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Our Golden Rules

Be safe



Be helpful



Be kind and respectful



Our Values

Park Junior School promote these very important values ...

Respect, Kindness, Perseverance, Honesty, Co-operation, Responsibility.

This term we are focusing on **Kindness** and discussing with the children what it means and what it looks like in everyday life. Please can you follow this up with conversations at home.

Welcome back to school. I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing half term.

A busy time is now in front of us as we strive hard to concentrate on our learning whilst making preparations for the seasonal celebrations.

Christmas Dinner



Our school Christmas dinner will be on **Wednesday 6th December**. We are hoping all children will participate in the

festivities. On this day every child will be sitting in the hall with school-made hats, listening to carols while gobbling turkey (or a vegetarian equivalent)! Please let the office know if your child **DOES NOT want a Christmas Lunch**. The meal will cost £2.28. Please call into the office for a payment form if you don't have a parent pay account.

Free School Meal pupils DO NOT need to pay.

Book Week

Thank you for supporting our book week again this year where we raised £388 to spend on books for school. Look out for the new books in the Library.

Harvest Festival



Local Baptist Minister Reverend Anne Dunn conducted our Harvest Assembly. She passed around lots of very unusual tropical fruit and used groups of children to help her deliver a message about sharing what we have with others. Y4 were very pleased to scoff the Large Tiger Loaf that she had used as a visual aid.

Non Uniform Day for PTA Friday 1 Dec .

Pupils can wear their own clothes this today. Donations of wine or chocolates for the school fair later that day please.

Christmas Fair

We are preparing for the PTA Christmas Fair to be held on Friday 1 December from 3.20 pm. All are welcome with pockets bulging with loose change. The raffle will be called at 5pm

New Catering Team



We would like to introduce you to the new team in the kitchen at Park Junior School.

Mandy is the cook and Caroline is the Assistant Cook .

Stonehouse Goodwill Fest

Ukelele players and Choir will be representing us at the turning on of the lights in Stonehouse at the 'Goodwill Fest' Saturday 2 December 2.00-2.30pm.

Arrangements for School Lunch Friday 15 December

Pupil will have their lunch at 11.15am on this day. We will be leaving to go Bristol to the Pan-to at 12pm. Pupils can book a school lunch but will need to do so on Friday 8 December in school. This will enable the

kitchen to produce the lunch and serve it in the timescale required that day.

Pupils can bring in a packed lunch if they would prefer on this day.

Parking

We have had another near miss incident where a car was reversing within the bollard area near the front gates. Please DONOT use this area as a turning circle. YOU ARE ENDANGERING THE LIVES OF PUPILS by doing so.

Parent Pay

Parents are reminded that they must top up pupils Parent Pay accounts in advance of their child booking a school dinner. Pupils with debts of more than £2.28 will be put to the back of the dinner line.

Attendance

Best class attendance for last term was 3K with 93.97% Well done.

Absence from school

Please let the school know if your child is absent from school for what ever reason. We have a duty of care to account for all children registered at the school. You can ring the school office (823108) or email the school: admin@park-jun.gloucs.sch.uk

Parents' evening



It was lovely seeing so many of you at school, looking at your child's work and

discussing their progress during the parents' evening. We had the vast majority of the children represented.

Life Education Bus .

Parents and Carers are invited to visit the Life Education Bus on Wednesday 10 January 9.00am to 9.15am to see what the children are doing when they visit it.

Spotlight on the school website.

Have you visited the school website to see what your child is learning about in school? The school website has this sort of information on it:

www.parkjuniorschool.co.uk/year-groups/curriculum-statement

These pages will show you what we are doing each term in each year group for example. It has useful links to websites and also the National Curriculum expectations.

Netball Team



Well done to the Netball Team for reaching the final of the Indoor Tournament.



PTA for 2017-18

It's all go go go and ho ho ho at PTA headquarters- we are very busy with all the preparations for our Christmas fair on FRIDAY December 1st straight after school. Lots of exciting stalls including the old favourites Teddy, chocolate and children's tombola, wine or water?, Mr and Mrs, Santa's grotto the list goes on. Pick a lucky envelope to win a fabulous prize.



