



THE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Weekly Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing 24th June 2019 - Week 2

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	Event
Mon 24th June	Sports Day 12.30pm - 3.20pm
Tues 25th June	Year 10 Geography field trip to Bristol
	Year 8 PTE return to the Island
	Year 6 Parents' Evening 6.00pm-9.00pm
	Year 7-10 Rounders Tournament @ Pilton 3.30pm - 5.00pm
Weds 26th June	Year 10 Geography field trip to Bristol
	School Council Meeting P4
	Year 9 Awards Evening 6.30-8.30pm School Hall
Thurs 27th June	Primary Induction Day
	Year 10 Petroc Taster Day
	French Trip Parent Information Evening 6.00pm (Dining Hall)
Fri 28th June	Primary Induction Day
	Business Links assemblies in Drama studio 10.00am-12.00pm

Check below to see if you have been sent a letter/email this week

Year	Topic

FOOD AT PARK

To view the menus click on our [website food page](#)
Main meals are £1.80, and 2 courses are £2.30. Breakfast club opens 8.15am-8.45am.

Sports Day Monday 24th June

ALL students are required to wear their full House PE kit to School on Monday, this includes the students who are not taking part in Sports Day events. The timetable for Monday is as follows:

- All students arrive to school in Full PE Kit
- Students attend P1 and P2 as normal
- 10.50am - 11.30am BRUNCH (Hot Food from canteen)
- 11.30am - 12.10pm (P3 - Teachers lead students to the Top field at the end of the lesson)
- 12.30 - Start of events
- 3.20pm - Finish

Cold snacks, drinks and ice lollies and House Colour Glitter Face Painting will be available for sale to students/parents/carers on the Top Field (students will need to bring cash). Students are also welcome to bring a picnic blanket to sit on the grass if they wish.

Parents/Carers Attending Sports Day Safeguarding Procedure

Parents/carers are very welcome to attend Sports Day starting at 12.30pm. Parents must sign in at reception where they will be given a lanyard and escorted to a restricted parent viewing area on the top field.

Viewing Live Sports Day Results

The results of the 'Field Events' are available to view on the website link below. This website will be updated as the 'Finals' results come in during Sports Day, for you to view "Live" on the day.

[Link to Sports Day Results](#)

Headteacher update

Trips and activities

As we near the end of June and the school year we have seen a range of curricular trips and activities to support wider student development. This week Year 8 completed their Geography field work which saw students undertake a range of geographical and scientific work at Croyde and History students have visited Chepstow castle. Mathematicians took part in the National Finals of the UK Maths Challenge, with Park students finishing in the top 3% nationally and today our Expressive Arts students travel to London for the weekend. As you may imagine providing these range of experience is a logistical challenge coordinating staffing, travel arrangements, students, consent forms, payments, etc. My thanks to parents/carers for supporting these events and

especially to our staff for providing the opportunities and giving their time to organise and run such a wide variety of activities.

Last day of term

A reminder about the early finish to our last day of term, as per the message on the bulletin last week. School finishes on Monday July 22nd and this will be a non uniform day. School will finish earlier than usual with a departure time of 12:50 after lesson 4. If any parent or carer wishes their son/daughter to remain in school until the usual time of 3:20pm please contact the appropriate Head of House and we can make suitable arrangements. If any student wishes to claim their free school meal on this day please inform the school office and we can ensure this is provided, please note the meal on Monday 22nd July will be from a reduced choice. To aid our planning can we ask that responses are made before Tuesday 2nd July. We are awaiting a response from DCC transport to see if school transport is able to collect students at the earlier time. We will let parents/carers know as soon as we have had a response. The Stagecoach public bus that operates to Bideford will not arrive early. Students who use this service will need to make their way into Barnstaple bus station for an earlier departure.

Campus updates

The roof replacement work will start in earnest next week. This project will see the roof to our South Block replaced with improved insulation and other measures to reduce energy use. To further reduce our carbon footprint and energy the school is about to start a project to move our lighting to an automatic LED system.

September 2019

Our planning for September 2019 is well underway. Our timetable is nearing completion and all external staffing appointments have been made. Please be aware of the change to the school day with Registration starting at 08:45 rather than 08:50 and that school will finish slightly earlier on Friday at 15:00. Our change to the timing of lessons will start in September with Park having 5 one hour lessons rather than 6 fifty minute lessons. Mr Sloman and the Heads of House are in the process of updating how we will monitor and support our basic expectations around uniform, punctuality, standards etc. We are not proposing any changes to school expectations or 'rules' however as we strive to make further improvements to the quality of education we will introduce new systems for checking and ensuring every student meets our expectations. We appreciate that for some students and parents this may seem a significant change but our aim is to expect the best from every member of our school. Mr Sloman will write to parents to outline the changes for September 2019.

