

Park Primary School

4 November 2016



Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

I hope that you all enjoyed the half term break with your children.

Autumn has certainly begun this week and we have all noticed the colder weather and darker evenings and afternoons.

We have already started making preparations for the Christmas period in school. We are particularly looking for parents to help with the Christmas Fair, either running a stall or helping with preparations on the day or beforehand. There will be more information about this next week.

Please can I remind parents to send in any PE kits which have not been returned to school after half term so that all children can join in with our PE sessions. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Inset Days

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

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

Mufti Day (wear own clothes)

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

Last Day of Term

16.12.16

3.01.17

Inset Day

Our Learning and Achievements this Week



We have had a really busy week, learning lots and lots. In maths we have been learning about 2D shapes and in PE we have been learning to balance bean bags on different parts of our bodies. Our new book focus is 'The Three Little Pigs'. We have been exploring the different materials and re-telling the story by using a story map. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Vegas for always trying her best in everything she does and for beautiful manners.



Puffin class enjoyed scooping out and carving pumpkins on Monday. We decorated clementines to look like pumpkins and made spiders with fruit. We have been writing some of the sounds we have learnt to far; please ask us to show you! We were lucky enough to go on the Life Bus where Harold the giraffe told us how we can keep ourselves fit and healthy. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Gracie for being kind and helpful and always looking after the other children in Puffins class.



Swallows have all settled back into school life really well after half term. We had a special delivery at the start of the week from Dr. Bill, who works at the Dinosaur Park. We were given a baby dinosaur egg and asked to look after it, but it escaped! We've had to use lots of adjectives to try and describe dinosaurs so that the rest of the school can help us find it! Headteacher's Award was presented to Kayla for using really impressive adjectives in her writing to describe a dinosaur.



Owls have had an exciting week! On Monday we had an escaped dinosaur on the loose and had to create posters telling everyone to 'beware!' We've been working on describing adjectives in our writing and carried on with addition in maths. Headteacher's Award was presented to Lamin for working really hard to understand addition and not giving up.



This week we have been learning our new class text; 'The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark'. In maths we have been adding 2-digit numbers and in computing we have been beginning to use Microsoft Powerpoint. Headteacher's Award was presented to Safal for producing an excellent PowerPoint slide on night time animals.



This week Flamingos have been learning the story 'The Three Little Wolves and The Big Bad Pig'. We have created a storyboard and actions to retell the story. We have been thinking about different words for 'said' and 'went'. Headteacher's Award was presented to Zane for organizing himself quickly and producing fantastic writing.



This week in Pelicans we have turned our classroom into Narnia. We made a giant Aslan out of leaves and also the wardrobe the children entered Narnia through. In science we made lampposts like the one in our Narnia story. We have also started learning how to use a written method for subtraction. Headteacher's Award was presented to Harry for putting in 200% effort in everything he has done this week. Harry has done lots of independent work in maths.



In English, we are immersing ourselves into our new book—'Twelve Minutes To Midnight' and we have been busy learning the blue print of the story. In maths we are looking at addition and subtraction within 1,000,000. Headteacher's Award was presented to Luke F for working particularly hard in maths and for having a positive and sensible attitude towards all his school work.



Year 6 have been learning how to use a formal written method for division. We have been learning the spooky poem 'The Raven' in English and thinking about all the new vocabulary. Headteacher's Award was presented to Millie for a terrific effort to master long division and dividing by 2-digit numbers.

PTA Disco

If your child has not returned the reply slip and would still like to attend the disco on Monday 7th November then there is still time! Please complete the slip and hand it in along with £2.50 to either the class teacher or the school office by **9am** on Monday. We cannot except any children who have not paid for their ticket in advance.

P.E Kits

We have had a very large number of children without a P.E kit at school this week. Please ensure a P.E kit is provided for your child. We send P.E kits home at the end of term for cleaning so your child should have one in school every day. A winter P.E kit is also a good idea at this time of year. Children may wear a jumper/jogging bottom and trainers with their usual PE t-shirt.

Life Bus

All the children visited the Life Bus in their classes this week and learnt life skills including how to care for themselves and stay healthy. The children really enjoyed this valuable learning experience.

Netball Competition

On Friday 21st October the Sports Captains held a netball competition for Years 3 and 5. Each class took part in a number of skill based challenges to win points for their houses. These skills included; passing the ball, dodging and shooting into a net. Everyone involved showed fantastic determination and team work and Miss Pullen was really impressed with the level of skill that the classes showed. The sports captains showed great leadership whilst supported and motivating both year groups and taught the skills required for each challenge very well. Congratulations to all year groups involved in the afternoon's events!

Christmas Fair—2nd November at 3.30pm

Our Christmas Fair is coming up very soon and we would like all the children to be involved. As in previous years, we are running a poster competition. The children will be bringing home a poster to decorate with Christmas pictures, borders and writing over the weekend. We will judge them and a prize of vouchers to spend at the fair will be given to the chosen poster winners. Please hand the finished poster class teachers on Monday morning.

We would also like the children to bring in a 'Jazzy Jar' for the fair. Decorate an empty jar and fill it with lots of goodies such as crayons, hair bobbles, sweets etc. Please bring the jars in week commencing 28th November and in return the children will have a Mufti Day on Friday 25th November when the children can come to school wearing their own clothes.

Playtime Leaders

The following children from Year 6 have received a certificate for completing their Play Leader training. The Play Leaders are running games and activities for children to take part in at playtimes and are doing a marvellous job!

Our Play Leaders are:

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| Tyler W | Taynie W | William G | Meena C | Kinga C |
| Jack B | Nathan A | Matthew S | Jasmine C | Millie E |

Outside Achievements

Libby D has received her cook, dancer and gardener badges in Brownies.

Jessica H has won a trophy in football for player of the match.

Dylan G has received his stage 2 award in swimming.

Millie S has enrolled in the Brownies.

Attendance

Well done Woodpeckers Class for having the highest attendance this



week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss E. Grant