DATES

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

**02.03.2023 Reception Trip—Temple Newsam**  
**02.03.2023 World Book Day**  
**03.03.2023 World Book Day Lunch Menu**  
**06.03.2023 Y2 Secret Garden Reading Event**  
**08.03.2023 Y2 Armley Mills Visit**  
**14.03.2023 Healthy Schools Y1 Workshops**  
**17.03.2023 Red Nose Day**  
**19.03.2023 Mothering Sunday**  
**31.03.2023 Easter Holidays**  
**17.04.2023 School Re-Opens**  
**27.04.2023 Y5 Grinton Lodge**



### ATTENDANCE

If your child is going to be absent from school then please text this number **07891274260**.

Please note that this phone will not be answered for phone calls. This is last week's attendance report for the week ending **10th February 2023**

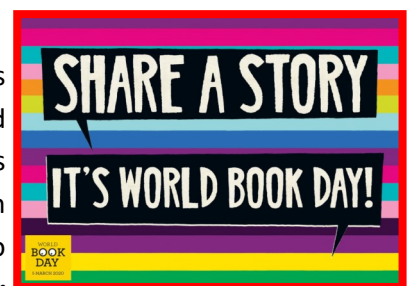
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NURSERY PM	83.1%	YEAR 3b	90.2%
RECEPTION a	92%	YEAR 4a	93.95%
RECEPTION b	94.5%	YEAR 4b	91.8%
YEAR 1a	95.7%	YEAR 5a	95%
YEAR 1b	88.3%	YEAR 5b	97.1%
YEAR 2a	93.75%	YEAR 6a	93.8%
YEAR 2b	87.5%	YEAR 6b	98.7%
		YEAR 6c	96.1%

**Totals 92.8%**



### WORLD BOOK DAY 2nd MARCH 2023

On Thursday 2 March (next week) we will be celebrating World Book Day at Park Spring as follows: Bring In your Favourite Book to Share In classes we will be setting up a Speed Read (similar to speed dating) where children will be given the opportunity to talk to their peers about their favourite book, each child will have 3 minutes to discuss their book and then children will all swap places and share with another one of their peers. This is a great way to share stories and encourage children to read other books. Children will need to bring in their favourite book – clearly labelled with their name and class to ensure this book is brought home by the correct person. Book Swap In classes there will be a book swap stall. Children will be able to bring in any books that they no longer read and/or would like to swap for another book. This encourages children to make independent choices about what they would like to read and also encourages recycling literature. These books do not need to be labelled as they will be getting swapped and hopefully going home with another child. During the day will continue with our ERIC (Everyone Reads In Class) time which take place daily. Children must come in to school in their normal school uniform or PE uniform if they have PE on Thursdays.



### ABBEY HOUSE MUSEUM

Abbey house museum in Kirkstall has an exhibition of Victorian scenes that children can visit. Year 2 are have been learning all about Victorians so if you are at a loose end this weekend then this is a great place to visit.



## YEAR 5

Before Half Term, Year 5 had a visit from the incredible author Kate Pankhurst, writer and illustrator of the Fantastically Great Women series of books. She spoke of her inspirations and how she came up with the ideas for her books, and we had an art lesson where she taught us to draw our own illustrations! The children had a fantastic time, one even saying it was the best day at school she'd ever had! Thank you Kate, for a truly fun and engaging visit, you've inspired the next generation of writers.



## VACANCY

We are currently looking to recruit someone to join our lovely After School Club team. The shift pattern is Tue & Thurs each week 3.15pm - 5.30pm TTO.



Please contact the school office on 0113 255 2526

## PARENT PAY

When you make a payment on Parent pay—Please can you make sure you add the payment to the basket rather than the yellow bank transfer button.

Using the basket makes the transaction on our system much quicker and so we are able to process your payment faster.



## YEAR 1

Year 1 had a history drop down day yesterday! They enjoyed learning all about the Great Fire of London. This will lead into our Literacy where we will be writing diary entries as if we were there.



## RECEPTION

Reception have started a brand-new topic this week all about Kings and Queens! We have enjoyed roleplaying in our own castle, building models of castles indoors and out, studied characters in books, and Emmie has even challenged herself to research about a very famous king, Henry VIII. We are excited for our trip to Temple Newsam next week! Emmie wrote 'He had 6 wives. His brother died.'



## CHAMPIONS! Y3 & Y4 FOOTBALL

An amazing start to the half term as we spent Monday at Goals football centre in Kirkstall, competing in the Y3/4 Premier League Primary Stars National Football Competition. Our squad of 10 players were one of 4 teams that progressed through to a Leeds wide final later in the year. They played amazingly, showed great resilience and sportsmanship when things were not going our way – and were really goof fun to be with. Well done and thanks to Coach Fotherby for organising us all, Mrs Houghton for getting us there and Mr Sharp for his management and Mr B for being a great Director of football!



## NATIONAL STRIKE DAY—28TH FEBRUARY 2023

Park Spring is currently OPEN as usual on Tuesday. Please note that all arrangements are subject to change and we will do our best to keep families informed of any changes as soon as possible.

