

Park Lane School



Christmas Newsletter 2017



Dear Parents and Carers

As I write this Christmas is well and truly underway at Park Lane School! Christmas trees are decorated, Cards are being made and delivered and rehearsals for the Concert are taking place.

The "Wear a Christmas Jumper" day was well supported by pupils and staff. What an array of different jumpers! Thank you to the School Council for organising this in support of the Key 103 appeal. It is good to see our school involved in raising money for others in the community. The pupils also participated in Children in Need with a "Spotty art competition", which was won by the upper 6th Class, and a fabulous sensory assembly led by Silk Class. Everyone joined in the story of "we are going on a Pudsey hunt". The staff, not to be outdone, also had a "Spotty art competition" which was won by Treacle class. Together the school raised £115.94

The school has also been in receipt of donations to our Hydrotherapy Appeal Fund. Toodbrook Open Water Swimmers did a night swim for us raising £1,533.20. One of our excellent Teaching Assistants, Michael Phillips, took part in this swim. A parent and her daughter held a Ladies Night and a Bake Sale raising over £1600, so thank you to Natalie and Nancy. We also thank Mr Jones from PR Jones Jewellers for naming choosing Park Lane School to be one of the beneficiaries of his fundraising evenings. Finally I must thank our own FOPLSS Committee who once again organised another successful Christmas Fair which raised 1,250.87.

There will be a couple of changes to staffing next year, which are always sad especially when long serving staff leave. This term we say Goodbye to Brenda Walthall who has been a Teaching Assistant here for 14 years. Brenda is retiring. Brenda has been an asset to the school since she started when I was teaching in Class 1 (Silks Class). She is always so positive, whatever she is faced with and really works hard every day so the pupils can achieve their best. Brenda will be missed by pupils and colleagues alike.

Tessa Hammersley will be teaching on a part time basis from January. Tessa has been teaching at Park Lane School for over 10 years and has now decided to reduce her hours. Tessa will continue to bring her enthusiasm and experience to the class on Monday-Wednesday. The remaining days will be covered by Claire Noonan. Claire is an experienced teacher who is joining us from The Russett Academy in Northwich. Claire will also be teaching in Treacle Class.

Finally I wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Now please read on.....



SILK CLASS

AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER 2017

Every day is a busy day full of learning at Park Lane School and in Silk Class this is no exception. We have had the familiar themes of 'Bears and Nursery Rhymes' running through the term which has helped all our pupils to get to know each other and us. All our new pupils settled very quickly and our 'older' pupils have been excellent role models.

There has been a strong emphasis on personal, social and emotional development throughout the term helped along by a strong communication and language focus. Our group, this term, are all very active and love to be on the move so physical development both inside and outside the classroom has been encouraged.

Alongside our 'Bears and Nursery Rhymes' topics we have been able to celebrate birthdays, Diwali, Remembrance Day, Halloween, Guy Fawkes and Christmas - there really aren't enough weeks in the year to fit everything in! Picking a few photographs to share with this newsletter has been very difficult but here is a mini snapshot of our year so far...





The Pupils and staff in Silk Class would like to thank everybody for their continued support and to wish everybody

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

&

A HAPPY NEW YEAR



Granelli Class

We have been busy exploring different habitats this term, such as the jungle, the ocean, the arctic, farmlands and minibeast homes!



Autumn term brings lots of festivities! We have celebrated Diwali, Halloween, Bonfire Night and, of course, Christmas!



We hope you have enjoyed all the tasty treats we have been making in our cooking sessions!





Hovis Class Christmas Newsletter



It has been a great term in Hovis class, everyone who was new to class in September has settled in really well to the new routines and timetable and those who were already in class have helped our new members to settle in.



As a class we have had a big focus on communication and using our voices and communication aids to make choices and share opinions and lots of amazing progress has been made by everyone.



We have created a successful Enterprise group in class which we run on a Thursday afternoon. We have researched and voted for which products we wanted to make this term and decided on christmas decorations. We have then designed, made, advertised and delivered our orders. It has been great to develop lots of skills like our communication, ICT and Design skills, as well as working hard as a team. We have loved working alongside some of friends from Baranby class too.



In R.E and DT we have learnt more about Islam and have designed and made Eid decorations. In History and Geography we experienced Viking days where we took part in various Viking activities such as bread making, weaving, fishing and story telling. In Music we created Viking instruments and more recently have been practicing incredibly hard for our Christmas Concert.



We have all continued to work hard in our Swimming lessons and lots of progress has been made, with everyone making further steps towards swimming independently.



