

# PARK NEWSLETTER



*Ensuring every individual achieves their best through high expectations for all;  
with a focus on confidence, creativity, care and aspiration.*

11th September 2020

## Mrs Ttofalli's Weekly Update

A huge great big welcome back from me, Mrs Ttofalli, to you all.

It has been so fabulous watching you come back over the course of the week and it has been super to see the joy in the children's faces as they caught sight of their 'long-lost' friends. I am so proud that the children were able to spend some time with their previous teacher and



find their feet again before the next step on our return journey. We are therefore today saying goodbye to last academic year, it has been a challenge but, as a community, together, we made it!

I would also like to say an enormous welcome to those families who are new to Park. It has been wonderful to see our youngest children settling into Little Park and Reception. There are also some new arrivals across Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2; you are very welcome. We look forward to getting to know you over the coming weeks and hope that you soon feel part of the Park community.

Next week, we will be starting in the children's new classes as the classes of 20-21. Children will still be in only for two days (unless otherwise stated) so that they can have some extended teacher time as we get used to systems, practices and routines.

Please remember:

- Children in **Year 5 and 6 will need to be in the playground between 8:40 and 8:50** so that they can be taken upstairs by their new teacher at 8:50 (from 21st all children in Year 5 and 6 will go straight up to class on arrival but next week they will remain in the playground to provide you the opportunity to meet the teacher.)
- The children in **Year 3 and 4 need to be in the playground between 8:50 and 9:00.**

- The children in **Year 1 and Year 2 need to arrive between 9:00-9:10.**

To avoid congestion at the gate, please do come inside but if you go into the playground and it is not your child's time to come in please stay to the right of the playground (on the Mathews Park Ave side) to avoid mixing bubbles unnecessarily. We really appreciate you working with us on this.

We are working on our plans for keeping Park's education going, regardless of the situations which may come our way; we will keep you informed of this over the coming weeks.

Should we be notified that we have a positive case you will be informed and please be assured that any suspected cases will be dealt with urgently but with compassion and care.

One last thing, please, please use the one way system - Enter on Mathews Park Avenue and exit onto Ham Park Road.

**Welcome back, thank you for all of your support and please, please remember to ask if you need anything to be explained or any questions answered.**

Remember: all communication and information, including our Risk Assessment, can be found on the website [www.park.newham.sch.uk](http://www.park.newham.sch.uk)

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☆☆☆☆ Stars of the Week ☆☆☆☆

As we are sure you will appreciate, it has been impossible to single out individual children this week and therefore we congratulate and thank you all for being so wonderful.

We will be resuming our weekly Star of the Week awards from next week.

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## Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge ends on Wednesday 30th September.

In order to complete the challenge you must return the card that was given to you before the summer holidays showing that you have read 6 books. Please make sure that you write your first and last name on the card, as well as your class name. Have you lost the challenge card? Don't worry! Just write down the name of the 6 books that you read along with your name (first and last) and class name.



Please return it to your class teacher by Friday 2nd October.

I can't wait to see how many of you took part; if you haven't finished all 6 books yet, you still have time.

*Miss Chandrarajah*

Some of our school staff have signed up to the Teachers' Reading Challenge. Ask your teacher about the books they have been reading.



## Weekly Assemblies

We will continue to share our weekly assemblies on our YouTube Channel for the foreseeable future every Friday at 9:10am. The first assembly was shared online this morning. If you haven't seen it yet, take a look as it contains lots of information and some great advice from Mrs Ttofalli about dealing with worries.



<https://youtu.be/cTitp8pfbF8>

With the children back in school, we look forward to reintroducing class sharing assemblies. Unfortunately we will not be able to invite families into school to watch these assemblies but we will make them available online for you to watch from the comfort of your own home!

## Guitar & Ukulele Plea

During lockdown a number of children borrowed a guitar or ukulele from school in order to continue with their learning from home. Please could these now be returned as soon as possible so that we have sufficient instruments for our music lessons. Thank you.



