

# PARK NEWSLETTER



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

8th September 2023

## Need to Know

### Mrs Ttoffali's Weekly Update

To Park Primary's Community



**Welcome back** everyone. It's been so lovely to see you all this week and it's been especially super to see the children returning so keenly to school. I hope you all managed some family time over the course of the long holidays and that batteries are recharged and refreshed. Thank you to everyone who has specifically welcomed me back and has shown me so much care. I have now (only yesterday) finished my course of chemotherapy; I will move on to maintenance therapy from now on. I am not cured and nor am I free of cancer but I am okay and I am looking after myself- I promise!

As I have said 'welcome back' it is essential that I say, 'welcome to':

- all the new children, including our new to Little Park children and our Reception starters. Thank you for choosing Park and we hope you are very happy here. We look forward to experiencing some fabulous learning opportunities with you;
- Little Park who join us on our main site now having moved out of the Church's Hall;
- our new members of staff whose names are Ms Sonkin, Ms Thorne, Mrs Kuruppakka Veetil, Ms Doyle-Gray, Ms McAnenny, Mr Rubbino, Ms Posselt-Walsh. We wish them all a very happy time at Park and, again, we look forward to working and learning alongside them all;
- some returning members of staff. Annie Rawle who returns part time and Chloe Rice (AHT for Lower School- EYFS) and Tahirah Sherriff (School Based Social Worker) are returning full time

**Sadly**, Ms Begum, who was due to start her teaching career with us this year, is now unable to do so because her son (who is a child at Park) was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Lymphoma in the holidays and she, perfectly understandably, needs to be with him as he navigates his treatment plan. I am sure you are all with me in hoping and praying for the child's full recovery and in extending any offers of support to the family that we can.

**Over the holidays**, there has been extensive work undertaken to ensure that our building is fit and safe for purpose. You will have noticed that Marco Polo class was 'out of action' this week due to the floor having been completely removed. Temporary flooring is in place as of Monday and new flooring will be laid in the October half term.

Our Staff Room has moved and it can now be found in the room attached to the outdoor terrace above the MUGA area. The Engagement Provision classroom, which was situated where the Staff Room now is, has been moved to where the staffroom was. Please trust that there is method in what may seem to be madness.

Please trust that the work was ongoing throughout the holiday and Muhammad, our Site Supervisor, and his team of cleaning staff have been non-stop in their pursuit to ensure everything was complete. We would like to thank them hugely for all that has been achieved.

### Some things to note/ remember as we move into the Autumn Term:

- It seems that the summer's not yet over. Please ensure your child is equipped for sunny days (water bottle, cap and sunscreen). Please remember toes should be enclosed in the shoe and there should be a strap at the back.
- **Soft start** resumes on 11/9/23. For the first few days of the autumn term we think it's important that you and your child get to meet

the teacher and to know that your child is being taken to their new surroundings. Once they get their bearings however, we commence the soft start. This means that Y1 enter straight into their classrooms and all other children enter the building unaccompanied and find their way to their classroom.

- **Y6 meeting** - if you have a child in Year 6 please look out for the sign up sheet for the parent information sessions. Save the date - 20/9/23. These are compulsory sessions aimed to support you in your understanding of the year's requirements as well as helping to find your way with regards to secondary school admission.
- In January, I wrote to you all about a change in the **October half term dates** as Newham had issued incorrect draft dates to all school. [The term dates can be found here.](#)
- [We have a new look website](#) - please take a look as that is the place where all information can be found.
- Please remember the new [temporary structure](#) which we will introduce to you through pictures and roles next week to start our exciting new Newsletter piece: 'Who's Who in the Park Team'. This structure has been agreed by The Governing Board and is in place to support you, so that you know where to turn and to whom to go, particularly in times of my absence. Please do get in touch ([info@park.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@park.newham.sch.uk) FAO Mrs Ttoffali) if you have any points to discuss in relation to this; I am always happy to listen and to explain any decisions we have made.
- We'll be commencing our Open Mornings for Reception 2024 starters very soon. If you know anyone who is currently considering their best choice. Please do encourage them to get in touch. Our first session will be on 27/9/23.

That is it for me this week. I wish you all a very happy and restful weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Warm regards, Natasha Ttoffali

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## Wrap Around Care

Our Wrap Around Care Provision is open to all families to book via Scopay.



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

[2023-2024 Term Dates](#)



**Monday 18th September - Friday 29th September** - Year 4 Swimming at the Olympic Pool

**Monday 25th - Thursday 28th September** - Year 5 Thriftwood Residential visits

**Thursday 19th October** - Parent/Carer Consultations

**Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October** - Half Term

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## Additional Information

### Park's Bike Bus - Message from parents organisers

We're relaunching the bike bus again this year, starting on Monday. We depart at 8:20 from the direction of Katherine Road picking up children and carers on the way. We'd love more people to join us so feel free to join the Monday Bike Bus WhatsApp.





## Royal Academy of Arts - Young Artists' Summer Show 2023



The Young Artists' Summer Show is open! Celebrate it's fifth year by visiting during your summer holiday.

The online and onsite exhibition provides a platform to showcase the creativity, imagination and experience of young people aged 4-19. It also celebrates the commitment of teachers, parents and guardians who champion the role of art in education across the UK.

You can read more about this year's exhibition and the judging process [here](#).

**Free**

**Tuesday 18 July – Sunday 13 August 2023**

## Year 5 Shakespeare



YEAR 5 PRESENTS -  
**A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**  
 At The Broadway Theatre, Barking  
 Wednesday 8th November

## Newham Educational Psychology Service

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### Parent Advice Service with an Educational Psychologist (EP)

The EPS Parent Advice sessions are offered to any Newham parent or carer who would like to discuss concerns about their child with an educational psychologist (examples may include: your child's emotional well-being, challenging behaviours, learning progress, your relationship with your child or some of your own worries). The sessions aim to be supportive, confidential, and informal. Each session is 50 minutes.

Please note these are stand-alone, one-off sessions that do not result in follow-up work. They are free sessions and open to all parents and carers of Newham children and young people. There is no criteria or threshold to access these sessions.

**Sessions are monthly on:**

**03 Oct      07 Nov      05 Dec 2023**

**Book a session now on Eventbrite at:**

<https://EPSparentadvice.eventbrite.com>

**Any Queries, please email or call Terrie Turner:**

[EPS@Newham.gov.uk](mailto:EPS@Newham.gov.uk) or 07855 975308



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## PARENT SURVEY 2023 – Please help!



# WE ARE CARING.



### DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN AGED 0-14 YEARS? HELP US TO HELP YOU!

We want to know about your childcare needs so we can plan services that will work for you and your family. We welcome your views and invite you to please complete a short survey, the details of which will be kept strictly confidential. Everyone that completes the survey will be entered into a free prize draw to be in with a chance of winning £100 of shopping vouchers.

The closing date for entries is 5pm on **3 DECEMBER 2023**. The survey will take about 10 minutes to complete. Share your knowledge. When completing the survey, you can also request information on:

- free 15 hours for two-year olds
- free 30 hours for working parents with three and four-year olds
- the new expansion of the funded early education scheme
- plans to develop wraparound care for primary school children
- help with childcare costs
- childcare providers for children aged 0-14 in your area.

### FREE PRIZE DRAW!

**WE ARE NEWHAM.**

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## School Election for Parent Governor

We are currently looking for a parent Governor to join the Park Governing Board. The closing date is Friday 22nd September 2023.

Please click [here](#) for more information.

If you would like a nomination form, please ask the School Office.

Kind Regards,  
Park Primary