## BIG DIG!!

We would love you to come and help with our spring clear up of our lovely school grounds. Come and join us for a morning of fun for the whole family on:

**SATURDAY 18TH MARCH 2023**

10-12 PM

Tea & biscuits will be readily available





## FAMILY CONSULTATIONS

Thank you to everyone who attended their booked Family Consultation appointment on Wednesday.

We trailed a new way to accommodate as many people as possible and we asked for feedback from families who attended the early sessions, during the school day. From the feedback we will be looking to improve on the location of where the consultations take place, however the majority of feedback shows a positive response in relation to our new system for accommodating appointments during the school day and not just after the school day.

### What do you think of the NEW location 1 (not very well) - 10 (excellent)

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10	47.92%

### Did the earlier appointment times work well for you? 1 (not very well) - 10 (excellent)

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3	1.81%
4	0.00%
5	3.64%
6	1.81%
7	7.27%
8	20.00%
9	9.09%
10	54.54%

## BOOK OFFER

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running!



Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/park-spring/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online.

For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your order online by March 10th, 2023

If you didn't receive a catalogue, these are available from the school office.

## SCHOOL DINNERS

All our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children receive government funded school meals.

This means that children in these year groups do not pay for school dinners.

Our school payment system automatically adds £2.30 to every account. If your child is in any of the above year groups you do not need to pay this £2.30. Any problems please speak to the office.



## WACKY HAIR DAY

On Thursday we all came to school with wacky hair for a £1 donation in order to support our sponsored children in India through the Love the One charity. Some amazing creations so well done all!!



## YEAR 6—SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES

For those parents that have applied for a secondary school place for September 2023, the school choices come out on **Wednesday 1st March 2023**



Keep your eyes peeled on your emails for that important information.

## BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

If your child attends our breakfast and after school provision, please can you check your parent pay to make sure all your fees are all up-to-date.





## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# SPOTIFY

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Spotify is a digital music, podcast and video service which gives users access to millions of songs and other content from creators all over the world. Since launching in 2008, Spotify has revolutionised the way music is listened to: it now offers the ability to manage and share more than 100 million tracks and five million podcast series, plus personalised recommendations, new release updates and the option to create collaborative playlists. As of February 2023, it is the world's most popular audio streaming subscription service with 489 million users globally.

### EXPLICIT LYRICS

As per Spotify's terms and conditions, people need to be at least 13 to use it. That said, the platform doesn't censor lyrics unless instructed to do so in the settings – so it's worth noting that young teenagers could still be exposed to age-inappropriate songs which contain explicit references to sexual behaviour, violence, discriminatory language and swearing.

### GROOMING TACTICS

Although Spotify doesn't come with dedicated chat functionality, concerns were raised in January 2023 after reports of an 11-year-old girl being coerced into sharing explicit pictures of herself on the platform. The case highlighted predators' tactics of sharing empty playlists with other users: their messages were being exchanged undetected through edited song titles and descriptions, bypassing security measures.

### OVERSHARING

Spotify provides a perfect way to play music, with the ability to connect to another device, such as a Bluetooth speaker or an in-car stereo. While this is a useful feature, it's also easy to forget your surroundings and inadvertently play content which isn't appropriate for all listeners (especially those under the age of 18), potentially causing alarm or distress.

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE PODCASTS

Spotify's podcast community has grown exponentially and it's become a popular base for millions of users to listen to shows, stories, interviews and more – with content covering an array of topics. This includes some material which isn't suitable for minors, including audio which is obviously adult-themed, but can be just as easily accessed as everything else.

### ACCESS TO SPOTIFY LIVE

If your child has a Spotify account, they'll also be able to access the platform's audio-only chat service: Spotify Live. While it's a separate stand-alone app, Spotify Live allows people to listen to live discussions on the main Spotify platform and, more notably, lets users enter virtual rooms to chat with other users, opening up direct conversations with strangers and individuals who might not necessarily be there for the right reasons.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### SWAP TO SPOTIFY KIDS

If you're concerned about what your child might hear while streaming music, Spotify Kids is a separate, ad-free service specifically designed for children aged 12 and under. It allows younger users to enjoy human-curated, child-friendly content (such as music and audiobooks) and is available to users with a Spotify Premium Family subscription – meaning that parents can view and manage the content their child listens to.

### CENSOR EXPLICIT CONTENT

Regardless of what type of account your child uses to access Spotify, there is an option to turn off explicit content in the settings – greying out all songs marked with an 'E' tag. If your child has their own individual account, it's easier for them to turn it back on – whereas with a family plan, you're in control and your child can't alter the setting without knowing the password.

### TALK ABOUT THE RISKS

As with any platform, it's good practice to talk to your child about what they should be aware of when using Spotify. For instance, it's important they're aware never to share any personal information with strangers, and what they should do if they're exposed to inappropriate content. Encourage them to think critically about what they see and hear so that they feel comfortable raising any concerns with you.

### KEEP AN EYE OUT

If you're concerned that your child is spending too much time on Spotify or you've noticed they're being particularly secretive about how they're using it, encourage them to talk about what they're listening to. It's always prudent to show an interest in their online habits from the outset – so you're confident they're using apps and services in the right way, for the right reasons, and they're not being drawn into anything they shouldn't be.

### Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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