All of this hard work as well as working on our individual Maths, English and PSHE has meant we have had a very busy term and are all ready for a well deserved rest!



We hope you all have a fantastic Christmas Holidays and wish you all a very happy new year! Hovis Class x







Mulberry Class

We have had a fantastic Term in Mulberry Class filled with hard work and fun. We have been on some fantastic trips out, including Ice skating and our Christmas Meal. There have been lots of amazing art projects and we know lots more about Egypt after learning all about the country and culture. We have been practicing hard for our Christmas performances and can't wait to perform for all the parents at the Christmas show.

Merry Christmas Everyone!!!

Arighi's Newsletter

December 2018

This term in Arighi's class we have been very busy. In September we welcomed some new students into our class and they have all settled in really well. At the beginning of term we enjoyed spending time in the garden, working on our number skills and making the most of the weather.

In science we have been learning about the sun and moon and our solar system. We made astronaut pudding and enjoyed a sensory story where we went to the moon and back. We also made a shadow puppet theatre and a wall display of the planets.

We have made items for the Christmas market for our Enterprise project.

We have been reading some of Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes in English and have been listening to Le Carnaval des Animaux by Camille Saint-Saëns in French.

In Art we have been looking at the work of famous artists and creating our own masterpieces.

We have read the story of Jonah and the whale in RE and covered a wide range of topics in Humanities. We have been keeping fit and healthy in PE and making healthy snacks in PHSE. We have been thinking about others too. In November we made cookies to help raise funds for Children in Need and we filled a shoe box for Operation Christmas Child.

We have made our own Advent calendar and decorated the Christmas tree. Rehearsals for the Christmas concert are currently in full swing.

We have had a great term and we wish everyone a very happy Christmas and look forward to the new year!



Happy Christmas



and a Happy New Year



from



Barnaby Class

Christmas in Lower 6th Form

It has been a very busy term in the Lower 6th Form with lots of exciting activities and events leading up to Christmas. Here are a few of the things we have been, and are going to be doing.



Enterprise

We have been very busy making lots of lovely Christmas items to sell round school. We really like making the hot chocolate reindeer cones which have sold well and have worked very hard making Christmas cards to sell.

Christmas Cards

We have all been having fun using our fingers in paint to create lovely Christmas cards to give to our friends and family. We hope you like them!



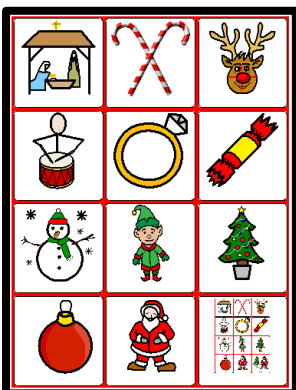
Christmas Jumper Day

We looked great in our Christmas jumpers on Tuesday 5th December and thought it was a good way to raise money for other people. The School Council were very pleased with the money raised which will go to the Key 103 Christmas Mission

Events still to Come:

Christmas Party

The Christmas celebrations and events will continue over the last couple of weeks with the Upper School Christmas party on Tuesday 12th December. This will consist of us getting together with Arighi's, Upper 6th Form and Treacle for Pizza and chips for lunch followed by a disco in the school hall. We are thinking about what party clothes we'd like to wear!



Christmas Concert

On Wednesday 13th December, it will be our Christmas concert. We have been practising hard and can't wait to wear our costumes and show

everyone our performance. This year the school is performing our own version of the Twelve Days of Christmas! We hope to see you there.

Christmas Dinner

On Thursday 14th December we will all be eating in the school hall as Louise the cook serves us Christmas lunch. It is always very busy and festive and we are looking forward to a tasty lunch!



Elf Run

On Friday 15th December, we will be joining the whole school in a fund raising Elf Run in the school hall. We are hoping to get lots of sponsors and run round the hall as many times as we can to raise money for East Cheshire Hospice.

Christmas trip to the Rising Sun

On the last Tuesday we are very excited about to going to the Rising Sun Pub for our lunch as a Christmas treat. We have been looking at the menu and have already made our choices of what we'd like to eat!



Christmas Assembly

We will end the week with a special Christmas assembly on Tuesday 19th December before breaking up for the Christmas holidays.

