



Park Spring Primary School

'Achieving Together'



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Friday 1st December 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



AUTUMN 1&2 DIARY DATES

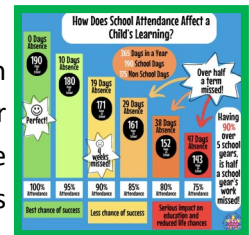
Please find below a list of events that will be taking place during this term.



- 06.12.2023—Rec B Library Visit
- 06.12.2023—Rec A Library Visit
- 08.12.2023—Christmas Jumper Day
- 11.12.2023—Y3 Drumming Performance
- 11.12.2023—Y6 Dobroyd Residential
- 11.12.2023 Rec—Eyesight/height & weight
- 12.12.2023 Rec—Eyesight/height & weight
- 13.12.2023 Rec—Eyesight/height & weight
- 13.12.2023—Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance
- 15.12.2023—Y2 Parent Reading Event 2.45pm
- 19.12.2023—Christmas Lunch Menu
- 20.12.2023—Nursery & Reception Christmas Performance
- 21.12.2023—Christmas Parties
- 22.12.2023—KS2 Carols round the tree
- 22.12.2023—Christmas Break

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 the last week of last years attendance report for the week ending **24th November 2023**

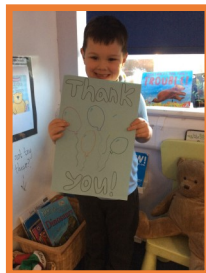


EVERY CHILD HAS AN ENTITLEMENT TO AN EDUCATION, AS A PARENT/CARER IT IS YOUR LEGAL DUTY TO BRING THEM TO SCHOOL

Nursery	73.5%	YEAR 3a	92.5%
RECEPTION a	90.8%	YEAR 3b	96.65%
RECEPTION b	90%	YEAR 4a	94.4%
YEAR 1a	94.8%	YEAR 4b	96.4%
YEAR 1b	90.9%	YEAR 5a	89.35%
YEAR 2a	92.7%	YEAR 5b	93.2%
YEAR 2b	89.3%	YEAR 6a	95.65%
		YEAR 6b	94.65%
Totals	91.9%		

AMAZING DONATION

Reception were very kindly gifted a donation from Lukas's grandparents. We used the money to buy some exciting books to support our upcoming topics. The children helped to make a 'Thank You' card to send to them. We can't wait to read them! Year 2 will be invited to watch too as inspiration for the following year.



YEAR 1

Y1 enjoyed cooking this week - we made ham and feta wraps. We worked on the skills of cutting with a knife, tearing and grating! After all our hard work we were rewarded with our delicious treat!



RECEPTION LIBRARY TRIP

Due to train strikes on Friday 8th December. **Reception A** will now be going on the trip to the library on **Wednesday 6th December** along with the Reception B class. Please check your texts for updates.





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NURSERY

Christmas is coming !!!

We have had a busy morning in Nursery. We had our Big

Write to start with

and then we had to decorate our Christmas tree. What a great job we did !!

And then we had a little relax in front of the fire.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER



YEAR 5

Year 5 are raising money for their year 6 leavers hoodies and after the Christmas break, they are looking for unwanted gift sets donations to raffle.



If you have any unwanted gift sets that you are willing to donate, please bring to school after the school holidays.

FOPS SECRET SANTA

If you would like a secret Santa gift, please complete the form which was emailed last week and bring the form and the money to the office by **Friday 8th December**.

If you are unable to print the form at home, we have forms available in the office for you to collect.



BENCHBALL

Yesterday, 7 of our brilliant Year 4 pupils went to Crawshaw Academy to play Benchball. There were lots of other Pudsey schools there and we played against 4 of them. We won 2 and drew 2 of the games but, most importantly, we had fun!

You will notice that there are a lot of events on a Thursday for small groups of children. There are 3 different types of event, Inspire and Engage, Develop and Play and Compete. This was a Develop and Play event so the children got a chance to run through the rules then practice in games. All the children who have represented the school at one of these events have had great fun and been true Park Springers- happy, resilient, caring and confident.



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN



One week today Santa is coming to visit EXCITING!! There will be hot chocolate and other drinks available, FREE crafts stalls, festive music, a post box for your letters to (he WILL reply) and one of our amazing FOPS Grottos. Siblings are welcome for you to take a wonderful family photo with Santa There isn't a ticket price it is for a donation of your choice.

