



Park Community Academy



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Welcome to our first Newsletter of the year! All the pupils have made a very positive start to the term and their appearance is a credit to you, Park Community Academy, and most importantly themselves. Parent/carer support for Academy policies and procedures is very important. Sending children to Park Community Academy regularly and on time, dressing smartly in the correct uniform, taking an interest in your child's school life and generally encouraging positive behaviour and habits are all important ingredients in an effective partnership between home and Park Community Academy.

Child Protection Procedures - Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is a whole school responsibility. All staff at Park Community Academy who come into contact with children and their families and carers are particularly well placed to observe signs of abuse, or neglect. Parents and carers should be aware, therefore, that where it appears to a member of staff that there may be a safeguarding or child protection concern; **we are required, as part of Blackpool's Local Safeguarding Children Board Procedures, to report where necessary to Children's Services.** Thank you for your co-operation and understanding in this matter.

Dinner Money - is £10 per full week (£2 per day). It is important that you send this into Park in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name every week. You can also pay for a full term in advance. Cheques are made payable to Park Community Academy.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PARENTS/ CARERS WHO DROP OFF AND COLLECT THEIR CHILDREN ON A DAILY BASIS - Following a review of school based safeguarding procedures, and due to the significant increase in the number of pupils on roll - **with immediate effect**, parents/carers should only access school for dropping off and picking up pupils between 8.30-8.40am and 2.55-3.05pm.

These changes have been made to protect the health and safety of all of the children at Park Community Academy. Thank you for your co-operation. Mr Berry

Thank You to Olivia R and her wonderful family for their generous donation of new toys, which will be used both in school and as prizes for our forthcoming Autumn Fayre. Your support is greatly appreciated.

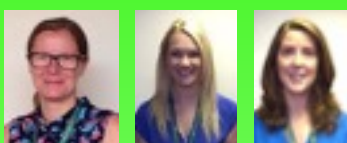
The Best Class Attendance of the Week
CONGRATULATIONS



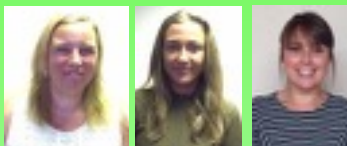
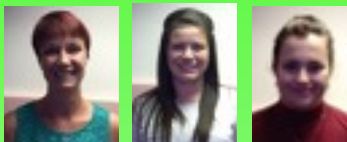
to 3I, 3E, 1R, 2H, 2G, 3M and 3TE
who all had 100% attendance this week

Weekly Attendance - Our whole school attendance target for 2016-17 is 95.5%. The average weekly attendance this week is **96.3%**

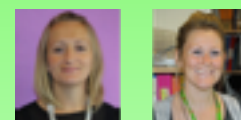
Staffing Update - Park Community Academy welcome the following new staff this term: Mrs Green who joins us as a Class Teacher in KS2, and Miss McDowall and Mrs



Birks who both join us as Class Teachers in KS3. We welcome Mrs Bridges as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant in KS2, Miss Sagar, Miss Miller and Mrs Mulvey as SSA's in KS1, KS2, and KS3 respectively, and Miss Nield as a Young Apprentice in KS2. We also welcome Mrs Rowe who is joining the office staff as a Receptionist.



Mrs Hopwood and Miss Stevenson commence their new roles as Class Teachers in KS1 and KS2 respectively.



Finally, **congratulations** to Mrs Lucas and her new husband Matt who were married during the summer holidays.

Hardraw Scar - PCA Brass Band will be performing at the Hardraw Scar Brass Band competition on Sunday 11 September in Hawes Yorkshire. The event is an annual celebration of Brass Bands from the whole of Northern England. This will be our 20th anniversary performance!

KS1 & 2 Stars of the Week!

- 1R - Grace for helping our new friends in 1R to settle in.
- 1H - Jensen for being a wonderful role model to our new friends.
- 2H - Jacob L for his excellent attendance and behaviour all week.
- 2ST - Kyle G for settling is really well on the Upper Primary corridor and trying his best in everything all week. Well done!
- 2N - Stann for setting an excellent example to the rest of the class and being a fantastic role model.
- 2S - Jessica for following instructions really well.
- 2G - Jack M for an outstanding effort in his assessments.

