

OLD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Happy Monday! I hope that you all had a good weekend, there are only two weeks now till half term. First I wanted to say a massive well done to all the Y5 and Y6 pupils that competed in the Dodgeball competition last week they did an amazing job and finished second over all! We had a great time in school last week celebrating Chinese new year, with one of the highlights for the children being the special lunch that they had on Wednesday where they got to enjoy some foods that some of them have not tried before. In our aim to ensure that the school and its site is as welcoming as possible can I please remind all adults that they should not be smoking or vaping on the lane right outside the school gates. Smoking in this area is prohibited, and I have several complaints from parents in the last two weeks about this issue. You are obviously free to smoke/vape on the lane as it is a public access, but please refrain from doing this at the school gates. Many thanks for your support with this. I hope that everyone has a good week and please take time to read the reminders below.



THINGS HAPPENING THIS WEEK

In Harmony: Week 3

Sports competitions: Not all pupils involved

Tuesday 4th February: KS2 Quidditch

Wed 5th Feb: Y5/6 boys football (home game: 3:30 KO)

Thursday 6th February: KS2 Sportability Tennis

Friday 7th Feb: Y5/6 girls football (home game 3:30 KO)

ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

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

The classes that met/exceeded the target for the week beginning 27th January 2025 were

FW, 1J, 3F, 4W, 5W and 6W.



A special well done to **1J** who had the highest attendance across the school last week. The attendance trophy is on its way to you!

REMINDERS

Schools meals: Telford and Wrekin have informed schools that from 24th February 2025 the cost of school meals will be increasing to £2.90. These increases are normally introduced from April of each year, however, due to increasing cost pressures it has been necessary to bring forward the increase this year.

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 14th February: Wear red for air ambulance (£1 donations)

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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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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As part of our new lunchtime scheme OPAL, we are looking to collect as many of the items above ready for after half term. If you have anything shown above that you could donate please drop them off at the main office. Many thanks in advance for any donations that you might be able to provide us with.

What are **LOOSE PARTS?**

Loose parts are items that can be used to facilitate different kinds of play, or any material that a child can manipulate for playful purposes.

Upcycled Loose Parts



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THE CROSSBAR NINJA WARRIOR HOLIDAY CLUBS

MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY - FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY
OLD PARK, LAWLEY, GREENFIELDS, REDHILL AND BOWBROOK
WWW.CROSSBARCOACHING.SCHOOLIPAL.CO.UK

THE CROSSBAR SOCCER SCHOOL

MONDAY 17TH TO FRIDAY 21ST OF FEBRUARY

BOWBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL - SHREWSBURY
GRANGE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL - TELFORD
WWW.CROSSBARCOACHING.SCHOOLIPAL.CO.UK

CROSSBAR GIRLS ACADEMY

£10 FOR 10 SESSIONS

GRANGE PARK 3G - TELFORD
5PM TO 6PM
YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6 GIRLS

10 SESSIONS STARTING EVERY MONDAY
MONDAY 24TH FEBRUARY - MONDAY 19TH MAY
EXCLUDING DARK HOLIDAYS AND EASTER