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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy term we've had so far!

Thank you

All classes were fortunate to experience a first aid training session and explore an ambulance from CMS. We are very grateful to Mr Elliott for helping to arrange this for us.

Thank you to all the helpers at our recent disco, it was lovely to welcome some new helpers. Pupils had a great time, and without your help, we can't run these fun events!

Our latest event was the 'Mad Hair' for Children in Need, we will let you know later this week how much we have raised. As always there were some incredible hair styles including ice creams, a swing, painters pallet and cupcakes. A huge thank you for everyone taking part, you all looked amazing!

We have had a variety of trips and sporting events already this term including bench ball, fencing, fundamentals and also the Year5/6 football tournament where we came second (on goal difference) and qualified for the finals in June. Year 3 have visited Creswell Crags and Year2 and Year 6 have done a local visit as part of their geography fieldwork. This week we have the Year 3/4 football team and the school netball team taking part in their tournaments. Good luck Park House!

In the last few weeks we have had a visit from three very young recruits for Park House, Mabel Howell at 1 week old and Rory and Seth Hopkins at 2 months old. Everyone is doing well and the babies are adorable!

Uniform

We have lots of lost property and most of it doesn't have names in. Please can you name items of clothing such as jumpers, trousers, skirts, PE kits and shoes. This will help us to reunite your child with their clothes. ***Please note that leggings do not form our daily uniform and are for PE only please.*** If you have lost any items, please come and look through the lost property box by the baking kitchen.

PE kits

Please ensure your child **brings their named PE kit into school on the first day back**, this can be left on their peg until half term. If any PE kits become soiled we will let you know. PE kits being in school all the time gives your child a change of clothes if needed and allows us to adapt to the weather and move PE lessons if needed. Please note that PE tops should be house team colour t-shirts (no crop tops or football kits allowed) and pupils should have unbranded trainers for outside. PE in the hall will be in bare feet unless plimsols/pumps are provided. Earrings must be removed or taped over for PE and only studs should be worn. With the weather getting colder, a jumper or hoodie would be a great addition.

Jewellery

A reminder that jewellery in school is limited to stud earrings and watches. Please do not allow your child to bring bracelets, necklaces or rings to school, as they will be asked to remove these and the jewellery will be sent home. Smart watches that connect to phones are not allowed in school, however pedometer style watches if small are allowed, but they must not be connected to phones or receive messages.

Walking to and from school

Only Year 5 and Year 6 pupils are allowed to walk to and from school without someone over the age of 16 years. We will require written consent for this, letters were sent home at the end of last academic year. Without written consent, we will contact you to collect your child. If you need to send a sibling or family member to collect your child, please ensure they are over 16 years of age.

Mobile phones

The Government have brought out new rules about mobile phones and schools, this mainly will impact pupils at secondary school. In line with the guidance, pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 can bring a mobile phone to school only if they are walking home from school without an adult. Phones must be turned off before entering school site and handed in to their teachers each morning. They can only be turned on once pupils have left the school drive.

Homework

TTRockstars - you may have heard on the news that the Government are concerned about the extended use of TTRockstars. We have been monitoring the use and times our pupils engage with it and these are within the acceptable timeframes. On average our pupils go on for 5 minutes per day. There is a curfew that can be set and so school have set this so that the app is not accessed after 8.30pm at night and have restricted the length of time that it can be used. The app is designed to be completed for short periods of time 5-10 minutes on a regular basis. We hope that this won't make a difference to our families but does ensure that we fall within the new guidelines.

Kindest regards

Mrs Kavanagh




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Snack Reminders

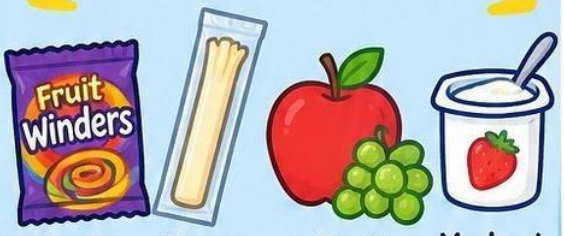
Healthy Snacks at School

Let's make healthy choices!

In the Morning... Fruit please!



In the Afternoon... A healthy snack such as:



Fruit Winders | Cheese Strings | Fruit | Yoghurt

Not Allowed



Sweets | Chocolate | Lolly's | Crisps



Healthy snacks help you learn, play and feel great!



We have had an increasing number of unhealthy or inappropriate snacks coming into school. Please can you double check that your child is not bringing in lollypops, sweets and chocolate for snack times.

Morning snack break should be fruit and afternoon snack break should be healthier items such as fruit, cheese, yoghurt pouches/tubes, items like fruit winders etc.

Sweets and unsuitable items will be sent home and fruit offered to pupils.

Carol Concert and Nativity Performances



Our **Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity *'Born in a Barn'*** will be taking place at **2pm on the 9th and 10th of December**. Each family will receive one ticket for each performance. You are most welcome to swap and arrange between yourselves if you wish to attend just one performance. Due to the hall capacity, there will not be any spare tickets.

Our **Key Stage 2 Carol Concert** will be taking place at **2pm on the 15th and 16th of December at St Mary's Church**. Due to the limitations on the number people able to attend the church, each family will receive one ticket, **Year 3 and Year 6 for the 15th** and **Year 4 and Year 5 on the 16th December**. There will be some spare tickets available for each performance which will be able to be ordered via a Microsoft forms but will be allocated on a first come first served basis and limited to one additional ticket per family. We are happy for families to swap their tickets with others if you wish to attend the other performance.

