

# NEWSLETTER



Old Park Primary School Newsletter

November/December 2023



What a busy term we have had so far, thank you for all of your hard work and support. The children have had fun and loved their learning. There are plenty more activities to come.

**Dream, Believe, Inspire, Achieve**

Wed 29th Nov	Nursery Sing Along 10.30am or 2.15pm Wednesbury Book Quiz 9.15am (invited pupils only) Year 1 - Hearing Screening (09:00 - 15:00)
Thur 30th Nov	Dodgeball Tournament. Year 1 - Hearing Screening (09:00 - 15:00)
Friday 1st Dec	Year 3W Swimming 1.15 - 1.45 Reception nativity 9.15am
Monday 4th Dec	Football competition. Upper KS2 - Walsall
Tuesday 5th Dec	
Wed 6th Dec	Y1 Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Thur 7th Dec	
Fri 8th Dec	Year 3W Swimming 1.15 - 1.45 Y2 Christmas Assembly 2pm
Mon 11th Dec	
Tue 12th Dec	
Wed 13th Dec	Y6 Pop up Fayre (Y6 parents only)
Thur 14th Dec	Y4 Trumpet Showcase (2 parents per child) 9.30am New to Reception Walk Around at 3.30pm
Fri 15th Dec	Year 3W Swimming 1.15 - 1.45 Nasal Spray (9.00-12.30) - Reception to Year 6 (catch-up)
Mon 18th Dec	
Tue 19th Dec	Christmas Dinner day House Attendance Winner - Non-Uniform Day (for the winning house only). Grand Christmas Raffle Draw
Wed 20th Dec	
Thur 21st Dec	Cinema Afternoon - internal event
Fri 22nd Dec (Half Day see times)	Christmas Jumper Day (Old Park's Got Talent - am) Break up for Christmas at 1.05pm - Rec, Nur 30 Y1 & 2, 1.10pm Y3, 4, 5 & 6 No Nursery PM on this day - no after school clubs or after school provision.



# 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/>

## Admission Arrangements – September 2024

### Secondary School Places - Year 7

The application window for parents is now closed, please contact your Local Authority if you have not applied or have a query.

### Reception Class

The application for parents of current nursery children (D.O.B: 1/9/2019- 1/8/2020) to apply online for a reception place is open

Please note, the closing date is 15th January 2024.

Can you please inform the school office when you have completed your online application either by ringing or emailing [school.office@oldparkprimary.com](mailto:school.office@oldparkprimary.com).

Please check you have received an online receipt as confirmation you have submitted your application correctly. It is important to keep this receipt safe.

## SCHOOL LUNCHES - SCHOOL GRID

From September 2023, Dolce have implemented a pre-pay system so you will no longer be able to book meals and pay later.

If your child is moving from Year 2 to 3 in September then unless you are in receipt of free school meals you will need to make payment for the meals ordered. Universal Free Schools meals are for Reception, year 1&2 pupils only.

There are lot of uneaten meals due to parents booking but also sending in a packed lunch. We do not want to waste food so please unbook the meal if it is not wanted.



PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT UNTIL THE MORNING TO TRY TO LOG ONTO SCHOOL GRID TO BOOK A SCHOOL MEAL.. YOUR CHILD WILL ONLY RECEIVE A JACKET POTATO IF THE SITE IS UNAVAILABLE.

Thank you

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Our Annual Christmas Raffle will take place again this year.

Details will follow shortly, tickets will be available on Arbor for you to purchase via the school shop and many more raffle prizes will be added.



## FOREST SCHOOL READING

As part of our Reading Celebration Week, each class took it in turns to experience our forest school reads. Children had the opportunity to sit around a fire in the forest school and enjoy a story read by their teacher. Children were lucky enough to also enjoy a biscuit and hot chocolate. All involved thoroughly appreciated this experience and was transported to the world of the story they were reading.



## SPORTING CONGRATULATIONS

It was a great week for Old Park's sporty superstars, as victories were secured in both Football and Tag Rugby.

The Y5/6 footballers took part in a tournament hosted by Summerhill Primary in Tipton. The team went unbeaten throughout the competition, winning 5 games and drawing 1 to finish top of the standings. The whole squad played their part, with the goals shared around the attacking players and the goalkeepers and defenders only conceding just one goal across the six games. Well done to all involved.

The Y5/6 Tag Rugby team travelled to St. Michael's High School in Rowley Regis for their tournament. They were fantastic, winning all of their group games to progress to the semi-final. After winning that, the team won a very competitive final against Hateley Heath, to take home the gold medals and qualify for the Black Country Finals. Well done to the whole squad.

Our Y4 team also attended their first football tournament and showed excellent teamwork and sportspersonship. Sadly, they didn't quite make it past the group stage with two wins and a loss. They were unlucky and I'm sure we will continue to see great things from them.

Our Y2 team are representing us in a tournament this week - good luck.



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.



### CHARITY DONATIONS

This term we have donated to the following charities:

SHOW  
RACISM  
THE  
RED  
CARD

autism  
west midlands

We're supporting  
**BBC**  
Children  
in Need

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### School Places

We have a place available at the moment in year 4, if your child has a sibling or you have relatives interested in attending our school please email:

[school.office@oldparkprimary.com](mailto:school.office@oldparkprimary.com)

### 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; whole-school theatre company visits and soon it will provide hot chocolate and a snack for all children in the forest during our reading celebration week. More info will follow regarding this. We would like to thank you for your support with this, as without it, we could not offer the wonderful 'extras' we do.