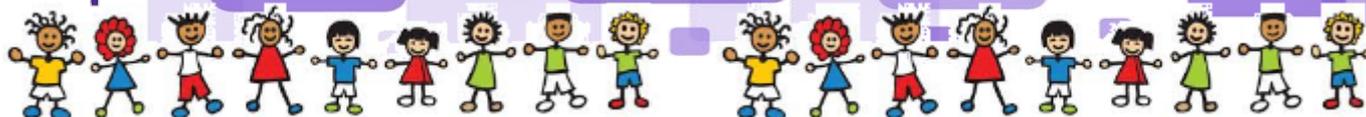


Park Road



7 September 2018

NEWSLETTER



Next Week at a Glance

Monday 10	Tuesday 11	Wednesday 12	Thursday 13	Friday 14
*	*	* Enrichment begins (except Reception Class) * 7pm PFA AGM	* 3.15 pm Egg Raffle tickets on sale	*

Welcome Back

We would like to warmly welcome everyone to our new school year! As well as our new Reception children and parents, we have 2 new teachers, Mr McClory in Year 3 and Mrs Robertson in Year 4. We are all looking forward to another exciting year!

Information Sharing

We will shortly be sending out our registration booklets for you to complete and return. These sheets are **extremely important** should we need to contact you in case of an emergency. The new registration forms have been introduced to meet the new GDPR requirements and this is why we are sending them out to be completed for every child.

As last year, class specific information will be sent out on Seesaw so please ensure you sign up for this. The app can be download onto smartphones and tablets or accessed via a computer. It will allow you to see your child's work as well as photographs of activities and videos that they have been involved in throughout the day. It is very important that you sign up as soon as possible—if you have any problems accessing the system, please speak to your child's teacher.

Newsletters

Finally, please do read the newsletter each week as it will contain useful information and reminders for the following week. We have had a number of parents who have said that they knew nothing about an event or non uniform day but the details had been in the newsletter. Please remember to keep copies of letters for trips and clubs so that you know the details such as dates and start/end times.

Alice in Wonderland

On Friday 12 November, we will be having an Alice in Wonderland day in school ... more details will follow about the day but we just wanted to give you a bit of a 'heads up' that we will be asking the children to come dressed up as a character from the story. There are characters such as Alice, the Mad Hatter, Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee, the Cheshire Cat and many more. If you would like any help or some ideas, please have a chat with your child's class teacher.

Dates for the Diary

The 'Dates for the Diary' are being sent out with this newsletter. It shows all of the key events throughout the year. We will try to keep to these dates wherever possible but there may be times where they have to be changed and we will give you as much notice as possible. Please make a note of the dates or keep the information handy (you will always be able to access it on the school website if you do mislay it!).

Chicken Rota

We will be sending home a request for help with looking after our chickens at the weekend and during the holidays. Full training will be given and emergency contact numbers will be available! Tasks include letting the chickens out in the morning, cleaning the coop, getting fresh water and topping up food. As a thank you, you are able to keep any eggs laid!

Egg Raffle

Each week on Thursday afternoon after school, we will be selling raffle tickets to enter into a draw to win a box of eggs laid by our very own hens (Blossom, Salt and Pepper). The tickets cost 20p each and will be on sale from the children's kitchen.

PFA Meeting

Wednesday is the first Park Road PFA meeting of the new school year. They are looking forward to getting together again and they would love to see some new faces with some new ideas. If you are able to go along, they will be meeting at 7pm at The Crown & Cushion on Stocks Lane. The first meeting is the AGM so it would be great if we can have as many existing members attend plus any new members. If you would like to be involved in planning their fundraising events or maybe even just put your name down to be a helper at the events as every little helps. The PFA look forward to seeing you there.

Permission to Collect Children

We will be sending home a new form asking you to let us know who is allowed to pick up your child from school (including yourselves, family members and older siblings). This is a very important document so please make sure that it is filled in and returned as soon as possible. Thank you.

Carol's Corner

We would like to welcome our new reception children to hot dinners/snacks. They are settling in very well choosing their meals and we are trying hard to remember all their names!!

Next week we are on Week 3 of our menus. As mentioned in the last newsletter, they have changed slightly and some days have been swapped. These changes are on the school website and WBC website for you to view.

Don't forget if you haven't already set up your Parentpay account, you will need to activate it if your child is having a snack from school (for everyone) or dinner (for years 3-6).

Thank you to everyone who is already using this system.

Have a lovely weekend

Carol

Carol the Cook

Tea Party for the Elderly

As we mentioned in our last newsletter of the year we are hoping to set up a tea party once a half term for a group of elderly people in the community who have been selected by an organisation. We would like volunteers to help with the tea parties and it would involve collecting and dropping off our visitors.

We would be working with an organisation and they/the school would manage this. Volunteers would be fully insured to do this under the organisation's insurance.

We plan for the tea parties to take place on a Friday from 2-4pm (this would obviously involve staying at the end of the day for an additional 45 minutes) once a half term. Please let us know if you are interested and we will pass on further information.

Our first tea party will hopefully be on Friday 14 December so watch this space! Initially our Year 6 will support the event but we hope if this takes off that other children will become involved and for our visitors to become a regular part of our community. Please can you let the school office know if you would be able to help on the day.

Park Road's Writing Shed

You may have noticed that our writing shed, which was kindly donated by the PFA (Parents Friends Association), has been moved to nearer the playground so that it is easier to access. The writing shed was inspired by Roald Dahl's writing shed. Roald Dahl moved to *Great Missenden* in Buckinghamshire, England in 1954. All of his famous children's stories were written in the writing hut, specially built for him in his garden by his friend Wally Saunders (the inspiration for *The BFG*). The Writing Hut was Roald Dahl's private working space in which he adapted the furniture to minimise his aches and pains. Over the years he assembled a collection of mementoes from his friends, family and fans.



We are hoping that the writing shed will help to inspire the children with their writing and that they will be able to use it during playtimes and at other times during the school day. We would like to create a similar atmosphere to Roald Dahl's shed and were wondering if anyone had any items that they would be willing to donate to furnish this space such as a desk, a chair, an armchair etc. Please could you let the school office know if you may be able to help.

Newsletters

It is important that we have an up to date email address for parents/carers as this is the way that we send out our newsletters. For the first few weeks, we will send out a hard copy to our new Reception class parents/carers until we are sure they are receiving the emails. If for any reason you do not receive an email copy of the newsletter, please complete the slip below and return it to the school office.

Newsletter Email Address

I did not receive a newsletter this weekend and would like you to check that my email address is correct in the system:

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