

NEWSLETTER

Old Park Primary School Newsletter

Jan/Feb 2024



I can't believe that we are over half way through the 23/24 academic year already.

Spring is a very short term and it really is speeding by. However, as ever, we are working hard to pack it full of learning and a wide range of experiences for the children.

Our recent exploration workshops were thoroughly enjoyed by the children, a huge thanks to all the staff for planning the activities for the children. Children took part in extra activities for safer internet day. All were invited to participate in our values non-uniform day (Dress blue for Monty) to keep our values at the forefront of their minds and to raise money for school fund.

Year 6 have visited RAF Cosford as part of their History learning and Wood Green Academy for Food Technology. Y4 participated in their Egyptian day with a visiting expert, the children looked amazing.

All children took part in mental health workshops and activities for mental health week, parents also attended an emotion coaching workshop, thank you to the parents that were able to attend, your engagement was appreciated.

Year 1 welcomed some visitors who talked about one of the Local Heroes (Cyrille Regis) in their History Learning. Y3 have been participating in Swimming across the year and it continues this term for 3G.

Our Athletics team won their local athletics meet and progress on to the Athletics Black County Finals. The football team participated in another tournament and represented well.

This week Y4 were able to participate in their PE session at the Rugby club, they enjoyed this change and were impressed by the height of the rugby posts!

These are just some of the activities that have been happening in the Spring term there are lots more to come.



Annual Calendar

PLEASE USE THIS CALENDAR TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH EVENTS IN SCHOOL

PLEASE CHECK THE ONLINE ANNUAL CALENDAR
REGULARLY FOR ANY CHANGES/ADDITIONS, THIS CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.

<http://www.oldparkprimary.com/news/annual-calendar/>

SCHOOL LUNCHES - DOLCE

From the 1st April 2024 Dolce have increased their paid meal price to £2.82, please ensure that credit is on your account for any paid meals you order.

What's coming up...

February 2024

Wed 21st Feb	Year 3G Swimming 2.15 - 2.45 (Year 3 children will need collecting at approx 3.20pm)
Thur 22nd Feb	Year 3 History Experience Day, Cooking at WGA yr 6 - 20 pupils
Fri 23rd Feb	Year 3G Swimming 1.15 - 1.45 Young Voices from Yr 3, 4, 5, & 6. 1pm - 9.15pm Resorts World.
Mon 26th Feb	Gratitude Week The school will be supporting the Shine charity event (further details will follow)
Tue 27th Feb	Yr 4 rugby sessions
Wed 28th Feb	Year 3G Swimming 2.15 - 2.45 (Year 3 children will need collecting at approx 3.20pm) Mixed Football Competition. WBA Dome 9-12.30pm Children from Yr 3 & 4

March 2024

Fri 1st Mar	Year 3G Swimming 1.15 - 1.45
Tue 5th Mar	Hydrocephalus Awareness Workshops EYFS, Year 1 and 2 parent consultations Rec and Year 2 - 3.20pm - 6.15pm Nursery - 3.30 - 6.15pm Year 4 rugby sessions
Wed 6th Mar	Year 3G Swimming 2.15 - 2.45 (Year 3 children will need collecting at approx 3.20pm) EYFS, Year 1 and 2 parent consultations Rec and Year 2 - 3.20pm - 6.15pm Nursery - 3.30 - 6.15pm
Thur 7th Mar	World Book Day (wear the t-shirt you have designed in school). £3.50 to be paid via Arbor
Fri 8th Mar	Year 3G Swimming 1.15 - 1.45 Y3, 4, 5 & 6 girls football sessions WBA dome
Tue 12th Mar	Year 3 - 6 parent consultations 3.20pm - 6.15pm. Yr 4 rugby sessions
Wed 13th Mar	Year 3G Swimming 2.15 - 2.45 (Year 3 children will need collecting at approx 3.20pm) Year 3 - 6 parent consultations Year 3 to start at 3.30 - 6.15 Year 4 - 6 to start at 3.20pm - 6.15pm
Thur 14th Mar	Clic Sargent Danceathon Y3 - 6 non-uniform
Fri 15th Mar	Year 3G Swimming 1.15 - 1.45 Clic Sargent Danceathon Nur - Y2 non-uniform
Mon 18th Mar	Y3 Easter Egg Hunt (parents invited) 9am Y4 Easter Egg Hunt (parents invited) 1.50pm
Tue 19th Mar	Y5 Easter Egg Hunt (parents invited) 9am Y6 Easter Egg Hunt (parents invited) 1.50pm Yr 4 rugby sessions
Wed 20th Mar	Year 3G Swimming 2.15 - 2.45 (Year 3 children will need collecting at approx 3.20pm)
Thur 21st Mar	Lots of Socks 50p non-uniform and Downs Syndrome Workshops Gym and dance show - WGA 5pm - 7pm
Fri 22nd Mar	Year 3G Swimming 1.15 - 1.45 House Attendance Winner - Non-Uniform Day (for the winning house only). School closes after today

Christmas Raffle

Congratulations to all of our winners.

