



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.



As usual there has been lots going on over the Summer holidays in terms of improving the facilities and fabric of the building for both children & staff. Our very outdated Science lab has been completely refurbished and now provides facilities to compare with any other Science lab in Blackpool. Staff are also delighted with their refurbished resource area, which gives a much needed 'quiet space' for planning & preparation time.

KS2 New Classroom Build Update - Due to unavoidable circumstances, there has been a slight delay with completing the new build which is now scheduled to open on **Monday 1st October**. Whilst we are fully aware this is not ideal, we all know the wait will be worthwhile. The 5 new classrooms are going to be quite stunning!

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

Following a review over the Summer of school based safeguarding procedures, and due to the significant increase in the number of pupils on roll, 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**.

All of the parents/ carers who are directly affected by this change will have received a letter this week with more detailed information.

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

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.**

Plea for Items - Mrs Irving is doing junk modelling and would really appreciate any empty boxes, toilet roll tubes etc. Mrs Jackson also needs small Pringles tubes for Technology. Please send them into school, thank you.

The Best Class Attendance of the Week

CONGRATULATIONS

to **1H, 1B, 2HY** and **3M** who had **100%** attendance this week.



Weekly Attendance - Our whole school attendance target for 2018-19 is 95.5%. The average weekly attendance this week is **95.9%**

Staffing Update

Park Community Academy welcome the following new staff this term: Miss Barlow who joins us as a Class Teacher in Lower Primary, and Mr Whittaker who is a Class Teacher in KS4 and PE Teacher across the school. Miss Beck and Mrs Edwards have joined us as



Learning Mentors. We welcome Miss Ainsworth as an SSA in Lower Primary, Miss Hope as an SSA in Upper Primary, Mr Storey as an SSA in KS3, and Miss Bancroft, Mrs Sinclair, Miss Clayton and Miss Mason as Apprentice Teaching Assistants in Upper Primary. We wish them all good luck in their new positions - we know they will love it!



Over the Summer holidays we said goodbye to Miss Neish who has left PCA to become a freelance Drama Consultant. Miss Neish taught at PCA for 14 years as our Music and Drama specialist and also as a General Classroom Teacher in the Primary Department. During that period of time, many aspects of her work were highly acclaimed by the whole school community. In particular, for the many memorable public performances she has led for both primary and secondary aged pupils across the school over the years. Her contribution to the success of the Performing Arts at PCA has been greatly appreciated by us all and we wish her all the very best for the future.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Crossley and her husband who welcomed Lucas into the world on 16th August.



Whole School Photograph - if you would like to purchase a whole school photograph, it is still available from the school office.

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 shorts, black pumps.

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

Lower & Upper Primary Stars of the Week!

1R - All of 1R for settling in to school life so well.

1H - Jason for being an outstanding role model to his peers on his very first week at PCA.

1B - Joseph A for having a brilliant first week at PCA. Joseph has settled in well and enjoys playing with his new friends.

2B - Charlie for following all of our class rules this week.

2HY - Mickey for fantastic independent work.

2BR - Harry K for brilliant work all by himself.

2G - Darren for settling in so well and being a fabulous role model.

2C - Jasmine for making our new friends in 2C feel very welcome.

2H - Olivia for improved confidence in her first week at PCA.

Autumn Fayre - The PCA Autumn Fayre will take place slightly later this year on **Saturday 13th October** from 1-3pm. Raffle tickets will be sent home, 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 5th October 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 17th September** at 5.30pm. Please come along and join us - especially new parents/carers!

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 9 September - Band performing at Harddraw Scar (approx 12.30pm)

Wednesday 19 - Friday 21 September - Year 9 York Residential

Saturday 13 October, 1-3pm - Autumn Fayre

Tuesday 16 October, 4-7pm - Parents Evening

Friday 19 October - School closes for half term

Monday 29 October - School re-opens after half term

Friday 21 December - End of Autumn Term

Tuesday 8 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'

3T - Josh C, Jenna-Leigh and Jacob for an excellent start at PCA.

3M - Stephen and Crystal for settling into PCA so well.

3SL - Leah for not only having an amazing first week but for producing a fantastic piece of independent writing in English.

3GR - All of 3GR for a great start to Year 8.

3S - Gabriela for an amazing first week at our school.

(Gabriela pentru o primă săptămână uimitoare la școala noastră).

3B - Kieran for coming back into school looking very smart, a positive attitude and really trying his best in everything.

Harddraw Scar - PCA Brass Band are performing at Harddraw Scar Brass Band competition on Sunday 9th 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'

4H - Ridhwan for settling really quickly into his new routines.

4W - Jake F for producing excellent work in his Art lesson.

4M - Charlie B for coming into school with a really good attitude.

4I - Marco for being very helpful towards others.

4T - Callum for settling into Year 11 very maturely.

5S - Nathan M for an excellent week in the Sixth Form and working extremely hard right from the start.

5W - Arron for a very positive attitude.

5J - All of 5J for returning to school full of enthusiasm.

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 'P&A Food Management Services Ltd' or you can leave it blank for school to fill in.

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.