Come along from 3.30pm on Friday 8th December



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the "blackout" trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-18s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app, it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-18 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £330. TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthdate.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

TikTok can be addictive, especially for young people: compulsive repeated use can interfere with sleep patterns and be a distraction from other activities. The platform recently introduced default usage time limits of 60 and 100 minutes for new members under 18 (in the UK, children with TikTok average 102 minutes per day on the app). But these restrictions can easily be removed in the settings.

TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the "TikTok Now" feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok accounts with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen time limits, and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-16s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

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.



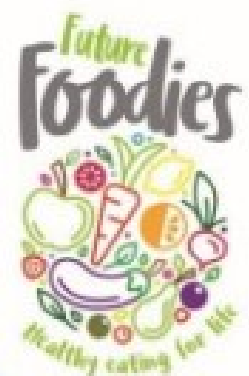
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#WakeUpWednesday



CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU

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ON: TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2023

WE ARE SERVING UP
A FESTIVE FEAST

Menu

Roast Turkey with all the trimmings

Yorkshire Pudding, Sage and Onion Stuffing & Mini Pork Sausage

or

Vegetarian Sausage with all the trimmings (v)

Yorkshire Pudding, Sage and Onion Stuffing & Mini Vegetarian Sausage (v)

Mashed and Roast Potatoes

Seasonal Vegetables

Festive Christmas Dessert

Novelty Ginger Biscuit with Ice Cream & Sprinkles



Catering
Leeds



Merry
Christmas!

YEAR 3 DRUMMING PERFORMANCE

This year our Year 3 classes have been having drumming lessons with Mr G and we would like to share what we have learnt so far with you



**Please join us in the School Hall on
Monday 11th December 2023
@ 2.30pm for our performance**

Parents are invited to stay after
for our reading event and we will
share the books we have studied
over the last two half terms and
the children's writing that they
have produced.



Christmas Events

8 DECEMBER 2023

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
SANTA PARKS HIS SLEIGH AT SCHOOL
3.15PM - 6PM SANTA IS COMING

13 DECEMBER 2023

YEAR 1 & 2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES
@ 9.15AM & 2.15PM

19 DECEMBER 2023

WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH DAY

20 DECEMBER 2023

NURSERY & RECEPTION CHRISTMAS
PERFORMANCES
@ 9.15AM & 2.15PM

21 DECEMBER 2023

CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTIES (AFTERNOON)

22 DECEMBER 2023

YEARS 3 - 6 CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE
@ 9.15 AM



PARK SPRING PRIMARY

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

**A Holiday Meet and Greet
with Santa Claus Himself!**

**FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2023
FROM 3.30PM TO 6PM**

**OUR FANTASTIC FOPS TEAM WOULD LIKE TO
GIVE ALL FAMILIES AN AFFORDABLE
OPPORTUNITY FOR THEIR CHILDREN TO VISIT
SANTA FOR A SMALL DONATION**



24 Day Reverse Advent Calendar

23rd Nov Tin of tomatoes	24th Nov Tin of potatoes	25th Nov Bottle of squash	26th Nov Biscuits
27th Nov Tin of meat	28th Nov Pasta sauce	29th Nov Custard	30th Nov Tea/coffee
1st Dec Rice	2nd Dec Tin of soup	3rd Dec Baked beans	4th Dec Curry sauce
5th Dec Shower gel	6th Dec Stuffing	7th Dec Kidney beans	8th Dec Tin of peas
9th Dec Crisps	10th Dec Long life milk	11th Dec Tin of tuna	12th Dec Shampoo
13th Dec Tin of fruit	14th Dec Tin of carrots	15th Dec Pasta	16th Dec Chocolate

Each day add an item to a box.

**Then bring to Pudsey Community Project, Fartown,
LS28 8LP on the week commencing 18th Dec.
Opening times: Mon-Sat 10am-12pm or Weds 6-8pm**

Is your child due to start primary school in 2024?



Applications are open for Reception places to start in **September**

You can apply online until **15 January 2024**

Before you apply, find out more at
www.leeds.gov.uk/apply 

- Learn about the admissions process
- Research schools so you can list your 5 preferences
- Read each school's admissions policy
- Understand where your child might be offered a place
- Check if your home address gives you priority



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guide to school
admissions