Sophie in Year 3 won the giant Christmas Hamper. Well Done!

We would like to thank all the local companies that generously donated prizes.



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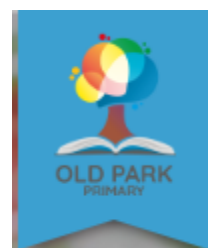
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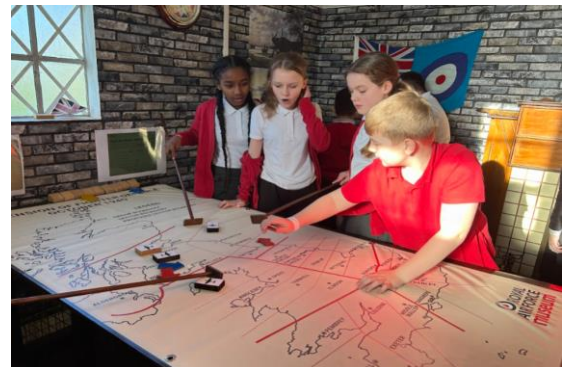
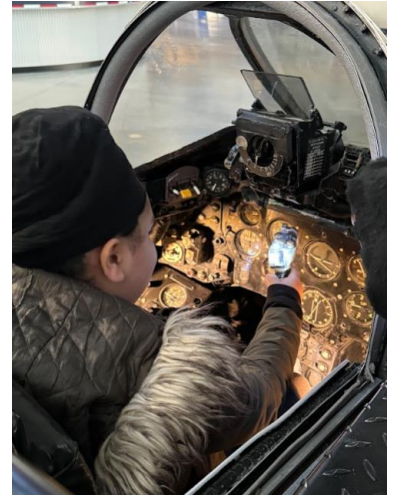
To launch their new history topic, The Ancient Egyptians, Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic experience day led by visiting historian and Egyptologist Damian Carter. The children learnt all about what life was like in Ancient Egypt, about the many Gods and Goddesses and about Egyptian burial rituals. During the afternoon, they had a go at mummification and learnt about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. It was a fantastic way to begin the new topic and the children really looked the part in their amazing costumes.



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Year 6 visited the RAF Museum in Cosford on their first day of Spring Term to experience the spirit of the Blitz to inspire their World War II topic. Children were introduced to the separation of evacuation, the constraints of rationing, the importance of making do and mending and even had the chance to take part in an air raid! (Okay, maybe that was just a simulation...)

Children had the opportunity to crack codes, complete quizzes, create sketches and see real-life RAF fighter planes and they absolutely loved it!



Reception Children Over 5'S
Please let us know if your child still
requires milk after their 5th birthday.
It has to be ordered and costs
26p per day - payable by Arbor.
'School Shop'



IF ANY PARENT WISHES
TO BUY A WATER
BOTTLE THEY
ARE AVAILABLE FROM
THE SCHOOL OFFICE
£1.65 (CASH ONLY)



Book Bags/Satchels

We have red book bags for sale (Nursery to Year 2)
and also satchels (Year 3 to Year 6)

Prices:

Red Book Bags £6.50

Satchels Red (New Logo) £8.50, Black (Old Logo) £5.00

Please order on Arbor and let the school office know.



BIRTHDAYS

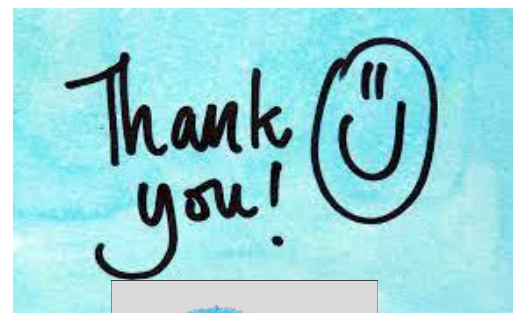
Please do not send your child into school with sweets or chocolates for Birthdays. Natasha's law is in place to protect children and ensures any food provided by or via the school has to be agreed in advance by parents.

