

14th December 2018



PSP!

Park Street Press!

Park Street C of E

Primary and Nursery School
Branch Road, Park Street, AL2 2LX

Headteacher: Wendy-May Foster

CourageJoyLoveTruth

Rainbow Awards

We are so proud of the children who earned Rainbow Bricks and Rainbow Certificates.

Keep up the great work!

Congratulations go to :

Seth (N), Mason, Sireen (R), Isaac, Ehan (Y1), Erika, Alfie (Y2), Beth, Tyler (Y3),
Sophia (Y4), Max, Kyrell (Y5) and Arthur, Samuel (Y6)



Christmas Fayre 2018

A big thank you to the Park Street School community for making the 2018 Christmas Fayre a wonderful success. We are still counting those pennies (and pounds!) but it looks to have made a lovely £1400 for the School.

It was, as ever, a wonderful event. The kitchen did a roaring trade selling drinks and delicious hot dogs and pizzas. The cakes and Jazzy Jar stalls were bombarded by eager children, desperate to spend their money on some goodies. The tombolas were as popular as ever! Father Christmas had a good time talking to lots of tiny visitors in the Snug, which housed the grotto this year.

There was such an amazing buzz and atmosphere, with so many volunteers pitching in to help.

Thank you to everyone who helped to arrange and run the Fayre – these events could not happen without you. Thank you also to everyone who came along and supported the school – we could not call our events a success without you!

We received lots of amazing feedback. Thank you for your kind words. Please do keep volunteering and supporting the PSSA. These funds are crucial to the School.



Attendance

Congratulations (again) to Year 5 who had the highest attendance during November with 98% Well done!!



A Christmassy Nursery Lunch Club

Our Nursery Lunch Club is going festive on Wednesday 19th December and many activities have been planned for their mini Christmas party. You are welcome to include something festive in your child's packed lunch.

As school finishes at 1.15 on Friday 21st December for years R to Y6 you might want to consider sending Nursery siblings to lunch club that day to avoid double pick up journey.



Year 6 Trip to St Alban's Abbey

By Joshua and Samuel



On the 4th December, Year 6 were very lucky to go to St Alban's Abbey to take part in a special Carol concert. We got to sing lots of songs such as "O Little Town of Bethlehem", "O Come All Ye Faithful" and "No Room at The Inn". Katka and Joshua were chosen to walk down the middle of the Abbey representing Mary and Joseph. They sat next to baby Jesus in the manger. During the service, the Vicar delivered some festive speeches and some people dressed up as angels and other Nativity characters.

Park Street Choir



Over the past few weeks, it has been great to see so many of our choir members getting into the festive spirit!

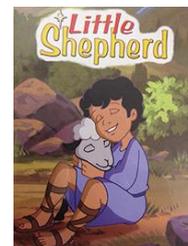


At the end of November, they sang with passion during the switch on of the Christmas lights at How Wood shops and the next day at our own school Christmas fayre. In early December, they performed in front of a very large audience at the Greenwood Park Carol Concert. It was lovely to hear so many members of the public say how beautifully our choir sang and notice how well behaved they were. Last Sunday afternoon, many of our choir members attended the Holy Trinity Christingle service where they sang 'Glory to God' so wonderfully once again.

Well done choir members and a big thank you to their parents for all of their support.

Y6 Christmas Plays Reviews

'The Little Shepherd' (performed by Y3 and Y4): On Tuesday, 11th December, Y3 and Y4 performed their play to the school. The play was about a young shepherd whose father (played by Jacob) was the leader of a group of older shepherds. The young shepherd (played by Ayman) was determined to go and see baby Jesus being born but nobody allowed him to leave the sheep without someone looking after them. When the sheep escaped from the farm, the young shepherd was forced to follow them and eventually he arrived unexpectedly to the stable in which baby Jesus was being born. Everyone was very impressed by the show and the children were given a very large applause by the amazed audience. *By Anna and T-Jay.*



'Starlight' (performed by Y1 and Y2): This year, the infants performed an amazing play named 'Starlight'. Although they may be very young, they acted and performed this production with such confidence and great voices, also creative characters, such as angels, sheep, market sellers and more. The cast sat beautifully and sensibly on the benches, and projected their voices whilst on stage. The creative costumes really caught our eyes, and also presented the play perfectly. They used the props responsibly, and every year group was extremely impressed with their maturity, confidence and loud voices. *By Evie and Florence.*

'Prickly Hay' (performed by Reception and Nursery): The Foundation stage play was one of the best plays we have ever seen. They spoke loudly and clearly and their acting was superb – we could hear every word from the back of the hall. We were all very impressed by their acting skills and their costumes were outstanding – very vibrant and colourful! It was all about a boy called Sam and his faithful friend, Shrew. Sam was a very hardworking stable boy who tried to keep the stable clean and the hay fresh for all the animals. He had prickly hay in the manger, but he managed to swap the prickly hay with some very soft one. What an enjoyable performance! We rated it 5/5! *By Fenton and Kannan.*



Christmas Carol Concert

On Monday 17th December at 3.30pm our choir will be performing festive songs during a Christmas Carol Concert. Come along to enjoy lovely music and a mince pie.



Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @ twitter.com/ParkStSchool



Christmas Post Box

Our Post Box is already out in the hall for your child to send their Christmas cards to friends and staff in the school. Please ensure the recipient's name and class are on the envelope to help our Y6 monitors when sorting them. Thank you.



"Christmas Jumper Day"



The school Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday 19th December and children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper/top over their school uniform on that day.



... and a very Happy New Year to all children and their families.



The dates for Hotshots Summer Club 2019

are now CONFIRMED as:

Tuesday 30 July - Friday 2 August
Please put them in your diary

More details to follow in the New Year

DIARY DATES

Autumn 2018

17 th December	Choir Christmas Carol Concert at 3.30pm
18 th December	Nursery and Reception Tours at 9.30am
19 th December	Christmas Lunch
21 st December	Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church at 9.30am – parents welcome 1.15pm break up
23 rd December	Carols by Candlelight at Holy Trinity Church at 4pm
24 th December	Nativity in Fancy Dress at Holy Trinity Church at 4pm
24 th December	Midnight Communion at Holy Trinity Church at 11pm
25 th December	All Age Celebration at Holy Trinity Church at 10.30am

Spring 2019

7 th January	INSET DAY
8 th January	Start of Spring Term
10 th January	Robin Hood Pantomime
15 th January	Reception admissions close Y3 swimming starts
22 nd January	Y5/Y6 Sportshall Qualifiers
24 th January	Nursery and Reception parents - Stay and Read 9 to 9.30am
31 st January	Nursery Tour at 9.30am

Compliments, Suggestions and Concerns

With every newsletter we will be sending out a sheet for you to send your compliments, suggestions and concerns in to the school as part of our school commitment to improve communication. These may be returned to the school office. Any slips that are signed will be acknowledged and all slips shared with the Governing Body. It is particularly helpful, though not essential, that you supply your name in order that we can respond to you.

Compliments

Signed:

Suggestions

Signed:

Concerns

Signed: