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# November Newsletter 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you have had a lovely half term. We have 6 weeks until we break for the Christmas holidays, and there are lots of fun things in store.

It was lovely to have such a good turn out for parents evening. Thank you for your support at the book fair, all purchases made at the book fair give us commission to purchase more books for school library. We raised around £400 towards books for school.

Year 4 will be starting their swimming lessons from Monday 2nd December. A letter requesting consent and containing further details will be coming out to Year 4 parents in the next couple of weeks. Later in the academic year, it will be Year 3's turn for swimming.

This week sees the first disco of the academic year, the disco runs from 4pm to 6pm on Friday 8th November. If you are able to spare some time to help, there is a sheet for volunteers to sign up in the baking kitchen. Without the help from volunteers on the day and also in the lead up to the disco, we can't run events like these. Thank you in advance for those who are able to help or have signed up already.

Farewell

We are saying farewell to Mrs Mosley this month. Mrs Mosley has worked at the school for around 24 years and has decided to step back. Mrs Mosley, will be very much missed and we wish her all the best in the future. I know many of you will have fond memories involving Mrs Mosley, and she was instrumental in setting up our breakfast and afterschool club. We are currently recruiting for a teaching assistant to join Reception.

Kindest regards

Mrs Kavanagh

## SMILERS



We are introducing a new project this week with the pupils called **SMILERS**.

As part of the **SMILERS** project, we are working with Derbyshire County Council on an approach that has been developed to support the wellbeing of the whole school community. It is based on the NHS 5 Ways to Wellbeing which is an evidence-based approach. The purpose of the project is to empower the whole school community to become architects of their own wellbeing within an enabling environment.

**SMILERS** is an acronym to help us remember the things we can do to improve our own mental health. This is for grown-ups, as well as for children.

Before we broke up for half term, **Team SMILERS** received their training with Mrs Ellis and Mrs Wright (from Derbyshire County Council) to become ambassadors of the project. They have been asking fellow pupils what they know about **SMILERS** in preparation for launching it this week.

Each half term **Team SMILERS** will be introducing what the acronym stands for and they are starting with:

- **S - STAY CONNECTED** Having healthy relationships with people and pets to help you to feel happy.
- **M - MOVE** Being active to release chemicals in your brain which boosts your mood and makes you feel good.

The principles of the approach are simple:

- Building emotional resilience for all.
- Promoting good mental health and wellbeing.
- Developing coping strategies and skills for life.
- and to involve the whole school community.

We have been developing our well being offer for a few years now, one aspect we have done are the Park House Pals, who Reception pupils receive when they start attending their transition visits.

**SMILERS** links to our iVenger programme and also Travel Smart. We felt that now was a good time to consolidate what we offer and build on it further.

To help build the **S in Staying Connected** and to compliment the **M in Move**, at playtimes we have some alternative activities being introduced. Weather permitting there will be small world, construction, mark making and malleable activities outside for pupils to engage with their peers over. You will spot black boards have popped up around the playground along with a giant four in a row game. **Thank you to the Friends of Park House** who have helped to fund these new activities. As we mentioned, this is a whole school community project. So to build on staff wellbeing, over half term, we have secretly revamped their staffroom!

There are three different levels we can work towards achieving - bronze, silver and gold. Following the launch in school, you will see some banners popping up around school and more information will be shared with you all.



# S

## Stay connected

Having healthy relationships with people and pets helps us to feel happy.

How are you going to stay connected this week?



**DERBYSHIRE**  
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# M



## Move

Being active releases chemicals in our brains which boosts our mood and makes us feel good.

How are you going to move this week?