Gareth Roscoe - Headteacher

School of Rock DVDs

Did you reserve a DVD for the School of Rock performance?

We still have many DVDs that have not been collected from Pupil Reception. The cost of the DVD was £5.

Celebrating Student Achievements

We are currently collating content for the Summer Park News and would like to hear about the achievements of students outside of school in a variety of activities - sport, music, drama, charity work, volunteering, etc.

If you have any good news stories please share them with us so we can join the celebrations. Kindly email the school using: admin@theparkschool.org.uk with photos and any details.

Pig Racing Night Event - Cancelled

Unfortunately, due to a lack of interest we have had to cancel our Pig Race Night on 28th June.

Without these events taking place, Friends of Park are limited in the financial support they can give to our students. We hope you will be able to support us at a future Friends of Park event.

If you do have any fundraising ideas, please contact Mrs O'Callaghan jocallaghan@theparkschool.org.uk

Many thanks

Mrs O'Callaghan on behalf of Friends of Park

Uniform

Samuel Daws our uniform supplier are adopting a new approach for the ordering and collection of school uniform. If you need to buy school uniform, please follow the [link](#) for further details.

Marks and Spencer are offering 20% discount on school uniform until 2nd July.

The poster is for a 'Pig Racing Night' event on Friday 28th June at Park Community School. It features a colorful illustration of piggy banks on a green hill. A large red diagonal banner with the word 'CANCELLED' in white capital letters is superimposed over the entire poster. The text on the poster includes: 'FRIDAY 28TH JUNE PIG RACING NIGHT', 'Park Community School - School', 'Join us for a fun adult only evening', 'Doors open at 7pm', 'Racing from 7.30pm - 10pm', '£5 per head includes a ploughman', 'Licensed bar all night', 'Place your bet on your favourite pig to win cash prizes', 'Bet on a pig!', 'Own your own pig (For members only!)', 'Book your tickets through our school office Tel: 01271 373131 or email admin@theparkschool.org.uk alternatively contact Jules O'Callaghan Tel: 07826 899324', 'Pay cash or cheque payable to The Park Community School', and 'Proceeds go to the Friends of Park'.

[Students who walk to School via Rock Park](#)

Please can you talk with your child/children about walking through Rock Park towards Tesco and how they conduct themselves. There are currently some rough sleepers by the river and a small minority of students have used inappropriate language towards them. Thank you for your support.

[Donations Needed For Thrift Uniform And PE kit](#)

We would really appreciate any donations of good condition items e.g. blazers, jumpers, skirts, trousers, shirts and new style PE kit, to make available as Thrift.

[Old PE Kit For Uganda](#)

We would appreciate any donations of old style PE kit, that we can take to Uganda to help local schools in October this year.

[German Exchange Opportunity](#)

We have been contacted with an enquiry regarding students who would be keen to spend a couple of weeks in Germany this summer holidays. There is an opportunity to arrange an exchange with a German family whose 17 year old son is keen visit and practice his English. The location is a village near Bremerhaven where there is a beautiful lake nearby and lots of nature and the nearest big cities would be Bremen or Hamburg.

If you are interested please email admin@theparkschool.org.uk and we will connect you with the parties concerned.

[The Summer Dance Show](#)

This is our spectacular annual Dance Show that will showcase our talented students involved in Dance as part of their curriculum or through the extra-curricular Dance Club.

It will be a variety show, with a range of ages, solos, duets and group performances. An amazing show not to be missed!

Tickets are now available from Pupil reception.
Adults £3, Children £1.

Many thanks to our sponsor Wimpy (Barnstaple) who are kindly providing the refreshments.



SCHOOL TRIPS

Please note all cheques should now be made payable to 'The Park Community School' and not 'Devon County Council'. Please ensure that you keep up to date with paying the instalments for any trips that your child has signed up for.

[French Residential](#)

Unfortunately the cost of the trip has had to be increased by £15 per student. Could parents/carers please log in to Wisepay and pay the additional payment. We have emailed parents/carers this week, with details about a Parent Information Evening at 6pm in the canteen on Thursday 27th June.

Thanks - Miss Upsdale

[Torquay/Bude](#)

TORQUAY - All behaviour consent form and medical form should have been completed and returned. The final balance should now be paid.

BUDE - The final balance should now be paid. Please ensure the medical forms are completed and returned as soon as possible. Copies of the forms can be found on our 'Letters Home' page via our website [link here](#).

[New York July 2020](#)

There is still time to apply for a place on this trip. A non-refundable deposit is required as soon as possible for £400.

