Park Lane Newsletter November: Welcome back to a new term.

Dear Families,

Welcome back. We hope you all had a wonderful, restful half term break. This is always one of our busiest and exciting terms; packed with exciting learning, enhancement trips and festive fun to look forward to.

As the weather turns colder and wetter, please ensure your children have a coat in school every day to wear at break and lunchtime.

Staff News: We're delighted to share some happy news! Congratulations to Mrs Keep and Mrs Billington and Miss Goodey who are all expecting babies in the New Year. We wish them all the very best during this special time.

Sporting News: It's been an action-packed few weeks for our children! Years 2 and 3 had the chance to try out the Canadian game Kin-ball, which involves keeping a *very large ball* off the floor. All four classes loved the challenge and it was fantastic to see them embracing a new activity with such enthusiasm.

Meanwhile, Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in a high-energy Skipping Workshop led by the incredible *Skipping Ninja* – a five-time World Record Holder! He wowed the children (and staff!) with his impressive skills before putting each class through their paces. Skipping has now become a huge hit at lunchtimes – great to see everyone keeping active!

A big well done also goes to our Year 6 boys' football team, who battled to a thrilling **1–1 draw** against Birch Copse. A superb goal from Benjamin and a brilliant goalkeeping display from Sebastian (including a penalty save!) helped secure the result. The boys showed excellent sportsmanship and teamwork – well done to all involved!

Attendance Winners: We're proud of our attendance achievements so far this term. Congratulations to the following classes:

Week beginning 29th September: Laurels RAW – **97.9%** Limes 4PP – **99.2%**

Week beginning 6th October: Laurels RSR – **100%** Limes 4PP – **99.2%**

Week beginning 13th October: Laurels 3PP – **99.2%** Limes 6DM & 6J – **100%**

Week beginning 20th October: Laurels 3PP – **100%** Limes 4P – **97.6%**

Well done and thank you to everyone – let's keep up the great attendance! Please remember if your child is absent to contact school every day via parentmail or by emailing the admin team.

Book Wish List: Thank you to those families who purchased a book from our wish list. The teachers are excited to share these new books with their classes.

Friends of the School: A big thank you to everyone who attended the **Friends AGM** – it was wonderful to see some new faces joining us.

Congratulations to all who entered the Pumpkin Design Competition! The entries were fantastic, and we loved seeing them proudly displayed in school. Looking ahead, there are plenty of exciting events upcoming events, including: **School Disco, Wreath Making, Non Uniform day in exchange for a gift (info to follow) and Elfridges.** Please keep an eye on the 'Friends of Park Lane School' **Facebook page** for updates and information on how you can get involved.

Donations: Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated their old toys to support our playtime stock at the Laurels. These toys really support us in providing the children with fun and engaging provision during their social times. We are continuing to ask for any donations of toys that you may have. We are particularly interested in increasing our stock of characters and figurines e.g. superheroes. We are also looking to create a home-corner area on the playground. To support this we would be really grateful for any donations of dolls, pushchairs, tea sets etc.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm – it really makes a difference. We're looking forward to another brilliant term ahead!

Best wishes,
Mrs McDonagh and the Park Lane Team

Dates ahead for all year groups: *New dates in italics!*

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 Trips

Thursday 13th November Year 1 Cinema Trip
Year 6 Reading Museum visit

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 20th November Non Uniform Day in exchange for gifts for Elfridges (info to follow)

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

Friday 28th November INSET DAY

Monday 8th December Year 5 Wonderdome Experience at the Limes site

Wednesday 10th December Year 1 & 2 Production 9.30 performance (pre-school aged children invited)

Thursday 11th December Year 1 & 2 Production 2pm performance (ADULTS ONLY)

Monday 15th December Elfridges at the Limes

Tuesday 16th December Elfridges at the Laurels

Wednesday 17th December EYFS Nativity Production 9.30 performance (pre-school children) 2pm performance (ADULTS ONLY)

Thursday 18th December 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**