



The Park Way Post

February

9th February 2024

There will be no School Crossing Patrol on Friday February 9th – Please take extra care while crossing the road.

Children return to school on Monday 19th February

Children and Social Media

We have had a few incidents this week in years 5 and 6 where children have been unkind to each other by sending messages or uploading videos on TikTok and Snapchat. As a school we teach the safety of being online and the damage it can cause to others. We also want our children to be safe too. These incidents are happening out of school time and then coming into school the following day, causing arguments and upset to the children and parents.

We will continue to teach how to be safe online, but would like your support to monitor your child's phone usage and what social media they have access to. We can then work together to keep our children safe online. There are age restrictions on social media such as Facebook, Snapchat and WhatsApp as well as others.

Thank you for your support - Mrs Rackley

Parent's Evening

Parents evening will be next term on Tuesday 12th March 3.30-6.30pm and 14th March 6.00-8.00pm – the booking system (Scopay) will be going live at 4pm on Monday 19th February and will close on 10am on Friday 8th March.

Vacancy

We are looking for someone to join us to help with Breakfast club. This is a paid, temporary (maternity cover) post and will begin in either June or July. Please come to the office if you would like an application form.

Nits

We have had several cases of head lice recently. Whilst head lice are nothing to worry about they do need to be treated quickly and effectively. Most treatments require TWO applications, 7 days apart. Please check your child's hair and treat as necessary. **Long hair should be tied up for school.**

Some parents may be eligible for free treatment – more information can be found here:

<https://www.boots.com/nhs-services/minorailments>

Leeds Castle

Apple and Pear classes went to Leeds castle. We had an amazing time. We had a tour around the castle and learnt about the important people that lived in the castle. We looked at the birds of prey too. All of the children were very well behaved - we are very proud of them!

Thank you to the Parent helpers that came along for the day.



The EYFS Team.



KS1 Bedtime Stories

The KS1 Bedtime Stories was a huge success. The evening began with all of the children listening to a story read by Miss Beamish. The evening was filled with story sharing, reading, crafts, hot chocolate and biscuits. It was lovely to see so many parents engaging with the story sharing. Thank you to everyone that attended.



KS1 Trip to the Mosque

Ivy, Holly and Oak Class all visited the Islamic Centre in Maidstone this week. It is so important in today's multicultural society for the children to learn to respect faiths and ideas other than the ones they hold. The children had a chance to look around the mosque and also share their knowledge from their RE lessons. All children behaved in a very respectful manner and represented the school really well.



Attendance

Congratulations to **Holly Class** who had the best attendance this week with **96%** !!! As a school we aim for 100% attendance every week!!

If your child is unwell and unable to come to school, please call on the first day of illness and each day they are unwell

Call – [01622 753651](tel:01622753651) [CHOOSE Option 1.](#)

Should no-one be available please leave a message stating your child's **name, class and reason for absence.**

Or

Email – Attendance@park-way.kent.sch.uk



PE Term 4

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oak	Apple Pear Maple Elm	Ivy Holly	Cedar Walnut	Rowan Cherry



Swimming – Term 3



Please be aware that swimming forms part of the national curriculum and as such is treated like any other lesson, your child is **expected to attend every week.**

Maple – Monday

Walnut - Tuesday

Elm - Thursday

DIARY DATES

9th Feb No School Crossing Patrol
 Last Day of Term 3
 19th Feb First Day of Term 4
 23rd Feb Tigers Dress Down Day

Tigers are the Term 3 House Point winners.

