

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a wonderful start to the new term we have had. It has been an absolute pleasure to see all of the children at New Park embracing their learning and new challenges with such a positive attitude.

We have welcomed a few new faces across the school including some new members of staff. Miss Hewson has joined us as a Year 5/6 teacher, Mrs Cameron has joined us in the office and Mrs Fall has joined us as a Teaching Assistant in Year 3/4 - they have had a fabulous start to the new school year & we are very lucky to have them working in our school. We are also thrilled to welcome back Miss Martin, who is joining us on a placement in Year 3/4 as she learns to be a teacher, and Mrs Knowles, who returns as a tutor. Pupils, staff and families have already given all of our new starters a very warm welcome and we are thrilled to have you at New Park this year.

We have some exciting events coming up this year and are pleased to be able to give you some key dates to start putting in your diary. There will be more opportunities for you to be involved in the New Park school community and with your child's learning as the term goes on. We will keep you updated and provide you with more information as the term goes on.

AUTUMN TERM 2023 Key dates:

SEPTEMBER 2023

Wednesday 27th September - 9am-10am - Family Breakfast

Wednesday 27th September - 3:30pm - 4:30pm - Prospective Nursery / Reception tours with EYFS Stay & Play

OCTOBER 2023

Wednesday 11th October - Friday 13th October - School Book Fair

Wednesday 18th October - 3:30pm - 4:30pm - Prospective Nursery / Reception tours with EYFS Stay & Play

Thursday 19th October - 3:15pm - 4:30pm - Year 5/6 led Club Night for KS1 / KS2 pupils

Tuesday 24th October - 3:30pm - 6:30pm - Parent / Teacher Consultation Evening

Wednesday 25th October - 3:30pm - 6:30pm - Parent / Teacher Consultation Evening

Please note, Parent / Teacher Consultations will be held over 2 evenings and will be available to book on a first come, first served basis in the week prior to these dates.

Friday 27th October - NO SCHOOL - New Park staff training day

NOVEMBER

Monday 6th November - 8:45am - pupils return to school

Wednesday 8th November - 3:30pm - 4:30pm - Prospective Nursery / Reception tours with EYFS Stay & Play

Wednesday 29th November - 3:30pm - 4:30pm - Prospective Nursery / Reception tours with EYFS Stay & Play

DECEMBER

Monday 18th December - 9am - EYFS (Reception & Nursery) End of Topic Exhibition

Monday 18th December - 2:30pm - Year 5/6 End of Topic Exhibition

Wednesday 20th December - 9am - Year 1/2 End of Topic Exhibition

Thursday 21st December - 2:30pm - Year 3/4 End of Topic Exhibition

Other important information:

PE Days

EYFS (Reception / Nursery): Tuesday (please wear usual uniform to school and bring a PE kit to get changed in to)

Year 1/2: Tuesday & Wednesday (please arrive at school wearing PE kit with a school jumper)

Year 3/4: Thursday & Friday (please arrive at school wearing PE kit with a school jumper)

Year 5/6: Wednesday - swimming (please arrive at school wearing usual school uniform with a swimming kit in a named bag)

PE Kit is:

- Jade sweatshirt or cardigan with the New Park school logo
- Plain black or grey shorts, jogging bottoms or cotton leggings
- Plain white t-shirt or polo shirt (logo NOT compulsory)
- Trainers or plimsolls that fit securely

Please note that all jewellery must be removed or covered for PE lessons. Plasters or tape must be provided by parents for jewellery that cannot be removed and long hair must be tied up using hair bobbles

Reading

We expect all children to read every day at home. Y5/6 Reading Books are starting to be sent out. Phonics linked books for KS1 children & Y3/4 books will be sent out on Monday 18th September. Please ensure that you read the letter which goes alongside these books and gives you more information about reading at New Park Primary Academy. If you have any questions, please speak to your children's class teacher.

Phonics linked books for Reception children will be sent out before the October half-term.

Clubs

We are working hard to arrange our extra-curricular clubs and will send out further details as soon as we are able to. We are expecting clubs to start from the week commencing Monday 25th September.

On **Thursday 19th October** we will have 'Club Night' until 4:30pm where our Year 5/6 pupils will run a variety of clubs for younger children, supported by school staff. I know that our Year 5/6 pupils are extremely excited about this and we look forward to announcing the club options to the rest of the school over the coming weeks.

Positive Behaviour

If you have heard your children talking about Bee's recently, this may be due to our New Park Principles - The 3 Bee's - 'Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Ready to Learn'. Throughout school, children have been learning all about bees and the importance of the actions of individual bees within their society. The children are certainly living up to the high expectations we have of them in school and our New Park Principles help them to understand our expectations and consequences.

Please see attached how our New Park Principles are broken down into specific expected behaviours. We will be sending out more information about the New Park Principles over the coming weeks - including announcing who our new New Park Principle mascots are going to be!

Thanks

Thank you again for all your help and support with ensuring that your children are always respectful, responsible and ready to learn. Please could I remind you that the equipment in the EYFS (Reception & Nursery) playground is learning equipment for our EYFS children and should not be used by any children while waiting at the start and end of the school day.

It has been a pleasure to meet so many of you on the school gate and I hope to be able to chat further with you at the Family Breakfast on **Wednesday 27th September**.