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## Applying for Reception in 2025

**IS YOUR CHILD  
DUE TO START  
SCHOOL IN  
SEPTEMBER  
2025?**

**School Tours**

Is your child due to start school in September 2025? We are offering tours of the school, please call the office to arrange a suitable time on 01246 851185

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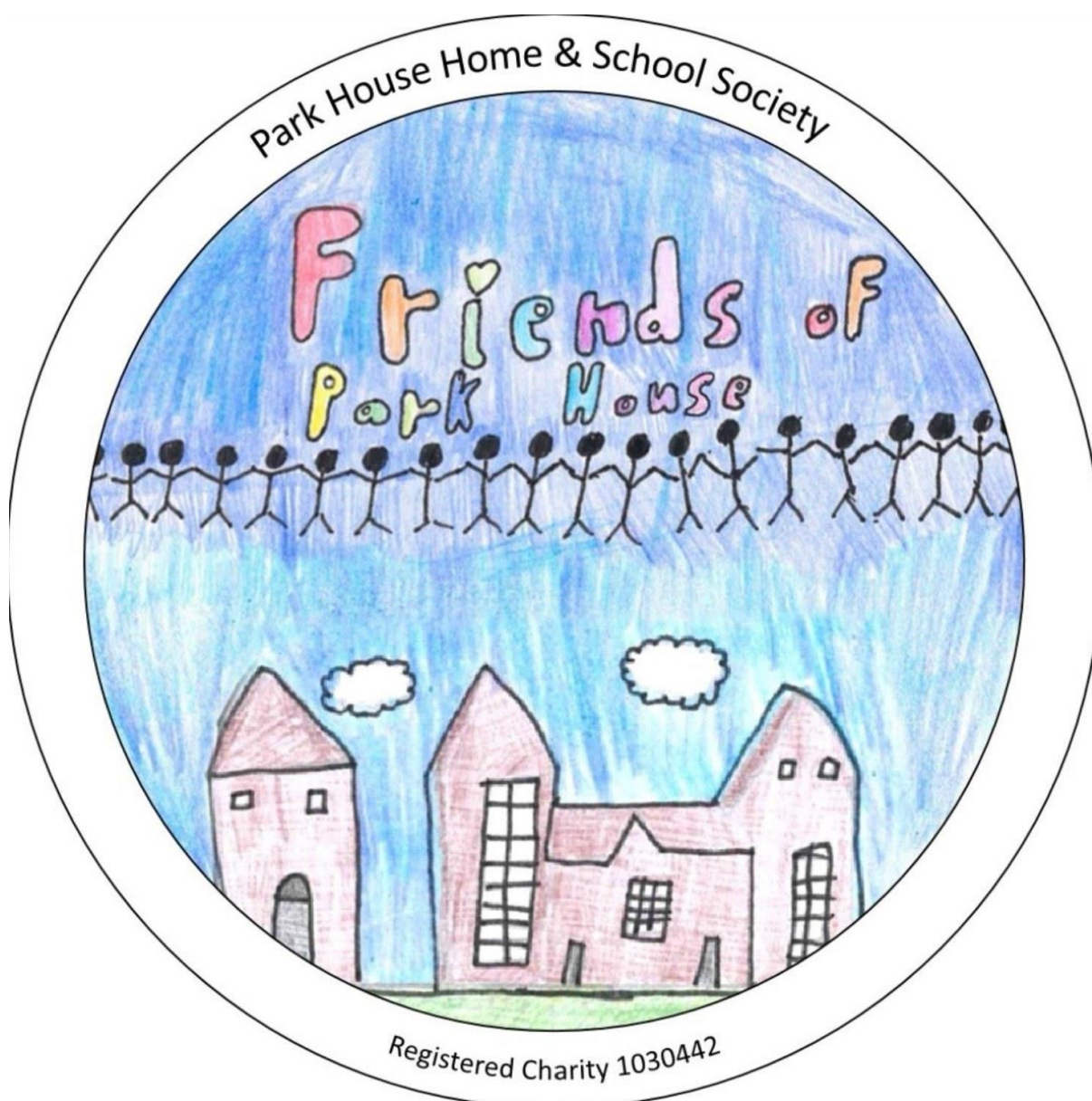
We still have school tours available for the next intake for our Reception class. If you would like to arrange for a tour with your child, please contact the office for dates. If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 you should apply for their infant or primary school place by 15 January 2025. You'll be able to apply from 9am on 11 November 2024.

Here is a link for applying for Reception places:

[Apply for a school place - Derbyshire County Council](#)



## Friends of Park House Primary School



We held the AGM for the Friends of Park House (PTA) last half term and Mrs Cressey has agreed to stay on as Chair of the Friends of Park House and Mrs Edwards as Vice Chair.