They will have a dress-down day on the first Friday back after half-term (Friday 23rd February 2024)



Clubs Timetable

Monday	Benchball, Yr 3 & 4 Mr Ramsden 16:15 in the Hall			
Tuesday	Invasion Games, KS1 Hockey / Netball / Football PASS - Jude 16:15 On the KS2 playground	Lunch Time Baking, Yr 5 & 6 Miss Beamish 12:30 – 13:00		
Wednesday	Football Club, Yr 3 & 4 STS 16:15 Outside the lodge	Lego Club, KS1 & EYFS Mrs Lowerson 16:00 Outside Pear Class	Ipad Club, KS1 & EYFS Mrs Trusler 16:00 Outside Apple Class	Gymnastics, All Years London Ballet Company 16:15 In the Hall
Thursday	Football, KS1 STS Outside the Lodge	Netball Club, KS2 PASS - Demi 16:15 KS2 Playground		
Friday	Football, KS2 Mrs Morris – invite only 16:30 Outside the Lodge			

Term Dates 2023/2024

TERM 1	
Friday 1 st September	Staff Development Day
Monday 4 th September	First Day of Term 1
Friday 20 th October	Last Day of Term 1

OCTOBER HALF TERM	
Monday 23 th October to Friday 27 th October	Holiday – No School

TERM 2	
Monday 30 th October	Staff Development day
Tuesday 31 st October	First Day of Term 2
Friday 15 th December	Last Day of Term 2

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	
Monday 18 th December to Monday 1 st January	Holiday – No School

TERM 3	
Tuesday 2 nd January	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 3 rd January	First Day of Term 3
Friday 9 th February	Last Day of Term 3

FEBRUARY HALF TERM	
Monday 12 th February to Friday 16 th February	Holiday – No School

TERM 4	
Monday 19 th February	First Day of Term 4
Wednesday 27 th March	Last Day of Term 4
Thursday 28 th March	Staff Development Day

EASTER HOLIDAY	
Friday 29 th March to Friday 12 th April	Holiday – No School

TERM 5	
Monday 15 th April	First Day of Term 5
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday – No School
Friday 24 th May	Last Day of Term 5

MAY HALF TERM	
Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May	Holiday – No School

TERM 6	
Monday 3 rd June	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 4 th June	First Day of Term 6
Tuesday 23 rd July	Last Day of Term 6

Pastoral News

Baby Talk: week 1

Early learning and development



Learning to talk: 0 to 6 months

It's the little moments together that matter the most when you're encouraging your baby towards their first sound, hum, giggle or word.

Every game or nursery rhyme, will help them get to know you and your voice. It might not seem it, but this is an important step in their journey to talking.

Get the local support and services you need, with Kent Family Hubs. You might be a parent, carer, child or young person. With Kent Family Hubs, you can find advice, support and services to help throughout your family journey, from newborns to 19-year-olds, or up to 25-year olds with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND).

Sunshine Children's Centre

Postley Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6TL

Come and visit us at Sunshine Children's Centre! Lots of fun activities for you and your children to play, learn and have fun together.

Our Children's Centre is part of a nationwide programme of services for 0 - 25 year olds and their families. Our aim is to offer information, advice and support to parents, as well as integrated childcare and early learning, health services, family support and parental outreach.

Contact details

Email sunshinecc@kent.gov.uk

Telephone 03000 417770

Website [Go to website](#)

Greenfields Childrens Centre,

Rutland Way, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 8DR

When

Monday: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Tuesday: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Wednesday: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Thursday: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Friday: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

Description

Come and visit us at Greenfields Children's Centre! Lots of fun activities for you and your children to play, learn and have fun together.

Our Children's Centre is part of a nationwide programme of services for 0 - 25 year olds and their families. Our aim is to offer information, advice and support to parents, as well as integrated childcare and early learning, health services, family support and parental outreach.

Contact details

Email greenfieldscc@kent.gov.uk

Telephone 03000 412 987

Website [Go to website](#)

Eastborough Children's Centre

When

Monday: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Tuesday: 8.30am - 12pm

Wednesday: 8.30am - 4.30pm

Age range

Suitable for all ages

Description

Come and visit us at Eastborough Children's Centre! Lots of fun activities for you and your children to play, learn and have fun together.

Our Children's Centre is part of a nationwide programme of services for 0 - 25 year olds and their families. Our aim is to offer information, advice and support to parents, as well as integrated childcare and early learning, health services, family support and parental outreach.

Contact details

Email eastboroughcc@kent.gov.uk

Telephone 03000 412900

Website [Go to website](#)