For those that missed the New York Information evening, please see link to the [New York 2020 Presentation](#)

Students who are interested in the trip can pick up a letter from Miss Vidler or a link is provided here - [New York Letter](#)

[Ski Trip 2020](#)

If your child is interested in reserving a place on the April 2020 Ski Trip, they should pick up a letter from pupil reception and return the reply slip. It's a fantastic opportunity to experience something new, either skiing or snowboarding, or improve technique if they are more experienced.

Videos of the Ski 2019 trip can be found by clicking below:

Full Film - https://youtu.be/757sL_PXyug

Ski Fails - <https://youtu.be/E8fp0VuSvQc>

FRIENDS OF PARK

We have a number of events coming up soon, and would really appreciate any donations of chocolates, toiletries, bottles of wine or services e.g. if you run an ironing business - a free basket of ironing, a gardening business - a free lawn cut, a car valet business - a free car clean, a garage business - a free MOT etc. Prizes can be handed into our reception; alternatively if you have a service to offer please kindly email: jocallaghan@theparkschool.org.uk.

KS4 INFORMATION

[Year 11 GCSE Results Day](#)

A letter was given to all year 11s regarding the arrangements for exam results day on Thursday 22 August. A copy can be found here. [Collection of Exam Results Letter](#)

[Year 11 Prom Parking](#)

Every year car parking is a challenge. The Barnstaple Hotel have an agreement to use Devonshire House car park free of charge. But please be aware Lets Go Super Bowl have changed the way they operate their car park. They are still happy for us to use the back of their car park as an over flow, but they now have a parking management company overseeing the premises. The new rules are that the first hour is free of charge from the moment you drive in, to the moment you drive out. If any parents/teachers think they are going to be longer than an hour they must go to Lets Go reception and register their car and pay a £2.00 parking fee, before the free hour expires. Failure to do this will result in a £100.00 fine.

[Year 11 Photos](#)

If your son/daughter has not brought home their Year 11 photo order, please arrange to pop into school and pick up your order from reception.

[Year 10 Geography Field Trip Medical Forms](#)

Year 10 students have brought home medical forms for their Geography field trips on 25th and 26th June. Please ensure these are completed and returned by Monday 25th June. Copies available on our website 'Letters Home' page.

[Year 10 Petroc Taster Day 27th June](#)

An email was sent to all Year 10 parents/carers on 6th June. Could you please click the link to the google form and provide your consent if you would like your child to attend.

[English Borrowed Texts](#)

Could parents/carers please check with their Year 11 son/daughter whether they borrowed a set of English texts and revision guides from the English department, can they please return these. If you wish to purchase them, please contact the school. Many thanks.

CAREERS ADVICE

[NHS Careers](#)

The following NHS Careers Guides are available from the Careers section in the library. Ask the Librarian Mrs Veale or see Mrs Thomas.

- Careers in Allied Health Professions
- Careers in the Ambulance Service
- Careers in Dental Care
- Careers in Health Informatics in the NHS
- Careers in Healthcare Science
- Careers in Management
- Careers in Medicine
- Careers in Midwifery
- Careers in Nursing
- Careers in Pharmacy
- Careers in Psychological Therapies
- Careers in Public Health

Career Pilot

www.careerpilot.org.uk

Career Pilot is an impartial website that will help parents/carers and students to explore further study and work options. There is helpful information when choosing options at 14 such as GCSE choices, exploring job sectors, identifying skills and creating a profile. All Year 9 students have used this website as part of the careers module leading up to their option choices.

Year 11 students have used this website to look at their options at 16, subjects and the jobs they may lead to. Information about Higher Education is helping students make choices between BTECs, A levels or Apprenticeship routes.

A Parent Zone section exists on the website to answer parents' questions about the choices available at 14, 16 and 18.

Careerpilot has been developed by the University of Bath and is free to use. www.parentzone.careerpilot.org.uk/parent

COMMUNITY EVENTS/INFORMATION



centre stage school

SUMMER 2019 EVENTS

Summer School
Wednesday 14th Thursday 15th & Friday 16th August
5 to 16 years
The children will have fun learning different songs and dance routines for a small performance on the last day at 2.00pm.
9.00am to 2.00pm £45 per child

Play in a Day
Thursday 22nd August
5 to 8 years
An exciting opportunity for the children to learn and perform an easy to learn play. The performance will take place at 12 noon.
9.00am to 12 noon £12 per child

Play in a Day
Friday 23rd August
9 to 16 years
An exciting opportunity for the children to learn and perform a short play. The performance will take place at 3.00pm.
10.00am to 3.00pm £18 per child

For more information or if you want to book a place please email centrestage@barnstaplemusicalcomedy.co.uk or phone 07930 386727

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