Use of Physical Control - Staff at Park Community Academy have undertaken a nationally recognised training programme in the positive management of child aggression and disruption. This includes a variety of ways of calming down difficult situations. However when a child has lost self control, staff will manage the situation using safe physical control methods designed specifically for children. Such control is carried out within a legal framework agreed with the Department for Education and the Local Education Authority.

Academy Uniform - If you have ordered new Academy uniform and not yet collected it, please do so before the end of next week or it will be put back into stock. PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

Reminder - please ensure your child always brings the correct P.E. kit on the appropriate day:

KS1&2 - red PCA polo shirt, black or blue shorts, black pumps.

KS3&4 - red PCA polo shirt, PCA rugby shirt, black or blue shorts, trainers and a towel.

Key Stage 3 'Achiever of the Week'

3T - Lexi for settling into Key Stage 3 so well.

3M - Corey for being sensible and helpful all week, and settling into KS3 brilliantly.

3I - Harley for his independent work in Humanities and helping another pupil.

3F - Jamie for his fantastic sculpture in Arts Award.

3TE - Isabell for settling in well and having a fabulous first week in KS3.

3B - Christian for achieving 69 out of 71 for his spelling test.

LOOK AT OUR MARVELLOUS NEW OUTDOOR GYM: -

The children were delighted to return to school on Tuesday to see our amazing new gym. It has lots of use already by both pupils and staff alike.



Dates for your Diary

Sunday 11 September - Band performing at Hardraw Scar (approx 12.30pm)

Weds 14 - Fri 16 September - London Residential

Saturday 1 October, 1-3pm - Autumn Fayre

Tuesday 25 October, 4-7pm - Parents Evening

Friday 28 October - School closes for half term

Monday 7 November - INSET Day - school closed to pupils

Tuesday 8 November - School re-opens after half term

Friday 22 December - End of Autumn Term

Monday 9 January - Start of Spring Term

Home/Academy Transport - If you have any problems with your child's transport, you should contact the transport team on 01253 476174 or 476795. There will be someone to answer your call on the above numbers from 7.30am on a daily basis. This will give you early access to a prompt response to any queries that you may have.

Update of Medical Info (OS3) / Contact Details - Can I please remind you that completed OS3 'Medical' forms, which have been sent home with your child, need to be returned to your child's Class teacher as soon as possible. Thank you. **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE UP-TO-DATE TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES IN ORDER TO CONTACT PARENTS/CARERS.**

Autumn Fayre - The PCA Autumn Fayre this year will take place on **Saturday 1st October** from 1-3pm. Raffle tickets will be sent home with your child next week, please sell as many as you can. Can you please send in contributions for the Autumn Fayre including toys, bric-a-brac and tombola items.

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 23rd September in aid of the Autumn Fayre and a letter with more information will be sent out shortly. There is a 'Friends of Park Community Academy' Charitable Trust meeting on **Monday 19th September** at 5.30pm. Please come along and join us - especially new parents/carers!

Locker Keys (KS3, 4 & 5) - We have lockers for KS3,4&5 children. Pupils may have a locker if they bring in a deposit of £3, however they are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Children will be issued with a key and keyring with their name on. At the end of term, if they return the key they will receive their £3 back. Any lost keys will result in the loss of the deposit. We would encourage your child to have a locker as it develops an increased level of independence and responsibility. If you would like your child to have a locker, please send the money into Mrs Kitchin.

KS4/5 'Achiever of the Week'

4JA - Chloe O for being totally fabulous in every way, polite, smart, helpful - thank you Chloe.

4J - Mirabelle for always trying her best and being helpful.

4B - Molly for having a fantastic first week at Park.

5S - Megan for making a great start at PCA 6th Form. She has settled in really well and produced some great ideas in the enterprise lesson.

5C - Rebecca for independent problem solving.

Mobile Phone Policy - Park Community Academy has a Mobile Phone Policy for pupils within the Academy. The only pupils who need to bring mobiles into PCA are those who are independent travellers. Children are required to hand in their mobile phones to their Class teacher for storage. They will then be able to collect their phones at the end of the day. The Policy is available on the PCA website. It is important that this policy is applied consistently and rigidly across the Academy. Thank you for your support in this matter.