Panto, Christmas Dinner and Christmas Party Day



The **panto** is coming to school, curtesy of the Friends of Park House. This will be on the **4th December**. To help us get into the spirit, the Friends of Park House are also holding a **non-uniform day on the 4th December** for a donation towards the **Colour Raffle**. We will share what colour each class is collecting nearer the time.

We are holding the school C**hristmas Dinner on Friday 11th** December.

Our Christmas Party Day with **party food lunch is on Thursday 17th** December, pupils can come wearing party clothes on this day.

Friends of Park House



At our AGM, Mrs Wait was voted in as chair, with Mrs Hutcheson as secretary, Mr Brock as treasurer and Mr Wakefield for social media. Thank you all for donating your time.

A big thank you goes out to all who attended the AGM and also helped with the disco. Without support events like the disco's cant go ahead and it was lovely to welcome so many new helpers to the event.

This year so far, the Friends of Park House have ordered the Leavers' Hoodies for Year 6, provided funding to subsidise trip costs, funded the school panto and purchased a whiteboard for Year 5.

Attached is the picture for 'Easy Fundraising' where whenever you buy something from participating stores/websites, they donate to school. This doesn't cost you any extra to take part but will help go straight back to our pupils!

Key Dates For Your Diary



2026/27 Inset Days:

- Friday 4th September
- Monday 7th September (Additional inset day due to overrunning building works)
- Friday 18th December
- Monday 7th June
- Wednesday 23rd June
- Monday 26th July

2026/27 Term Dates:

Autumn Term

- **4 September 2026 to 23 October 2026 (36 days)**
- 4.9.26 Inset day
- 7.9.26 Inset day
- 8.9.26 school opens to pupils
- 16.9.26 Meet the teacher drop in 3.45pm to 4.45pm

- 16.9.26 Reception and Yr 1 phonics meeting 3.45pm
- **17.9.26 Friends of Park House (PTA) AGM 2pm**
- W/C 19.10.26 parents evening and book fair
- **23.10.26 half term holiday**
- **2 November 2026 to 18 December 2026 (35 days)**
- 6.11.26 Disco 4-6pm
- W/C 15.11.26 Antibullying Week
- 13.11.27 Children in Need mad hair day
- 16.11.26 Year 3/4 Football tournament
- 17.11.26 Netball Team tournament
- 27.11.26 Drum and Guitar lessons due to begin
- 30.11.26-22.2.27 Yr 3 Swimming (Monday afternoons)
- 3.12.26 Year 2 Gymnastics Qualitas event
- 4.12.26 Panto in school (pm) - Cinderella
- 4.12.26 Non uniform day for a colour donation
- 7.12.26 MAST assembly and Reception workshop
- 9.12.26 Rec/KS1 Nativity 2pm
- 9.12.26 Year 5 Dodgeball event
- 10.12.26 Rec/KS1 Nativity 2pm
- 14.12.26 Film Night - Dojo reward
- 15.12.26 KS2 Carol Concert 2pm @ St Mary's Church
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- **17.12.26 last day of term for pupils**
- 18.12.26 Inset day

Spring Term

- **4 January 2027 to 12 February 2027(30 days)**
- **4.1.27 School back**
- 12.1.27 Animal Man

- 13.1.27 Yr 3 Qualitas Invasion Games
- 19.1.27 Yr 6 National Space Centre Trip
- 29.1.27 Visiting Artist tbc
- 5.2.27 Yr 2 Cromford Mills Trip
- 5.2.27 NSPCC Number Day
- **W/C 8.2.27 Parents evening and book fair**
- 10.2.27 Yr 1 Qualitas Mini Tennis Event
- **12.2.27 last day of half term**
- **22 February 2027 to 25 March 2027 (24 days)**
- **22.2.27 School back**
- 26.2.27 Disco
- 2.3.27 Qualitas Dance Festival
- 4.3.27 World Book Day
- W/C 8.3.27 Science Week
- 22.3.27 Reception Matlock Farm Park Trip
- 24.3.27 Yr 5 Lea Green Residential
- 25.3.27 Yr 5 Lea Green Residential
- **25.3.27 last day of term**

Summer Term

- **12 April 2027 to 28 May 2027 (3 May 2027 is a bank holiday) (34 days)**
- 15.4.27 Yr 1 Sudbury Hall Children's Toy Museum Trip
- 21.4.27 Yr 5 Qualitas Cross Country Event
- **3.5.27 Bank Holiday - school closed**
- W/C 10.5.27 end of KS2 assessments
- 14.5.27 Disco
- 17.5.27 Yr 3 Sports Summit
- 17.5.27 - 19.5.27 Yr 6 Residential Dukes Barn
- 19.5.27 Yr 4 Qualitas Tag Rugby event

- **28.5.27 last day of half term.**
- **7 June 2027 to 26 July 2027 (36 days)**
- 7.6.27 Inset Day
- 8.6.27 pupils start back.
- 8.6.27-18.6.27 Yr 4 Multiplication Check
- 14.6.27-18.6.27 Yr 1 Phonics Screening Check
- **23.6.27 Inset day**
- 29.6.27 Yr 2 & Yr 6 Qualitas Sports Day EIS
- 30.6.27 Move up day
- 30.6.27-2.7.27 Tupton Transition Days
- 21.6.27 possible sports day tbc
- 3.7.27 Community Summer Fair
- W/C 5.7.27 end of year reports due out tbc.
- W/C 12.7.27 Yr5 & Yr6 end of year performance tbc
- 12.7.27 Yr 4 Qualitas Uni-hoc event
- 14.7.27 Yr 6 Qualitas Possible Rounders Event tbc
- **23.7.27 Leavers Assembly**
- **23.7.27 last day of term**
- 26.7.27 Inset day