We are reliant on helpers to run events to raise money for our pupils. Each year we put a plea out for new committee members. This year we will be the last year for many of the committee members as their children transition to secondary school. Therefore, we are asking if anyone would be interested in shadowing these roles this year to help us to keep the Friends of Park House going next year.

The money raised by the Friends of Park House go back to school to benefit our pupils, with leavers hoods, Christmas gifts, subsidised trip costs, the school panto, and they have more recently also helped to fund the replacement of the summer house and now playground equipment.

The committee roles are Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer, we share the secretary role between us.

If you are interested and feel you could help us, please do get in touch on

[parkhouseschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:parkhouseschoolpta@gmail.com)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**  
**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!**  
**WE NEED YOUR HELP TO REPLACE THESE VITAL ROLES WITHIN THE FRIENDS OF PARK HOUSE!**

- **Chair Person**
- **Vice / Joint Chair Person**
- **Treasurer**

We are seeking volunteers to fill essential positions on the Friends of Park House committee. Once we find new members, they will have the opportunity to shadow current role holders, allowing them to learn and grasp the responsibilities involved. If we are unable to fill these positions, the Friends of Park House will not be able to continue providing critical financial support for the children at the school!

**CONTACT US TODAY!**  
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Without the Friends of Park House, our beloved events like discos, summer fairs, ice cream sales etc could vanish, depriving children of enriching experiences and cherished memories. The funds raised directly contribute towards school trips, Christmas gifts, stylish leavers hoodies, a festive pantomime, visits from the animal man, and much more. Without your help we risk depriving our children of opportunities that not only enhance their education but also foster a sense of community and belonging.

- No Friends Of = No Discos
- No Friends Of = No Leavers Hoodies
- No Friends Of = No Summer Fair
- No Friends Of = No Ice Cream Sales
- No Friends Of = No Christmas Gifts
- No Friends Of = No Pantomime
- No Friends Of = Higher School Trip Costs

**IT IS CRUCIAL THAT WE COME TOGETHER TO ENSURE THAT THESE OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUE TO THRIVE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL OUR STUDENTS.**

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## Key Dates For Your Diary



### 2024/25 Term Dates

#### Autumn Term

- 4 September 2024 to 25 October 2024 (38 days)
- 4 November 2024 to 20 December 2024 (35 days)

25.10.24 Break up for half term.

4.11.24 School reopens

8.11.24 Disco 4-6pm

14.11.24 Full Governors Meeting (FGB)

21.11.24 Yr 1 Qualitas Gymnastics event



2.12.24 Yr 4 swimming starts (every Monday until 3.3.25)  
15.11.24 Children in Need - Mad Hair Day for a £1 donation.  
21.11.24 Yr 1 Qualitas Gymnastics event  
22.11.24 Yr3/4 Football Team tournament  
**10.12.24 Rec/KS1 Nativity time 2.30pm**  
11.12.24 Yr 5 Qualitas Dodgeball event  
**11.12.25 Rec/KS1 Nativity time 5.00pm**  
13.12.24 Panto  
**17.12.24 KS2 Carol Concert times 10am and 6pm**  
18.12.24 Christmas Party Lunch  
19.12.24 Christmas Dinner  
**20.12.24 Last day of term - break up for Christmas holidays.**

### **Spring Term**

- **6 January 2025 to 14 February 2025(30 days)**
- **24 February 2025 to 4 April 2025 (30 days)**

6.1.25 Inset Day - school closed to pupils

7.1.25 School reopens

**14.2.25 last day of half term**

**4.4.25 last day of term - break up for Easter holidays**

### **Summer Term**

- **22 April 2025 to 23 May 2025 (5 May 2025 is a bank holiday) (23 days)**
- **2 June 2025 to 24 July 2025 (39 days)**

23.5.25 last day of half term

2.6.25 Inset Day - school closed to pupils

25.6.25 Inset Day - school closed to pupils

**23.7.25 Last day of term - break up for summer holidays.**

24.7.25 Inset Day - school closed to pupils

**2024/25 Inset days:**

- Wednesday 4th September 2024 - completed
- Monday 6th January 2025
- Friday 2nd June 2025
- Wednesday 25th June 2025
- Thursday 24th July 2025