

Belonging Respect Responsibility

OLD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Firstly from everyone at Old Park we would like to wish you a happy new year. It was wonderful to welcome all of the children back to school today in the snow! I hope that you all had a good break over the Christmas period and that the children were looking forward to coming back to school today. Coming back to school after a holiday can be a challenging time for many children so we will all be doing our very best this week to settle everyone back into school and remind them of our rules, routines and expectations. Today is the start of our Art week where each year group will be working on a themed project to showcase their amazing art skills. We will

share with you some of the work that has been created in next weeks newsletter. As always we have lots of things planned in school over the coming half term so please check the newsletter each week for 'things happening this week' and the 'spring 1 dates' to ensure that you do not miss anything important. Many thanks for all your continued support and we are all looking forward to the term ahead!



THINGS HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Wednesday 8th January: KS1 Indoor Kwik cricket

Thursday 9th January: KS2 Arrows Archery

ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

A reminder that the whole school attendance target for each week is 96%.

The whole school attendance for the autumn term was 94% compared to the national figure of 95.1%



Each week the classes that achieve the 96% attendance target are given a reward in school.

REMINDERS

Uniform: Please remember that children can wear black shoes or trainers for school and should only wear coloured trainers on their allocated PE day. On PE days they should wear a red or white t shirt, tracksuit bottoms or shorts and have their school jumper/fleece.

Punctuality: A reminder that the doors to the classrooms open at 8:40am each day and the register for the morning session takes place at 8:55am. All pupils must be in class by this time else they will be marked as late (L code). Anyone that arrives after 9:30am is give a U code which means even though they are in school their attendance will not count for the morning session.

Unauthorised absence: If your child is not going to be in school due to illness or a medical appointment please ensure that you let the main office know so that we can code the absence in the correct way. If we do not hear from a parent or carer for the reason for an absence it means that the absence goes down as being unauthorised. Many thanks for your support with this.

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SPRING 1 DATES

Friday 17th January: School governors meeting

Monday 20th January: In Harmony week 1

Monday 27th January: Parent workshop 'behaviour is communication (2:00-3:15pm) Information about this event has been sent via ParentPay.

Friday 14th February: Last day of the half term

Monday 17th - Friday 21st February: Half term holiday



TERM DATES FOR 2024/2025

Monday 6th January 25	Spring term 1 begins
17th - 21st February 25	Half term holiday
Monday 24th February 25	Spring term 2 begins
14th April - 25th April 2025	Easter holidays
Monday 28th April 2025	Summer term 1 begins
Monday 5th May 2025	May bank holiday
26th May - 30th May 25	Half term holiday
Monday 2nd June 25	Staff PD day (children not in school)
Tuesday 3rd June 25	Summer term 2 begins
Friday 18th July 25	Last day of the academic year

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NEWSLETTER



Old Park Primary School VALUES



Belonging	Respect	Responsibility
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. I am proud to be part of the Old Park family.2. I am a special and important part of our school.3. I feel happy and valued.4. I feel safe in school.5. I help others through my support and friendship.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. I treat everyone the same.2. 'Everyone is awesome'.3. We are all allowed different views and opinions.4. I do not disturb the learning of others, and I help others to learn the best they can.5. I care for myself, the school, the community and the wider world.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. I always try my best with my learning.2. I make good choices.3. I am honest.4. I know that my actions will have consequences.5. I am a good role model to others.



Old Park Primary School BEHAVIOUR RULES



1. Follow instructions
2. To have kind words, kind hands and kind feet.
3. To show respect for everyone within the school community.



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to create a better borough



SOUTHWATER DROP IN



Every Wednesday 9.30am - 12:30pm
Southwater Library – children's section

- Advice and signposting
- Information on parenting/ courses
- Support and guidance around accessing local community activities
- Family hubs information



Provided by
Strengthening Families
and Dandelion Peer
Parent support

Our early help offer

Please see the early help section of our school website to see the things that we may be able to offer you in school if you need any support.

Home	About Us	Virtual Office	Curriculum	News & events
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