



# 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 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.

Parents/carers will not be aware, but the main school building at PCA suffered serious storm damage during the night of Wednesday 30th August. All the classrooms in KS2, the main reception area, the staff room and 4 classrooms in the Key Stage 3 department were severely flooded. We want to give a special mention to Mr Jones, Mr Duncan and our contract cleaners 5am who worked flat out over the weekend to get PCA ready for the children's return. For more information and pictures [go to our Twitter feed @ParkSchoolBPL](#).

## 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, can we please remind you that parents/carers should only access school for dropping off and picking up children between 8.35-8.45am and 2.55-3.05pm. Parents will have access to the school building from 8.35am in the morning and 3.00pm on an afternoon.

### PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE AMENDED TIMES.

We have also reviewed the arrangements in place for the parents/carers who collect children from PCA at the end of the day. If this applies to your child, a separate letter has been sent home today.

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*

**'Golden Days' Charity Song** - A letter will be sent home for parents/carers to order the 'Golden Days' CD, which includes the PCA staff choir. Donations are a minimum of £3.50 and all money raised will go to Brian House. Please return the order forms no later than **Friday 15th September**. You can view the video on the PCA website or on YouTube, and it can be downloaded from iTunes, Apple Music, Google Music and Amazon.

**Old £1 Coins** - As of 15th October 2017, the old round £1 coin ceases to be legal tender. As a result PCA will not be accepting the old £1 coins from 15th September 2017. Thanks, *Mrs Millard*

## The Best Class Attendance of the Week

**CONGRATULATIONS**

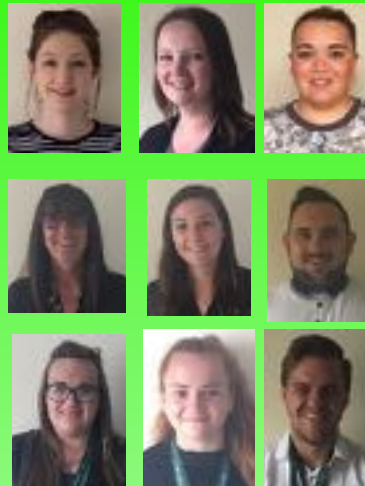
to 2B, 2N, 2G, 2HY and 4T

who all had 100% attendance this week

**Weekly Attendance** - Our whole school attendance target for 2017-18 is 95.5%. The average weekly attendance this week is **94.3%**



## Staffing Update



Park Community Academy welcome the following new staff this term: Miss Housby and Mrs Chaloner who both join us as Class Teachers in KS2, and Miss Ward who joins us as a Class Teacher in KS3. We welcome Mrs Ainsworth as an SSA in KS1, Miss Walker and Mr Blair as SSAs

in KS3, and Miss Senior, Miss Hambly and Mr Matley as Apprentice Teaching Assistants in KS2. We wish them all good luck in their new positions - we know they will love it!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Mrs Barton and her new husband Paul who were married during the summer holidays.



## KS1 & 2 Stars of the Week!

1R - Bentley for having a fantastic first week at PCA and helping to tidy up his new classroom.

1H - Tyler for marvellous mark making.

2B - Leo for being so sensible this week.

2HY - Darren and Aaron P for settling into their new school so well and being really helpful in the classroom.

2H - Harry K for overcoming his anxiety this week.

2N - Harry E for settling in so well with his new class and being a great helper with Marley all week.

2C - Jorja for setting a good example by using lovely manners and trying hard in all lessons.

2G - Angel for making a super start to Year 6 and being a good friend.

**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.

**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.

**Autumn Fayre** - The PCA Autumn Fayre this year will take place on **Saturday 30th September** from 1-3pm. Raffle tickets have been 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 Thursday 21st 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 18th September** at 5.30pm. Please come along and join us - especially new parents/carers!

### **Dates for your Diary**

**Sunday 10 September** - Band performing at Harddraw Scar (approx 12 noon)

**Wednesday 20 - Friday 22 September** - York Residential

**Saturday 30 September, 1-3pm** - Autumn Fayre

**Tuesday 24 October, 4-7pm** - Parents Evening

**Friday 27 October** - School closes for half term

**Monday 6 November** - School re-opens after half term

**Thursday 21 December** - End of Autumn Term

**Tuesday 9 January** - Start of Spring Term

**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.**

### **Key Stage 3 'Achiever of the Week'**

3S - Liam for using his dictionary in English to help him think of more ideas.

3W - Brittany, Katie and Tyler Q for a fantastic first week at PCA.

3T - Chloe C for exceptional achievements in swimming over the holidays.

3I - Isabell for walking to and from school by herself.

3J - All of 3J - they have come back smiling, full of energy and have helped Miss Walker to settle in.

3H - Princess for being really helpful to the class in our first week back.

**Harddraw Scar** - PCA Brass Band will be performing at the Harddraw Scar Brass Band competition on Sunday 10th September in Hawes Yorkshire. 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 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.

### **KS4/5 'Achiever of the Week'**

4M - Kieran for transitioning well into KS4. Well done Kieran!

4B - Bobby-Leigh for trying new food in the dinner hall.

4T - Liam for being mature in the first week back and setting a good example to other members of the school.

4BI - Megan who has returned to school with a very mature attitude and has been trying really hard with her learning, particularly her Benchmarking assessment.

5S - All of 5S for settling into Westbury Sixth Form so well.

5J - Jack for improvement in his Benchmark levels.

**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. 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.