## Reading Book Plea

As children begin to return to school we are asking for ALL school reading books to be returned to your child's class teacher. Please ask the children to search the whole house and return all books, a lot of money was spent last year to ensure that children had access to a wide range of books and we want to make sure that they have access to the same range of books this year. All returned books will be 'rested' for 72hrs before being placed back on the shelf.



Your child's new class teacher will begin sending books home in the week beginning 21st September.

## Polite Reminder

Remember, wash your hands, cover your face when it is right to do so and keep a good distance from others so that the virus does not spread so easily.



## Staffing News

### Mrs Light

Mrs Light has commenced her maternity leave. We hope that she rests and takes it easy in preparation for the sleepless nights that are on their way!

### Miss Broadhurst

We are pleased to announce that Miss Broadhurst is our new Interim Deputy Head Teacher. Miss Broadhurst will be a familiar face to many of you, having joined Park in September 2019 as our Assistant Head overseeing Key Stage 2.



### NQTs

Having successfully completed their School Direct training at Park last academic year, we are delighted that Miss Coules, Mr Kanagasabay, Miss Osbourne and Mr Tull have remained at Park to take up class teacher positions. We wish them all the best for their NQT year and feel very fortunate to have them on the team.

### School Direct Trainees

This year we welcome six new trainee teachers to the team. Miss Edward and Miss Teferi, who have been at Park for some time now as Learning Support Assistants, will be familiar faces. Ms Dobinson, Ms Murphy, Mr Perard and Ms Ridaut are new to the Park team although they've already settled in like ducks to water!

### Mr Ttoffali

Mr Ttoffali has taken on the role of Blended Learning Leader this year. He will be overseeing the learning provision that is offered for families to access at home alongside that which is offered in school to ensure that they complement each other and that the children have the very best access to their learning wherever they may be. There will be more information to follow about this in due course but keep your ears open for communication from Mr Ttoffali in the near future.

### LSAs

Our LSA team has also grown this term as we are joined by Mr Lawrence, Ms Jelane, Ms Miah, Ms Hurst, Ms Kyburiene, Ms Salman, Ms Bremang and Ms Simon. Once again we feel very fortunate to have such passionate and enthusiastic individuals joining us.

### Zakiya Sharif

We are welcoming back Ms Sharif from maternity leave. She is working part time as our Family Support Worker so please feel free to contact her (or any member of the safeguarding team) if you need some support.

### Safeguarding Team

This term, our Safeguarding Team consists of:

- Miss Critchley (Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs Ttoffali (Deputy Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs Loughran (Deputy Safeguarding Lead)
- Miss Broadhurst
- Ms Sharif
- Miss Allinson



### Leadership Team

Our Leadership Team this term is made up as follows:

#### Head Teacher

Mrs Ttoffali

#### Deputy Head Teachers

Miss Critchley & Miss Broadhurst

#### Assistant Head Teachers

Mrs Loughran - overseeing Inclusion

Miss Patora - overseeing Upper School (LKS2 & UKS2)

Miss Cook - overseeing Lower School (KS1 and EYFS)

#### Phase Leaders

Ms Phelan - Upper Key Stage 2 (UKS2)

Mr Hodkin - Lower Key Stage 2 (LKS2)

Ms Chandrarajah - Key Stage 1 (KS1)

Ms Rice - Early Years (Reception & Nursery)



Our Leadership Team are available on the school gates or can be contacted by calling or emailing the school should you wish to speak to them at any time.

## Lunches

You may have noticed on our risk assessment that we will be alternating hot and cold lunches from week beginning the 21st September. Whilst ordinarily it would not be our preferred option, it is necessary for the foreseeable future to allow for greater social distancing. The children will eat hot lunches in the dining hall when it is their week to do so, and packed lunches in their classroom.

