

# PARK NEWSLETTER



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

9th September 2022

## Need to Know

### Mrs Ttoffali's Weekly Update

Dear all,

Welcome back to those of you who are returning and a very big welcome to those of you who are new to Park. I hope you were all able to have at least some rest and relaxation time over the summer and that you were able to take advantage of the opportunity to see missed family and friends. Thank you to everyone who has asked about my summer, I had the best summer ever, so, with batteries recharged, let's embrace 22-23 together.

We say hello to many new staff this week, some will be familiar and others less so. In the upcoming weeks, we will resume our 'This is Me' section of our newsletter so that you can begin to familiarise yourself with any new faces.

We also say a huge hello to our new Reception and Little Park starters, we can't wait to meet you all properly and we look forward to learning together in the years ahead.

I know it would be wrong to start the year thinking about the next holiday but please allow me to refer you to the school's website for term dates both for this academic year and next. Please bear these in mind when considering booking your holidays. [Term Dates](#)

Please see below for an update in relation to our Wraparound Care. We apologise for any inconvenience experienced in booking this week but please be advised, if you need to book and are facing challenges please email [wrap.around@park.newham.sch.uk](mailto:wrap.around@park.newham.sch.uk) and [info@park.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@park.newham.sch.uk) and we will ensure your child is registered. We have your back and we know how challenging it is to keep everything spinning.



After School Clubs vs Wraparound (WAC): in order to avoid confusion, when we are talking about clubs which are run by staff after school, we will talk about After School Clubs and we will always try to refer to Wraparound as exactly that. You will receive information about the school's after school clubs next week.

Next week we will be returning to business as usual and there will be a soft start for all from Monday. For children in years 1-6 the doors will open at 8:45 and all children will go straight to their classes to prepare themselves to start their day. The gates will be open at 8:35 but the children cannot come into school before 8:45 unless they are registered for WAC. Thank you all so much for this week, we know it was a different system but we just wanted you all to have the opportunity to hand your child over to the new teacher and for you to be able to say hello properly.

The end of the day: from Monday, all children in Y2-6 will be brought down to the playground by a member of staff and handed over (Y1s will be released from their classes as it is less overwhelming for them). Please ensure that we have an updated list of all adults who have permission to take your child. A Dojo was sent out earlier in the week in relation to this. We take our responsibility for safeguarding your children very seriously: ensuring that we have correct information is a large part of this.

As you may, or may not be aware, we are very much due a monitoring inspection from Ofsted. When we do get the call, you will be asked to complete the parent/carer view. I am attaching the link here [Ofsted Parent View](#), if you have a minute, it would be great if you could complete this at your convenience to avoid the rush when they do call. Your cooperation with regards this would be very much appreciated. The form is the same as the one which we circulate at every parent/ carer event. We are always

overwhelmed at your support and positivity on these and your opinions are very much valued as it allows us to know what we do well and what, in your opinion, we could do better. It would be great for Ofsted to have the same insight into your opinions. We will of course share historic data with them but we are unsure if they take this into account. Your time would be greatly appreciated.

We join with the nation in expressing our deep sadness for the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. As our longest-serving monarch, having reigned for 70 years, her impact on the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and on other realms and territories is of huge significance and we join with our families in our respect and thanks for her service. We will await details of arrangements for the national day marking Her Majesty's funeral, and will let you know how this may affect school once it is confirmed. Should you feel that your child may experience particular sadness due to the passing of the Queen, please do let us know so we can support them.

That's it from me then: I will see you on Monday morning. I hope that you are able to take every bit of joy out of the weekend and make the most of the (ever decreasingly) light evenings and mornings. Autumn looms large it seems.

Warm regards, Natasha Ttoffali

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☆☆☆☆ Stars of the Week ☆☆☆☆

### Key Stage 1

Khalil, Emilia and Medina in Year 1

Mai, Scarlett and Daniel in Year 2

### Lower Key Stage 2

Eesa, Akwamfonabasi and Nusaybah in Year 3

Anna, Lucas and Prince in Year 4

### Upper Key Stage 2

Mina, all of Rosa Parks and all of Helen Keller in Year 5

Syed, Mohammed and Tegan in Year 6

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## Wrap Around Care

[Please see our recent correspondence about Wrap Around Care](#)



Our Wrap Around Care Provision is open to all families.

If you have any questions then please email us at [info@park.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@park.newham.sch.uk) or if you have a message for the Wrap Around Care team directly then please email [wrap.around@park.newham.sch.uk](mailto:wrap.around@park.newham.sch.uk)

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## Dates for the Diary

[2022-2023 Term Dates](#)



**Thursday 15th September** - Y2-6

Sports Day

**Thursday 15th September** - Year 6 Parent/Carer Workshop at 2.30pm

**Tuesday 20th September** - Year 5 Parent/Carer Workshop at 2.30pm

**Tuesday 27th September** - Helen Keller residential to Thriftwood

**Wednesday 28th September** - Gandhi residential to Thriftwood

**Thursday 29th September** - Rosa Parks residential to Thriftwood

**Thursday 13th October** - Year 6 at the Museum of Docklands

**Tuesday 18th October** - Year 3 at the Horniman Museum

**Thursday 20th October** - Parent/Carer afternoon. School closes at 1pm

**Friday 21st October** - INSET Day. School closed for children

**Monday 24th-Friday 28th October** - Half Term Holiday

**Monday 31st October** - Children return to school

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## Sharing Assemblies

Please see the dates and classes for Sharing assemblies for this half term. If you can make it, please do join us (KS1, you will need to drop off your child and then enter through the main office so we have a record of who is coming in.).

