

# Park Primary School



21st October 2016

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents Evening this week to discuss how your child has settled into their new class. Please remember that you do not need to wait to the next Parents Evening to talk to us about your child's progress and well being. Speak to your child's teacher, or contact the office, to make an appointment at any time during the school year. The children all took part in our Harvest Festivals this week. There was a wonderful range of singing, drama and poetry throughout the two celebrations. Thank you to all the parents, carers and families who were able to join us to celebrate harvest and reflect upon ways in which we can be grateful. Thank you to Rev. Tom Moore who joined us from St Michaels Church and to everyone who made kind donations to 'Step by Step,' a local charity for young people.

## Diary Dates

### **Inset Days**

Tue 3rd Jan 2017  
 Mon 27th Feb 2017  
 Fri 7th April 2017  
 Thurs 4th May 2017

### **Half Term**

24.10.16—28.10.16

### **PTA Disco**

7.11.16

### **School Photographs**

9.11.16

### **Listen to Me Music Concert**

24.11.16 ~ 2.15pm  
 Years 2,3,4

### **Homework Due in**

25.11.16

### **Homework Exhibition**

01.12.16 ~ 2.30pm

### **PTA Christmas Fair**

02.12.16 ~ 3.30-5.30pm

### **KS1 Nativity**

8.12.16 ~ 2pm  
 9.12.16 ~ 9.10am

### **KS2 Performance**

12th Dec ~ 2pm  
 13th Dec ~ 6pm

## Our Learning and Achievements this Week

	This week we have been working hard on our counting. We have been learning to count from 0-10 and recognize numerals 0-10. We really enjoyed performing our harvest festival song to our grown ups. We did so well and Miss Pain is so proud of the whole class—superstars!
	Puffin class enjoyed our first harvest assembly and remembered the actions really well. We acted out the story of 'The Little Red Hen' using headbands with character pictures on. Puffin class had their first go on Playdale and we really enjoyed it. We have been practising writing our names. Please help by continuing with this at home.
	This week we have been neatly writing our instructions for 'How to make an Autumn picture'. Everyone has done really well and remembered their capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and time connectives. We have also made some fantastic season pictures. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Ava for writing fantastic instructions and using all her punctuation.
	This week we have been writing instructions for how to make an Autumn picture. We had lots of things to remember, including a title and time connectives! In Maths we have continued to practise subtraction and in topic we made a beautiful Winter artwork! Headteacher's Award has been presented to Lauren for giving 100% in writing lessons and writing a brilliant set of instructions by herself.
	This week we have been completing our Aquarium Topic by writing our own report on sea creatures. In Maths we have been counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Reilly for working tirelessly and independently on his report about seahorses.
	This week Flamingos have been learning the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. We created a story board and used actions to help us retell the story. We then edited the story to change the parts we didn't like. Finally we wrote the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. Headteacher's award has been presented to Summer F for using fantastic vocabulary to write her story.
	This week in year 4 we have continued learning column addition. We have been doing lots of planning in English to prepare ourselves for writing our final set of instructions on how to capture something. We have also been practising hard for our Harvest Assembly. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Hayden E for always being enthusiastic and positive about his learning, and working incredibly hard every day.
	This week in Herons, we have been writing our non-chronological report on our invented mythical creature. In Maths we have been consolidating knowledge about place value including numbers to 3 decimal places. In Music we have been creating our music for Theseus and the Minotaur. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Emilie for being a superstar in Science, her amazing recall and knowledge, and for obviously
	Year 6 have been learning how to use a formal written method for multiplication. Along with Harvest Assembly preparations, we have learnt about adaptation in Science and flow charts in Computing. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Nathan for excellent presentation of his rainforest layer diagram.

### Inset Days

Please note there has been a change to the date of the Inset Day in January previously printed on the newsletter. The correct date is Tuesday 3rd January 2017 instead of 6th January 2017 as previously stated.

### Half Term Activities

Ideas can be found on the following website: [www.rushmoorschoolsplus.org](http://www.rushmoorschoolsplus.org)

### Birdworld Voucher

The school has decided to renew the Birdworld membership for another year so if you would like to book a day out please book via the school office. The voucher will cost you £10 and this covers entry fees for 2 adults and 3 children to Birdworld and Underwater World. We can use the voucher any day of the year except Christmas day. You also receive a discount to visit Santa's grotto when using the voucher.



### Keeping Safe

We have been speaking to the children about how to keep themselves safe this week. Many of the children are excited about going Trick or Treating over half term. We have reminded the children to stay in sight of an adult when they go out, and for older children who are allowed out alone, to make sure that they know which houses or roads they are allowed to visit. Some children have been talking about the recent 'clown craze.' Hampshire Constabulary have contacted all schools to reassure the community that they are taking any reports seriously. Although there have been a very small number of incidents, there has been a lot of media attention and some of the children have been worried about this. The police have advised that children do not dress up as clowns for Halloween as this may attract unwanted negative attention from members of the public.

### Staffing News

Mrs Henderson has had an operation and will be off work for the next couple of weeks. We wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to her returning to work soon.

Congratulations to Mrs Donald who is expecting a baby in the spring term.

### Outside Achievements

**Libby D** has won 3 rosettes in horse riding, 1st, 4th and 5th and also has received a Cubs communication badge.

**Jessica H** has made her Rainbow Guide Promise in the 18th Aldershot Rainbows and also gained her British Gymnastics Proficiency award Level 2 in Trampoline.

**Isabelle F** has made her Rainbow Guide Promise in the 18th Aldershot Rainbows.

**Jack W** has won 2 trophies for being 'Man of the Match' in football.

**Zac E** has won a trophy in football.

**Tommy-Lee W** has won a medal and certificate in Jujitsu.

### Attendance



Well done Robins class for having the highest attendance this week.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term holiday

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