

## Park Junior School Newsletter - Friday 6th September 2024

Welcome back to a new year at Park Junior School and a very warm welcome to our new families. We are delighted with how school has settled for the first few days of the school term and how hard working all the children have been. We hope you are looking forward to the new school year ahead, which we know will be full of exciting learning opportunities for all our children. Thank you to everyone for their support with our school uniform. All the children have looked so smart this week and have been wearing the school uniform with great pride.

It is very important you feel valued as members of our school community and play an active role in your child's education and that we can work together to support their learning.

Within this newsletter are the term dates for the new year. We strongly encourage holidays to be booked outside of the school term as good attendance at school is vital for your child. There has been an update to the pupil attendance policy:

'If issued with a **first** penalty notice, the parent must pay £80 within 21 days, or £160 within 28 days.

If a **second** penalty notice is issued to the same parent in respect of the same pupil, the parent must pay £160 if paid within 28 days.'

The full pupil attendance policy is available on the school website ([www.parkjuniorwellingborough.co.uk](http://www.parkjuniorwellingborough.co.uk))

We do ask you regularly check your emails, from Parentmail, our school website and social media (Facebook) for updates about everything going on at PJS. As you will be aware we have been setting up Parentmail this week with all the updated information. Year 3 parents and those families new to the school should have received a text and email from Parentmail to connect to your account. Please let us know as soon as possible if you have not received any communication from Parentmail.

On the staffing front, we welcome Mrs Sarah Whitlock to the school who is teaching in Year 6, Miss Lauren Carter who is our new lead teacher in the Ready Room (SEMH Unit) and Mr Flynn Anderson who is our new temporary Site Supervisor. We have made a successful appointment for a new Site Supervisor and this person will be starting on 4<sup>th</sup> November once they have completed their notice period. We are very grateful to Mr Anderson for helping us out in the interim.

All staff in our school are committed to delivering an excellent curriculum, a safe and ambitious environment and to ensure your children truly reflect our school's values. We held two excellent Training Days on Monday and Tuesday where we worked hard at continuing to improve the children's curriculum.

Our PE lessons are starting next week and we are very fortunate to work alongside professional coaches (gymnastics and basketball) to enhance lessons and learning opportunities. To confirm the PE days for your child are:

Year 3: Thursday (bat and ball skills) and Friday (coordination/agility)

Year 4: Tuesday (co-ordination and ball skills) and Friday (basketball)

Year 5: Wednesday (gymnastics) and Thursday (swimming 19<sup>th</sup> Sept – 28<sup>th</sup> Nov)

Year 6: Monday (balances) and Wednesday (gymnastics)

Please note that children can come to school in their PE uniform on their PE days but that must wear a school jumper, dark joggers and a white t-shirt. Trainers are only permissible on PE days.

You will shortly be receiving letters concerning our extra-curricular clubs so please look out for them. The children thoroughly enjoyed their basketball taster with Titans basketball yesterday. You should receive a basketball club letter today as this is a paid club run by our friends at Northamptonshire Basketball. This club is from 3.30pm – 4.45pm every Wednesday.

We are introducing 'Reading Cafes' this year for parents/carers to come into school to look at some of our school's reading books and share with their child. On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm – 3.00pm the parents/carers from 3KY are invited into the school hall to enjoy some refreshments, meet their teachers and enjoy reading with their child. On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September it will be the turn of parents/carers from 3JW. Our Reading Ambassadors are organising this event and we are very much looking forward to welcoming into the school.

We have traditionally had an exceptional choir who perform at many community events. We need to start this club earlier than the rest of the extra-curricular clubs as we need to prepare for the annual Seasonal Concert at The Castle Theatre. A letter will go out early next week and Years 4-6 are invited. The first choir practice is on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September from 3.30pm until 4.15pm.

Please remember the school day starts at 8.50am each day. Attendance has almost been perfect so that is such an encouraging start to our year. As always, please let our school office know if your child is not in school prior to this time. Please note Year 3 will continue to come in through the main door until half term. I thank you all for making the start of term so very successful and I am sure we will all have a superb year.

Kind regards,

David Tebbutt - Headteacher



## **TERM DATES 2024-2025**

### **Term 1**

Training Day	Monday 2nd September 2024
Training Day	Tuesday 3rd September 2024
Term Starts	Wednesday 4th September 2024
Term Ends	Friday 25th October 2024

### **Term 2**

Training Day	Monday 4th November 2024
Term Starts	Tuesday 5th November 2024
Term Ends	Friday 20th December 2024

### **Term 3**

Term Starts	Monday 6th January 2025
Term Ends	Friday 14th February 2025

### **Term 4**

Training Day	Monday 24th February 2025
Term Starts	Tuesday 25th February 2025
Term Ends	Friday 4th April 2025

### **Term 5**

Term Starts	Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Bank Holiday	Monday 5th May 2025
Term Ends	Friday 23rd May 2025

### **Term 6**

Training Day	Monday 2nd June 2025
Term Starts	Tuesday 3rd June 2025
Term Ends	Tuesday 22nd July 2025