Buy a lucky number to win an HP laptop and Canon printer kindly bought jointly for us by Mr & Mrs Anderson (928 Spares LTD) and another local business man.. Numbers are available from the school office at £1 per number or from PTA members.

We do need helpers on the day, please contact the office or myself if you can spare an hour or two.

Thank you to everyone that supported the recent Rags2riches collection, we raised £83.

We have been lucky enough to secure a bag packing session at the Coop on 15 December 10-2pm. Letters to come out soon, please look out for them and let your child bag pack if they express an interest.

Lastly there is lots of excitement around school with the upcoming trip to the pantomime on 15 December Oh yes there is!!! I'd personally like to say a huge THANK YOU to all PTA members, past AND present for all their hard work in raising the £4000 needed to take the whole school on this amazing trip for FREE

Next Events

Friday 1 December Non Uniform Day for PTA. Wine and Chocolate donations.

Friday 1 December Christmas Fair 3.20pm-5.00pm

Monday 4 December Lucky Number Draw

Saturday 9 December Bag Packing Stonehouse Co-op

Governors Slot

The Governors are delighted to announce a new member joining the team.

Hilary Heggie has joined us as a Co-Opted Governor and brings with her a vast range of skills and experience relevant to being a Governor at the school. Hilary taught English at Maidenhill for 27 years and was also Year 7 leader for 6 years. She was the Y6/7 Transition Leader during which she oversaw the students moving between two stages of their education. She went out to all the primary schools in the summer term to meet the Y6 so was with us at Park Junior every summer to talk to students.

The Governors are still looking for new members so if you would like to give up a bit of your time and are committed and interested in doing what's best for the next generation please ask for details at the school office.

Alternatively you can see what being a Governor all is about by visiting the County Council web site at: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/become-a-school-governor

The Governors' Annual Statement has been agreed and is now on the school website. A paper copy can be provided on request from the school office.

Mark Organ Chair, Park Junior School Governors

School Dates 2017-18

Mon 20 Nov 2017	Y3 to Corinium Museum Cirencester
Mon 20 Nov 2017	Y3/4 Football Tournament 3pm
Wed 22 Nov 2017	Open Morning for prospective new parents 9.30-11.00am.
Fri 1 Dec 2017	Non School Uniform Day Wine / Chocolate Donations
Fri 1 Dec 2017	PTA Christmas Fair 3.20pm
Mon 4 Dec 2017	Lucky Number Draw to win a Laptop & Printer.
Sat 2 Dec 2017	Stonehouse Goodwill Fest Choir & Uke Groups to perform.
Wed 6 Dec 2017	School Christmas Lunch
Fri 8 Dec 2017	Order school lunch for last day of term.
Sat 9 Dec 2017	PTA Bag Packing Stonehouse Coop.
Tues 12 Dec 2017	Y3 Y4 Christmas Performance 1.30pm (see letter)
Wed 13 Dec 2017	Y5 Y6 Christmas Performance 1.30pm (see letter)
Fri 15 Dec 2017	All pupils to have lunch at 11.15am. ONLY pre booked school lunches.
Fri 15 Dec 2017	PTA Trip to Bristol to the Pantomime
Fri 15 Dec 2017	School Closes for TERM 2
Tues 2 Jan 2018	SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY
Wed 3 Jan 2018	School Opens for TERM 3
Mon 8 -10 Jan 2018	Life Education Bus
Wed 10 Jan 2018	Life Education Bus parent session
Tues 30 Jan 2018	Y5 FESTOMANE workshop in school
Wed 31 Jan 2018	Y5 FESTOMANE workshop in school
Fri 9 Feb 2018	School Closes for TERM 3
Mon 19 Feb 2018	School Opens for TERM 4
Thurs 29 Mar 2018	School Closes for TERM 4
Mon 16 April 2018	School Opens for TERM 5
Mon 7 May 2018	SCHOOL CLOSED BANK HOLIDAY
Mon 14 May 2018	SATs Week
Fri 25 May 2018	School Closes for TERM 5
Mon 4th June 2018	SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY
Tues 5th June 2018	School Opens for TERM 6
Mon 11th June 2018	Y6 Penzance Residential
Fri 20th July 2018	School Closes for TERM 6
Mon 23rd July 2018	SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY
Tues 24th July 2018	SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY