

Belonging Respect Responsibility

OLD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Good morning, I hope that everyone had a good weekend and managed to stay safe in the awful weather that we had on Saturday. Hopefully the weather is going to be better from today onwards as 40 of our Y6 children are off to Arthog this morning. I am sure that they will all have an amazing time and push themselves to complete new challenges and experiences. Thank you to all the parents/carers of our F2 children who came along to the singing around the Christmas tree last week, it was great to see so many of you in attendance and everyone seemed to enjoy singing together. We have the Y1 and Y2 performances at St Leonard's church this week and then it is the turn of Key stage 2 next week.

We have lots of other things taking place this week in school including the Save the Children Charity Christmas jumper day which is on Thursday 12 December. Donations of £1 can be made via ParentPay and you can find out more about the cause here: <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day>. Have a good week.



THINGS HAPPENING THIS WEEK

- Y6 Christmas raffle tickets are on sale each lunch time**
- Monday 9th December:** Y6 leave for Arthog
- Monday 9th December:** 4W and 4C Minster visit
- Tuesday 10th December:** 3C, 3F, 5EF and 5F Minster visit
- Tuesday 10th December:** Y1 and Y2 Xmas performance
- Thursday 12th December:** Save the children: Christmas jumper day (non uniform) £1 donations via ParentPay
- Friday 13th December:** Y6 return from Arthog

ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

Whole school attendance last week was **91.6%**.

Well done to the following classes for beating the 96% attendance challenge last week:

FB, 1J, 2V, 4C, 5CF and 5W.



A special well done to **2V** who had the highest attendance across the school for the second week in a row!

REMINDERS

Coats: A reminder that pupils should have a suitable coat to school everyday to wear at break time and lunch time. Even when it is cold the children do play outside so need to be dressed appropriately. As with all personal items please ensure they are labelled so that we can return them if they get lost.

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 given 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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AUTUMN 2 DATES

Monday 9th - Friday 13 December: **Y6 Arthog residential**
Tuesday 10th December: **Y1 Christmas performance 10am**
Tuesday 10th December: **Y2 Christmas performance 2pm**
Thursday 12th December: **Save the Children Christmas jumper day**
Monday 16th December: **Y5 and 6 Christmas performance**
Tuesday 17th December: **Y3 and 4 Christmas performance**
Wednesday 18th December: **Christmas lunch**
Thursday 19th December: **Last day of term for pupils**
Friday 20th December: **Staff PD day (children not in school)**



TERM DATES FOR 2024/2025

20th December 24 - 3rd January 25	Christmas holidays
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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Last week some of our pupils went to visit a local care home to deliver the residents some cards and gifts from the school. The pupils all had a great time and I know that all the residents thoroughly enjoyed seeing them and speaking to them about Christmas. Thank you to the teachers in F2 for organising the trip and spreading some Christmas joy from Old Park. All the pupils who took part represented the school amazingly, well done everyone!



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



To find out more about of the
Family Hubs Offers please visit our website
www.telford.gov.uk/familyhubs

