Park Lane Newsletter & Term Dates October 2025

Dear Families,

We would like to begin by congratulating all of our children for a brilliant start to the academic year. It has been wonderful to see everyone returning with such enthusiasm and positivity.

Our **Personal Development Week** focusing on **Online Safety** was a real success. We hope the children came home and shared some helpful tips and hints with you, so that together we can all stay safe both in school and at home.

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our **Celebration Market**. The event was a fantastic success, raising over **£1000**! We are so grateful for your support and generosity.

The children have settled well into their new classroom routines. This term, we have placed a strong focus on **learning behaviours**, making sure everyone understands the expectations and the importance of SLANT:

- **Sit up**
- **Listen**
- **Ask and Answer questions**
- **Nod**
- **Track the speaker**

These behaviours help children be ready to learn and give them the confidence to fully engage in lessons. At Park Lane, we want all of our children to be **happy, confident learners** who feel safe to make mistakes – and most importantly, see those mistakes as opportunities to grow.

Attendance:

We are also delighted to share our **Attendance Winners** so far this term:

- **Week beginning 8th September**: Laurels 2G – 100% Limes 5P – 99.3%
- **Week beginning 15th September**: Laurels 2G – 99.3% Limes4FB – 99.3%
- **Week beginning 22nd September**: Laurels 3PP – 97.7% Limes 4FB – 99.3%

Family Communication Guidelines.

We hope these communication guidelines will help strengthen our working relationship and ensure all matters are managed effectively by the best person to meet your child's needs.

Sporting News:

Our Y6 girls football team enjoyed a fantastic 10-0 win against Moorlands last week. The girls were a credit to the school with their teamwork and sportsmanship. Well done girls!

Our Yr6 boys will be playing Birch Copse on Friday so we wish them all the best and look forward to hearing the result.

Mini Police:

We received many application forms from our Year 5 & 6 children wanting to be part of the mini police initiative. They had their first session with Miss Doswell last week where they met the officers, found out about the role of a police officer and looked around a police car to understand what equipment they use on a daily basis. All the children enjoyed this experience.

Friends:

For our new families, can we introduce you to our Friends Group (similar to other schools PTA). Friends play a vital part in supporting our school and children. Without additional funds raised by this group our school would struggle to provide the resources and equipment we know enhance the learning experience for everyone. We have a Parents AGM meeting for Friends at the Laurels site on Thursday 16th October at 2.40 – 3.05pm, please feel welcome to join us and find out how you can support us. Friends also have a Facebook page: Friends of Park Lane Primary School. This is always a good page to check out the latest events and again find out what support they may be looking for.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We are looking forward to a successful and enjoyable term ahead. Please see the list of dates below for the term. Dates will always be published on the monthly newsletter.

Warm regards,
The Park Lane Team

Key Dates across the school:

Monday 6th Individual photos with siblings booked before school

Friday 10th October Mental Health Day – swap a uniform item for something yellow

Year 6 Boys football V Birch Copse Kick Off at 3.40

EYFS – RUSHALL FARM

Monday 13th October Laurels Book Look 2.40 – 3pm

Tuesday 14th October Limes Book Look at 2.40 – 3pm

Thursday 16th October Limes – Skipping Ninja session for all classes

Laurels – Kin Ball session for Year 2 & 3

FRIENDS AGM (PTA) at the Laurels at 2.40 all parents welcome

Wednesday 22nd October and Thursday 23rd October Parents Evening 3.40 – 6.20

Thursday 23rd October Mrs Browne's last day

Friday 24th October FRIENDS Pumpkin Competition £1 per entry – see Friends FB page

Last day of term usual pick up time.

Monday 3rd November Start of Term 2

Tuesday 4th November Year 1 out to Pizza Express

Friday 7th November Triangle Penny Drop – School Council, Mini Police and House Captains to attend

Wednesday 12th November Year 5 & 6 cinema trip

Thursday 13TH November Year 1 Cinema trip

Year 6 Reading Museum trip

Tuesday 18th November Year 5 & 6 Choir Hexagon Performance

Year 3 Stone Age Day at the Laurels site

Wednesday 19th November Year 2 & 3 Cinema trip

Thursday 27th November FRIENDS DISCO all at the Limes site times to be confirmed

Friday 28th November INSET DAY

Monday 8th December Year 5 Wonder Dome Experience at the Limes site

Wednesday 10th December Year 1 & 2 Production at 9.30 parents & younger siblings

Thursday 11th December Year 1 & 2 Production at 2pm **ADULTS ONLY**

Wednesday 17th December EYFS Nativity at 9.30 parents & younger siblings

EYFS: Nativity at 2pm **ADULTS ONLY**

Thursday 18th December Year 3 Carols at 2.40 pm

Limes Carols on the Playground at 3.05pm

Friday 19th December Last Day of Term Finish at Laurels at 1.50pm and Limes at 2pm