

Dear Parents,

Welcome to my very first Newsletter of the school year! I hope I find you all well and safe.

As we are coming to the end of our first full week back, I thought I would give you some updates onto things happening in school

Firstly, I want to let you all know how amazing your children are. The way they have all come into school and settled so well is simply wonderful. Because of their age and newness to school; the Year 1 and Reception children in particular, have been incredible!

All the children have been brilliant at learning how to wash their hands military style (we do the hand washing conga!) and keeping to their designated playground zones. I am amazed by how well they are all settling down back in to school routines.

I was so excited on our first day back, to hear the children's voices and see the playground full of happy playing children - I have to say it is simply magic to have my babies back!

So, all in all, we have had a very good and calm start to our year. I'm sure things will be sent to test all of us at some point but we will endeavour to 'sort it all out' as we normally would at Park Road. Thank you for all of your support and patience in our returning plans and as we tweak things to make them better!

Mrs Walmsley



Staff News

I am delighted to welcome 3 new members of staff to school.

Mr Crampton is our new Site Manager and will be looking after all aspects of our school building. I'm sure many of you will have seen him in the morning as he patrols the entrances ready to lock up when we are all in school.

We are also joined by Mrs Hardy and Miss Clarke who have joined our Teaching Assistant team. Mrs Hardy is working in 3DJ and Miss Clarke will be supporting every class with extra intervention/booster support.

I am sure you will all join in with me as we welcome these 3 new members of staff to the Park Road Family – I know they are great additions to the team!

Kidsclub Information

Please remember to book 3 days in advance for Kidsclub sessions which can now all be booked on ParentPay as usual. If your child attends after school, remember that this session ends at 5:55 so the school building can be locked up at 6:00.

Logins & Passwords

Children have now been given new usernames / passwords for itslearning as a security procedure. A letter (and other passwords you need) should have already come home to you but if not, please let us know. Tapestry for R & N is being sent out over the next couple of days

Data Sheets

Thank you to those who have been prompt in returning their child's data sheet back to school. Please remember to get this to us as soon as possible so we can ensure the information we hold at school is correct. This is particularly important for phone numbers, so we can get hold of you promptly in case of an emergency and email addresses so that you all get school correspondence.

Drop Off & Pick Up Times

Following a very smooth start to the year, I have reviewed timings for drop off and pick-ups as it was very apparent that 15 minute staggered starts are far too long!

Thank you for sticking to your staggered times and not coming before your slot – this is really important to keep everyone safe and distanced on the pavements around school and has helped enormously for calm, effective starts – so if you are on the second staggered time slots PLEASE keep this up!!

We are still able to be 2m apart on the pavement and that is what we will stick with. And, whilst it's tempting to stay and chat to each other, please don't – it means there are more parents around the entrances than need to be. I need to keep everyone safe and I do not want parents feeling anxious about pick-ups as social distancing isn't being adhered to – Thanks

These new times will start from Monday 14th September

Class	Drop off time	Pick up time	Entrance (these have not changed)
6C & FM	8:45 – 8:55	3:20 – 3:30	Junior Gate / Year 6 doors
5G & 5L	8:45 – 8:55	3:20 – 3:30	Main Entrance Gate
4B & 4F	8:55 – 9:05	3:30 – 3:40	Main Entrance Gate
3A & 3DJ	8:55 – 9:05	3:30 – 3:40	Junior Gate / Junior doors
2F & 2R	8:45 – 8:55	3:20 – 3:30	Infant Gate / Infant doors
1A & 1P	8:55 – 9:05	3:30 – 3:40	Infant Gate / Year 1 doors
Reception Tigers	8:45 – 9:00	3:15 – 3:30	EYFS single gate
Reception Lions	8:45 – 9:00	3:15 – 3:30	EYFS double gate
Nursery AM	9:05	12:05	EYFS single gate
Nursery FT	9:05	3:35	EYFS single gate
Nursery PM	12:35	3:35	EYFS single gate

School Uniform

A reminder that children should not be wearing any jewellery to school – including earrings. Please can infant children not be wear wristbands or 'fitbits' to school at the moment – as they are constantly chewing them, taking them off and losing them (obviously not covid secure!). Please keep them at home. Nail varnish should not be worn and hair should now be a natural colour and, where it is long enough, must be tied up.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

The children are very lucky that at Park Road all the teachers give up their own free time to run extra-curricular activities for the children. We are able to run them covid secure but we have to have then on year group bubble rotas so we have to do things a little differently this year in terms of booking every half term! An email has come out tonight about these clubs and how to book using a google form.