Date	KS1 - 9.05am	KS2 - 2.20pm
Friday 23rd September	Pasteur	Pankhurst
Friday 7th October	Marco Polo	Brunel
Friday 14th October	Marie Curie	Da Vinci
Friday 4th November	Einstein	Malala
Friday 11th November	Aldrin	Rosa Parks
Friday 18th November		Gandhi
Friday 2nd December		Hawking

## Park's Food Bank

Our Food Bank will start back up again from Friday 16th September.

Thank you to families who have already contributed to our food bank. We would like to request any families who are able to support our foodbank to please leave donations in the box in the front office. Due to storage we can only accept long lasting items such as dry food, tins and pasta. We also accept toiletries and cleaning products.

If you would like to access our food bank, please come to the school entrance on a Friday between 2.30 to 3.30pm. Please bring your own bag.

## Curriculum Area

### House Points

At Park we use a House Points system in which every child belongs to one of the four houses: Birch, Maple, Oak and Sycamore. House Points are awarded for children who demonstrate the school values. 5 HPs are awarded where significant examples of confidence, creativity, care and aspiration are exemplified.

Below is the total of the House Points collected this week. Well done to **Birch!** You have the highest total this week!

<b>Birch</b> 50 	<b>Sycamore</b> 35 
<b>Maple</b> 20 	<b>Oak</b> 25 

## This week...

Thanks to get you Thinking  
KS1 Think



Think about this...

Week 5

Can you be prepared for a surprise?

SURPRISE!



Sentence starters:

I think...  
I believe...  
I feel that...  
I would rather...

Agree 

Build 

Challenge 

## KS2 Think

Think about this...

Week 5

In a horse race, are the horses racing?



Sentence starters:

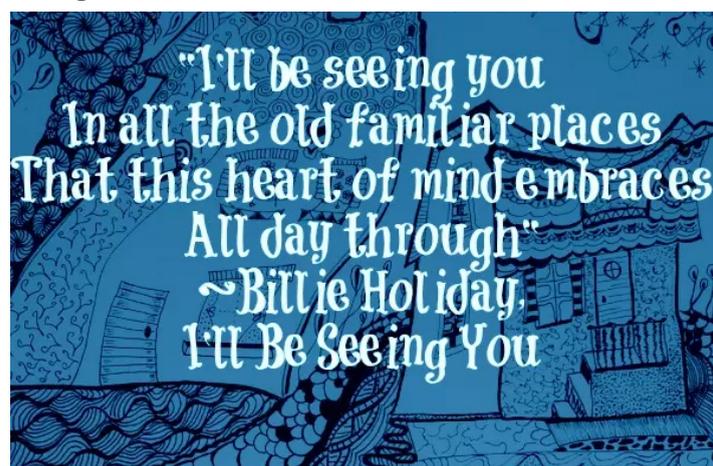
In my opinion...because  
I believe that...because  
On the other hand...  
However...

Agree 

Build 

Challenge 

## Thought for the Week



## Music Theme of the Week

# MUSIC THEME OF THE WEEK:

Throughout the week we have listened to lots of songs to make us happy around the school. This has ranged from Bill Withers to Jess Glynne.



## Current Affairs



### Who was Queen Elizabeth II?

Please see the slides below for more information and some points that you could discuss at home.

[Picture News Special - The Queen 1952-2022](#)

## Additional Information

### Forest Gate Festival



MAKE YOUR OWN



TAKING PART IN  
NEWHAM UNLOCKED

Saturday 17th September  
2-4pm

Community Vegetable Garden,  
West Ham Park



Please be considerate of others and remember social distancing where possible

- Pick 5 fruit or vegetable shapes
- Paint them!
- Stick them onto your Crown to wear with pride all day – and to remind you to eat your 5-a-day!



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**Meet:** Parks & Gardens Division Office  
(opposite the Playground), West Ham Park, 7.15pm

**PLEASE NOTE** the Park closes at 7.30pm,  
and gates start to close from 7.15. Main Gate on Upton Lane will  
be last to shut. Please arrive promptly to ensure entry.

**THERE WILL NOT BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXIT THE PARK  
UNTIL THE WALK FINISHES AT APPROXIMATELY 8.15PM**

The exit will be onto Portway only.

Owing to the nature of this event and light levels in the Park,  
it is essential that parents or guardians are fully responsible for any children  
accompanying them. Please note that torches/artificial lighting cannot be  
used during the walk. COVID Social distancing rules still apply.



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