

Park Lane Primary and Nursery School



Headteacher Update

Monday 16th September 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

One of my favourite things to do is to pop down to Reception and meet our new children. It only seems like yesterday when I was taking photographs of my own children on their very first day of school. It is a magical time.

We have 54 children in our reception classes. Their teachers are a strong team who go above and beyond to give our new children a 'flying start'. The children are loving school, making friends, and doing their families proud. This week I have been watching the children learning in the outdoor area. Young children learn so much from playing with sand and water with new friends.

We love this picture of two of our new pupils working together to fill the watering can.



Thank you Keshco Ltd

Keshco Ltd , who own the Nisa shops in Whittlesey, have donated £1518 to our school. Keshco have always been very supportive of Park Lane – THANK YOU!

We will be using the money to replace much of the wooden seating and picnic benches in the school grounds.

These will be enjoyed by the children for many years to come.

Friends of Park Lane School (FOPLS)

We are very fortunate to have group of parents who can find time to organise school discos, raise funds for the school and support school events such as sports day. Our next meeting is after school on **Monday the 30th of September**. Please come along to the school office and we will be there to welcome you. Children are welcome to sit and listen, play quietly. Meetings do not last too long. We will be planning future events. Hope to see you there. We are a small and friendly group of teachers and parents.



The King's Portrait

We are pleased to say the King's Official Portrait has been safely delivered to the school and now hangs in pride of place.

Hanging a portrait of the reigning monarch in public buildings is a long-standing British tradition. A tradition that our school is proud to continue.

Schools were invited to apply for an official portrait, and I am pleased to say the Cabinet Office were delighted to gift our school this wonderful portrait.

Whittlesey Festival

A huge thank you to Mrs Bradshaw and the school choir who represented the school brilliantly with their superb singing during the Whittlesey Festival. We also have some winners from the Whittlesey Festival Art competition who will be announced in assembly next week.



Doing their school proud - the school choir were given a rapturous applause by parents and members of the public in St Mary's Church.

Concerns and Questions

Please remember, if you have a concern, please approach your child's class teacher in the first instance. Appointments can be made by emailing or calling the school office office@parklaneprimary.com. We expect all staff to be friendly and to do their best to support you.

Both the term dates and a list of future dates are below, these will also be emailed to you. I hope by sharing dates each week, it will be one less thing for you to worry about.

Kindest regards,



Mr Rob Litten
Headteacher



Future Dates

Autumn Term

Monday 16th of September: Individual School Photographs, please see school comm's.

Tuesday 17th of September: Individual School Photographs, please see school comm's.

Monday 23rd of September: Year 4 Burwell House Residential

Friday 27th of September: MacMillan Coffee Morning, the main school hall, 9am to 11am.

Friday 4th of October: Harvest Festival, please send you child to school with a can of food.

Wednesday 23rd of October: Flu vaccination in school, please see school comm's.

Tuesday 19th of November: Parents Evening 3.30pm to 6.00pm, booking link to be sent.

Thursday 21st of November: Parents Evening 3.30pm to 6.00pm, booking link to be sent.

Tuesday 10th of December: Reception Class Nativity, 5pm performance

Thursday 12th of December: Reception Class Nativity, 2pm

Monday 16th December: Rocksteady Christmas performance 2:15pm for KS1; 2:45pm for KS2 parents (for parents of children who attend Rocksteady only)

Thursday 19th of December: Christmas Lunch

Friday 20th December: Christmas Jumper/Dress Down Day and Class Party - last day of term!

Term Dates

1st Term 2024 Wednesday 4 th September – Friday 25 th October Holiday Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	2nd Term 2024 Monday 4 th November – Friday 20 th of December Holiday Monday 23 rd of December - Monday 6 th of January
3rd Term 2025 Tuesday 7 th of January – Friday 14 th of February Holiday Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st of February	4th Term 2025 Monday 24 th of February – Friday 4 th of April Holiday Monday 7 th of April - Monday 21 st of April
5th Term 2025 Tuesday 22 nd April - Friday 23 rd May Holiday Monday 26 th of May - Friday 30 th of May	6th Term 2025 Monday 2 nd June – Friday 18 th of July

Staff Training Days when your child **will not** have to attend school are allocated as follows:

Tuesday 2nd of September 2024

Monday 6th of January 2025