The children will be provided with a school packed lunch however we are aware that some families will choose to send a packed lunch in from home. Could we therefore remind you that the following are not permitted:

- Nuts, seeds and nut products (due to severe allergies, we are a nut free school);
- Fizzy and sugary drinks (water only please);
- Crisps, sweets and chocolate;
- Cereal bars (these often contain lots of hidden sugar);
- Chocolate spread as a sandwich filling

Whilst the following leaflet is targeted at toddlers, there is plenty of useful information within it that you can adapt for older children.

[British Nutrition Foundation Perfect Portions for Little Tums](#)

[The British Nutrition Foundation also have 5 Top Tips for a Healthy Lunch Box.](#)



## Water Bottle Request

Please could you make sure that your child brings a water bottle to school with them each day, freshly filled and clearly labelled with their name. Thank you.



## Newsletter Publication Date

This year, please expect to receive the newsletter on a Friday. Previous newsletters will continue to be accessible on the school website.

## Missing Glasses?

Has your child misplaced their glasses?

We have these 4 pairs in



our lost property. If you think they belong to your child, please give the school office a call and arrange a time to take a look at them.

## Morrisons Donation

We were very grateful to receive a generous donation from Morrisons this week, kindly delivered by Lutfa Begum, their new Community Champion. Thank you very much Morrisons!



## Getting to know...

We continue to find out about different members of our Park staff in our *Getting to know...* feature. Did you guess which member of staff enjoys picnics in their lounge when they're not at work? Find out if you're right below.



## Getting to know... Mr Tull

**Where did you grow up?**

Billericay, Essex

**What are you most proud of?**

Lots of things including my lovely family, but my top two are (1) being accepted to study at Oxford University, and (2) running a marathon in less than 4 hours.

**What did you want to be when you were younger?**

A footballer. And when I quickly realised that wouldn't be happening, a doctor.



**What was your first job?**

A paper round when I was a teenager. My first adult job when I finished university was spending a week picking up litter at Knebworth after the big Robbie Williams concerts there!

**What is the best piece of advice you've been given or would give to others?**

The best advice I can give is if you want to do something, go for it! Even if you think you have no chance of being chosen for something, or of getting the job, whatever it is, just put yourself forward and do your best - because you never know what could happen.

**What would your superpower be and why?**

I'd like to be able to fly - it would be much more fun to fly up to Malala classroom from the playground rather than having to go up all those stairs!

**If you could visit anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?**

I love scuba diving, so I'd take my wife and go to Belize and go diving at the Blue Hole... and chill out on the beach, of course!

**Tell us something about you that we may not know.**

When I was younger I won £500 on the TV quiz show Brainteaser. £500 is a lot of money now, and it was even more 17 years ago!

**What is your favourite...**

**Ice cream?** Tutti-frutti. You can't seem to buy it anywhere anymore though... if anyone knows where to get some, please let me know!

**Food?** I love a good burger. If I was eating out my burger restaurant of choice would be Honest Burger. At home it's a burger cooked on the barbeque.

**Children's book?**

When I was a child I loved the Redwall series by Brian Jacques. So I would go for any of the first three he published: Redwall, Mossflower, or Mattimeo. I loved Roald Dahl's autobiography Boy, as well.

**Board game?** So many to choose from! 221b Baker Street just wins out.

**Sandwich filling?** Quorn ham, a dairylea slice, and red grapes. It may sound odd, but trust me, it's a winner!

**Childhood memory?** When I was 10 my parents told me we were going to buy some roller skates for my birthday, we drove in the car and then my mum dropped my dad and me off; we walked for a bit, turned left, and instead of walking into the roller skate

shop we walked into Upton Park, West Ham United's ground. My jaw dropped! I'd never been before and had wanted to go for ages. We had great seats right above the halfway line, and to cap it all off, West Ham won 7-1!

**Park Primary memory?** I was so impressed by the Choral Speaking event last summer term - so many fantastic performances from all different ages.