We have had a brilliant first term in Lower 6th Form and the staff and students would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



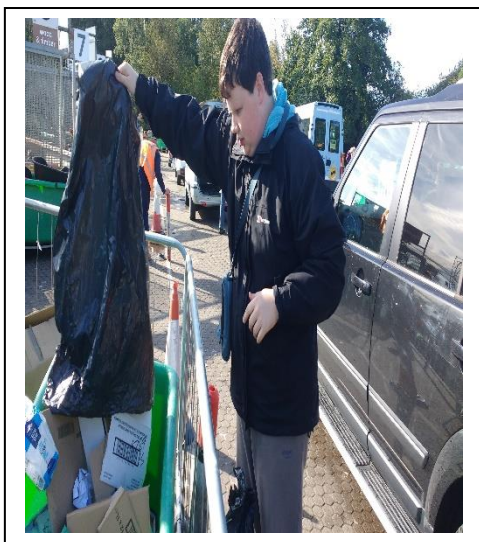
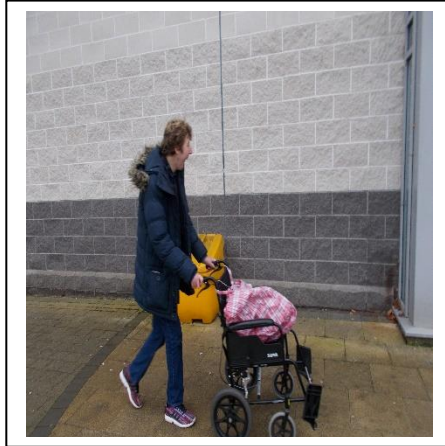
Happy Christmas