If you wish to send in something to mark a birthday celebration you can send in non-food items or wrap a book for the class reading area.



**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS
DONATED TO SCHOOL FUND, WEAR BLUE
FOR MONTY**

**Money raised will be added to school fund
Which goes towards a range of experiences
for our children.**



LOGO SCHOOL UNIFORM/PE KIT UPDATE

The school uniform is as follows:

Red sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan

Red or white shirt, polo shirt or t-shirt

Grey or black trousers, skirt or pinafore (jogging bottoms are not acceptable)

Black flat shoes (not trainers)

Pe Kit:

PE T-Shirts (red, blue yellow, green - house colours)

Black Tracksuit (plain)

You can now purchase logo school uniform and PE tops from the following suppliers:

Clive Marks store in Walsall or by clicking here <https://clivemark.co.uk/>,

SchoolClothing4U Store in Wednesbury or by clicking

<https://schoolclothing4u.com/>

CC Uniforms in West Bromwich or by clicking <https://www.ccuniforms.co.uk/>

Black Tracksuits can be purchased from:

([click here for the link to the decathlon tracksuit](#)).

As always you do not need to purchase uniform with the logo.



Breakfast Care Provision

The School provides a Breakfast Provision. If you are interested in applying for annual membership please contact: breakfast@oldparkprimary.com

Children will be provided with breakfast each day and take part in a range of activities.

Annual Membership options are below:

Cost: £4.25 Early Bird from 7.45am each day

Cost: £3.25 Normal from 7.30am each day

After School Provision

The School provides an After School Provision. If you think you will require a place for After School Provision, please contact afterschool@oldparkprimary.com

Children will be provided with a light snack and take part in a range of activities.

Annual Membership options are below:

Cost: £9.00 each day until 5.00pm

Cost: £10.50 each day until 5.30pm

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Please be aware that there may be a waiting list.

Please read the Policies for our terms and conditions of membership on our website.

Parents are reminded that if children are absent either for sickness or holiday, payment for days missed will still need to be paid. If your child is poorly and unable to attend please email the appropriate email address.

Payments are made through a Standing Order payable on 28th of each month for 11 months (not July 28th).

Please read our policy and terms and conditions before applying for annual membership. The policies can be found on the school website.

PAYMENTS FOR NURSERY 30, BREAKFAST CARE PROVISION AND AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION

CAN WE REMIND PARENTS TO SET UP THEIR STANDING ORDER PAYMENTS
FOR THE 28TH OF EACH MONTH. THIS WILL ENSURE YOU DO NOT ACCRUE A
£5 LATE CHARGE.

THANK YOU TO THOSE PARENTS WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY SET UP A
STANDING ORDER.

The school office staff are available from 8.15am-4.15pm (Monday-Thursday) and 8.15am-4.00pm (Fridays). 0121 526 2669.

Any queries please call or email school.office@oldparkprimary.com or call 0121 526 2669. You can also message via Arbor.

If you telephone the school *before* 8.15am and after 4.15pm, you will hear the following message and options:-

Please leave a message or call back during our open hours or alternatively email school.office@oldparkprimary.com

Press 1 to report your child's absence (voicemail)

Press 2 to speak to the school office

IF YOU ARE REPORTING YOUR CHILD ABSENT PLEASE GIVE US THE
REASON FOR THIS ABSENCE.

Communication & Provision

As you are aware our main form of communication is email. Although we are aware that many parents prefer text message communications this is a costly provision. Therefore email communications will continue as the school works to try to cut costs to avoid staffing cuts. Unfortunately, the school is in the position where funding limitations means that we have to make difficult decisions regarding expenditure in all areas. The senior leadership team and the governing body look to prioritise spend to ensure safety and learning. However, this means that we are not able to always provide provision to the children in the ways we have in previous years.

We thank you for your continued support.

School Fund Contributions

School fund is extremely important to help us provide wider experiences for our children at Old Park. All funds raised subsidise many opportunities, including:

- Resources for our Exploration Days, where children explore a range of activities that are not provided through the normal curriculum.
- Playground equipment to be used at lunchtimes.
- Equipment for Forest School sessions, that our children are lucky enough to immerse themselves in.
- Equipment for our careers and Skills Builder projects which develop the children's ambition and essential skills.
- Theatre company visits or visiting expert experiences.

We would like to thank you for your support with this, as without it, we could not offer the wonderful 'extras' that we do.