**Why are you proud to work at Park?**

Because it's full of personalities - people who aren't afraid to be themselves, both children and staff. And because there are so many very caring, very giving people at Park - again, both children and staff.

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**Getting to know... Miss Hunt****Where did you grow up?**

Hornchurch in Essex

**What are you most proud of?**

My children

**What did you want to be when you were younger?**

A teacher (and a fairy for a little while)

**What was your first job?**

Selling windows over the telephone- i was awful at it.

**What is the best piece of advice you've been given or would give to others?**

Treat others how you would want to be treated.

**What do you like to do when you're not at Park?**

Have a picnic- on the beach, in a park, in the front room. Anywhere really.

**What is your favourite...**

**Ice cream?** Magnum

**Food?** Pizza

**Children's book?** A Dark Dark Tale

**Board game?** Yahtzee

**Sport to watch?** Gymnastics

**Sport to participate in?** Trampolining

**Colour?** Blue

**Childhood memory?** Playing on Bournemouth beach every summer with my cousins

**School memory?** When the grass snake came into my primary school playground.

**Park Primary memory?** There are so many to choose from, going to the barge, the day we had to send all the children home and taking children shopping in Westfield really stand out for me.



## Why are you proud to work at Park?

Because all the staff are so caring and always put the children first.

## Getting to know...???? Next Week

In next week's newsletter, we will be finding out which member of staff's favourite memory is showering under stormy, pouring rain. Who do you think it could be?

## This week...



## Think to get you Thinking!

### What do you think?

Is there more happiness or more sadness in the world?



#### Sentence starters:

In my opinion...because  
I believe that...because  
On the other hand...  
However...

## Current Affairs



*How can we help those without a home?*

*How could you turn an office into a home?*

A number of charities, including Streets Kitchen and the Glass Door Homeless Charity, are campaigning for empty commercial buildings to become makeshift shelters this winter. They are predicting that there will be an increase in the number of people who become homeless over the

coming weeks and months due to increases in job losses caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

## Things to talk about at home...

- Do you think that using empty buildings to help homeless people is a good idea?
- Can you think of any other ways in which we could help the homeless?
- Are there any homeless shelters or charities in your local area? Can you find out about the work that they do?

## British Values Link: Mutual Respect

**British Values**  
14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> September  
**Mutual Respect**  
We all have different living arrangements, with some people not having a home at all. There are many reasons for the different circumstances in which people live; it is important to show equal respect to all.

**British Values**  
14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> September  
**Mutual Respect**  
Every family has a different home and some people don't have a proper home at all. It is important that we show respect to everyone, no matter where they live.

14<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## UN Rights of a Child

Every child has the right to food, clothing and a safe home. There are many people in the UK and around the world who do not have a home to call their own for many different reasons. Those without homes can seek help through local or national charities and the local government.



## Thought for the Week



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## Message from Newham



### YOUR COMMUNITY CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY UPDATE

Come along to find out what has been achieved in your local area and the outcomes of the chosen community assembly projects. There will also be the opportunity to provide feedback and to give your input on how we can design and improve future community citizens' assemblies. Two assemblies will be held, one at a venue and another online through the Zoom platform.

### Stratford and West Ham Community Citizens' Assembly – Wednesday 30 September

- **Attend in person:** 11am-12.30pm at Old Town Hall Stratford, 29 The Broadway, E15 4BQ
- **Join us online:** 6pm-7.30pm - Zoom details will be sent a day before the assembly.

You will need to **register** at

[www.newham.gov.uk/CitizensAssemblies](http://www.newham.gov.uk/CitizensAssemblies) to join the online assembly or to attend in person and you can also register for special requirements to enable you to attend.

Numbers are limited to 12 for the assembly being held in a venue to ensure we can maintain social distancing measures and make sure everyone stays covid safe. Please note you will also be expected to wear a face covering.

For more information contact

[CitizensAssemblies@newham.gov.uk](mailto:CitizensAssemblies@newham.gov.uk)

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