Upper 6th

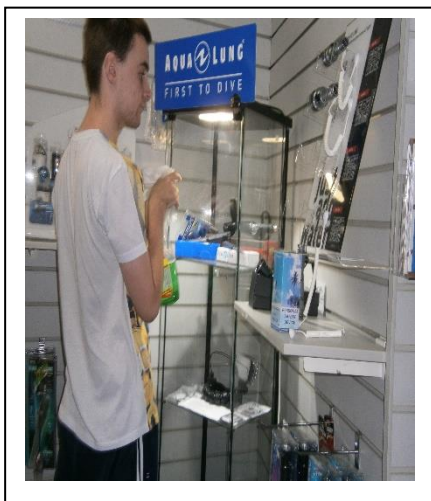
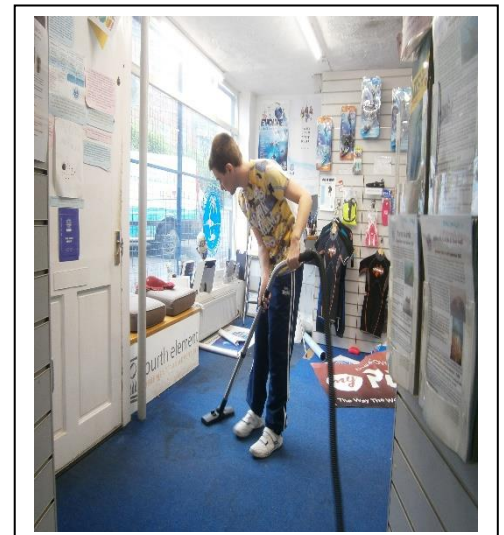
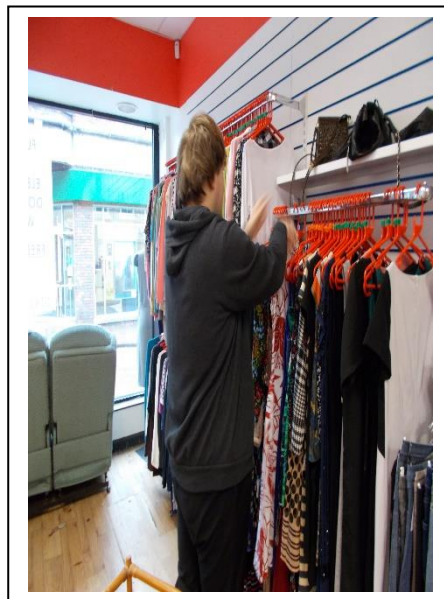
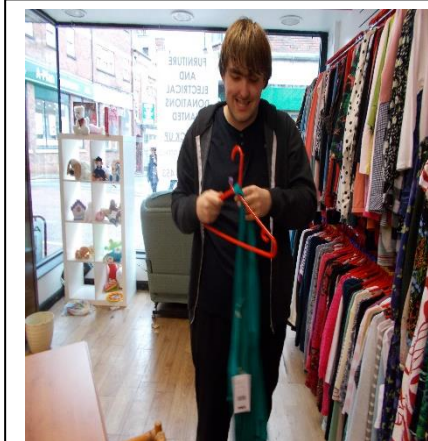
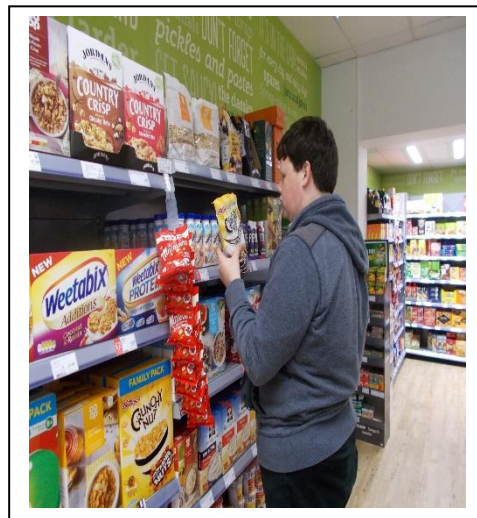
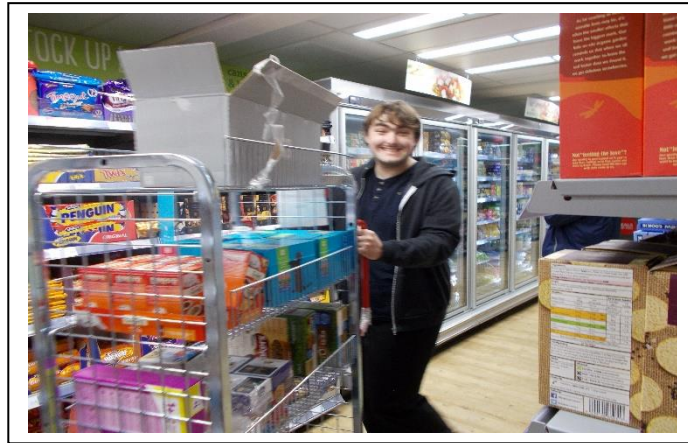
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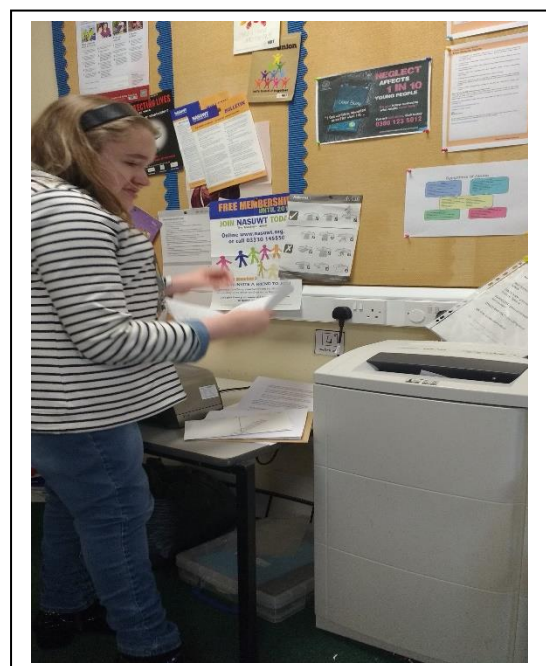
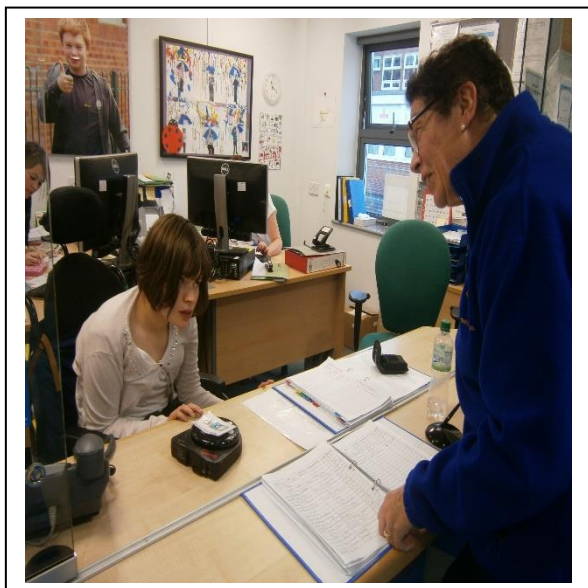
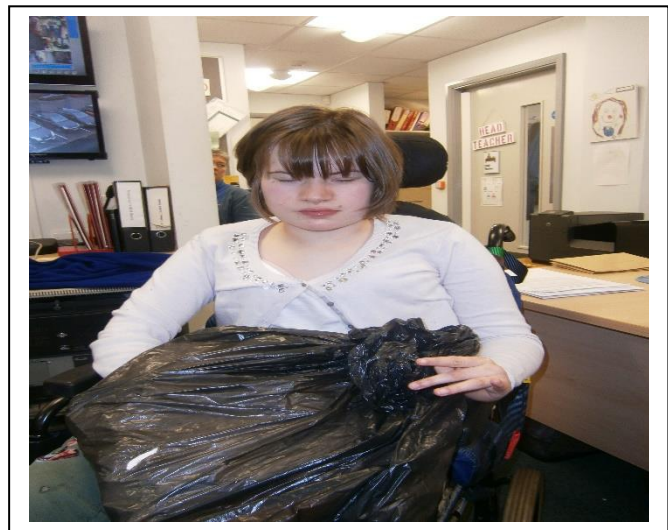
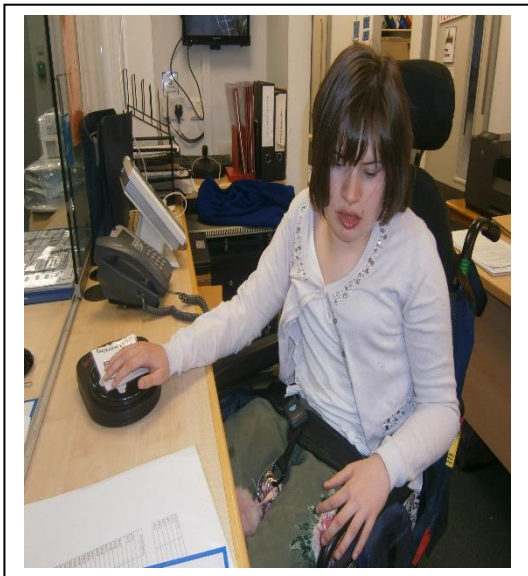
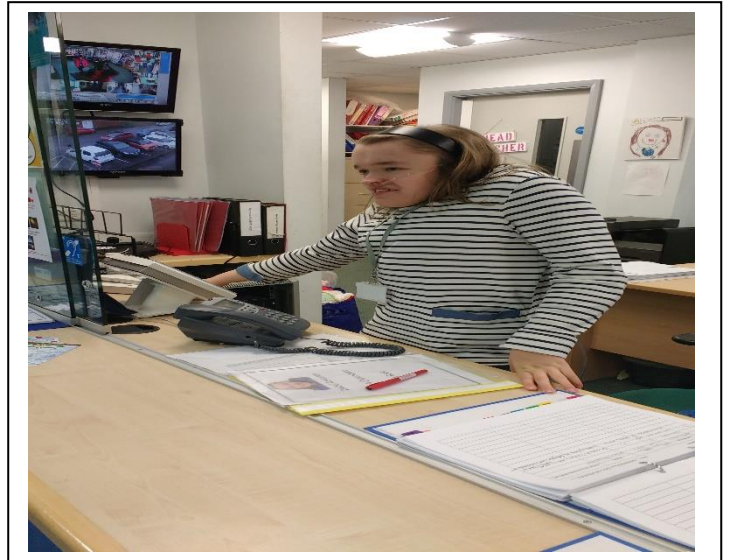
Work Experience and Vocational Studies

A very busy term for the Upper 6th Form students. Lots of different work placements and weekly vocational tasks.



Work Experience at the local Coop, YMCA, 'New Horizons' dive equipment shop and the Park Lane reception.





PARK LANE SCHOOL
SCHOOL HOLIDAY CALENDAR

FOR PERIOD 1ST SEPTEMBER 2017 TO 31ST AUGUST 2018

	<u>Date of Closing</u>	<u>Date of Re-Opening</u>
Summer 2017		Wednesday 6 th September
Autumn Half Term 2017	Friday 20 th October	Monday 30 th October
Christmas 2017/2018	Tuesday 19 th December	Monday 8 th January 2018
Spring Half Term 2018	Friday 16 th February	Tuesday 27 th February
Easter 2018	Thursday 29 th March	Monday 16 th April
Summer Half Term 2018	Friday 25 th May	Tuesday 5 th June
Summer 2018	Thursday 26 th July	

Staff Training Days: `

Monday 4th September
Tuesday 5th September

Wednesday 20th December

Monday 26th February

Monday 4th June

**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
everyone!!**



**We look forward to seeing the
pupils back in School on:**

Monday 8th January 2018