



Park Community Academy



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Welcome to our first Newsletter of the new school year! All our 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 & 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 & habits are all important ingredients in an effective partnership between home and Park Community Academy.

Following a really successful Summer Scheme, where over 80 pupils accessed the programme over the 2 weeks, the remainder of the holiday period was an equally as busy time! We now have a new Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) in front of the KS2 Berry Building, a refurbished and extended life skills apartment in WSFC and the work on refurbishing the Food Technology room is nearing completion. Over the October half term, work commences on extending the Jubilee building to provide a 3rd classroom and additional teaching space to the Lower Primary building. Exciting times ahead!

To keep fully up to date with day-to-day life at PCA, follow our Twitter feed at @ParkSchoolBPL.

Mr Berry

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PARENTS/ CARERS WHO DELIVER AND COLLECT THEIR CHILDREN TO PCA ON A DAILY BASIS

Can we please remind you that parents/carers should only access school for dropping off and picking up children between 8.40-8.50am and 3.05-3.15pm. KS1&2 pupils should be dropped off and collected from the **main school reception**, and KS3&4 pupils from the **Stables building side gate**. Thank you for your co-operation.

Update of Medical Info (OS3) / Contact Details

Can we 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.**

Fluoridated Milk - All PCA pupils apart from Reception are provided with fluoridated milk. Why fluoridated milk? Fluoride in milk helps keep teeth healthy; it's no cost to parents; and it's safe to drink.



If you wish for your child NOT to have fluoridated milk, please inform their class teacher by **Friday 13th September**. For further information, please see Blackpool Council's website or contact school.

The Best Class Attendance of the Week

CONGRATULATIONS

to **1R, 1B, 2B, 2HY, 3T and 4B** who had **100%** attendance this week.



Weekly Attendance - Our whole school attendance target for 2019-20 is 96%. The average weekly attendance this week is **95.3%**.

Staffing Update

Park Community Academy welcomes the following new staff this term: Miss Cooper who joins us a Class Teacher in Upper Primary, Mrs Whitworth who is a Class Teacher in KS3 and Science Teacher across the school, and Mr Brownrigg, Miss Duffy & Miss Heard who are Apprentice Teaching Assistants in the Primary department. We wish them all good luck in their new positions.



CONGRATULATIONS to Miss Jackson and her partner on the birth of their baby boy, Henry, and Miss McDowall and her partner who welcomed their baby boy, Charlie into the world.



We would also like to congratulate Mr Storey and his new wife, Bobbie, who were married in the Summer holidays. We wish them a long and happy future together.

'Teachers2Parents' App - We regularly send out text messages to parents/carers from school on the **'Teachers2Parents'** app. This can be downloaded via the App store / Play store for android phones. Just search **'Teachers2Parents'** and it will link to your mobile number. It will then automatically show Park and any other school that you share your mobile number with.

School Lunch Menu - Please see our lunch menu on the PCA website: - www.park.blackpool.sch.uk/students/lunchtime-menu.
Next week is **week 2**.

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 need to be put back into stock. PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME. Should you experience any problems with payment, please contact school to discuss - we are always here to help.

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

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

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

Lower & Upper Primary Stars of the Week!

1R - Victoria for her beautiful singing of nursery rhymes.

1B - Hayden for being a superstar all week.

1P - Addison for having a great first week at PCA, settling into class and for sitting in circle time.

2CR - Bentley for thinking of his friends and always sharing the toys he is playing with. Well done Bentley.

2H - Bradley for a fantastic start in 2H and making new friends.

2B - Leo N, Alex G and Riley for having a great first week at PCA.

2HY - Jacob L for coming back to school this week with increasing confidence.

2C - Matthew for a fantastic first week at PCA.

2G - Daniel for having a fabulous first week back, always getting it right and being a super role model.

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. Payments can also be made via Parentpay - the school office will advise on how to access this if required. Payments can be made for a full term in advance. Cheques are made payable to 'P&A Food Management Services Ltd' or you can leave it blank for school to fill in.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 8 September - Band performing at Harddraw Scar (approx 12.30pm) - ALL SUPPORT WELCOME

Wednesday 18 - Friday 20 September - Year 9 York Residential

Tuesday 15 October, 4-7pm - Parents Evening

Thursday 17 October - School closes for pupils for half term

Monday 28 October - School re-opens after half term

Thursday 19 December, 2pm - End of Autumn Term

Tuesday 7 January - Start of Spring Term

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.

Key Stage 3 'Achiever of the Week'

3GR - Harry for using his listening skills all week.

3T - Hannah, Jamie A and Jordan for having a fantastic attitude during their first week at PCA.

3W - Roman for having a great attitude towards his learning and trying really hard in all his lessons.

3H - Kyle for excellent behaviour and great participation in lessons.

3I - Everyone for settling well into their new class.

3S - Josh E, Katrece and Phoebe for braving the bikes in PE.

Harddraw Scar - PCA Brass Band are performing at Harddraw Scar Brass Band competition on Sunday 8th September, 12.30pm in Hawes Yorkshire (DL8 3LZ). The event is an annual celebration of Brass Bands from the whole of Northern England.

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 from 7.30am on a daily basis. This will give you early access to a prompt response to any queries that you may have.

KS4/5 'Achiever of the Week'

4W - Jack M for settling well into his new class.

4B - Hannah for having an amazing first week despite lots of changes and new things to get used to.

4A - Christopher for being a reliable and helpful member of 4A and settling into his new class.

4T - Aiden for a great effort with independent reading.

4M - Jack P for an excellent attitude towards his learning during this first week back.

5T - Everyone for such a positive start to the term.

5P - Everyone for a fantastic first week back and settling well into Sixth Form.

5B - Everyone for starting the new school term with an excellent and positive attitude.

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 at the beginning of the day. 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.