



Parkland Summer (2) Newsletter

Primary School

Learning together

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Headteacher Message

As we come to the end of the year there are so many people I want to thank. It has been an extremely difficult year for us all and I am in awe how the Parkland community has worked together to support each other. For my first year as headteacher I have needed the support of you all and I am grateful to be part of such an amazing team!



Thank you to all the staff who have modelled resilience each and every day. They have guided and supported your children through an entire year of a pandemic. They have overcome their own worries and anxieties to make sure they were in school to make every child feel safe and secure. Staff have had to navigate technology and follow ever-changing guidance, always keeping a positive smiling face to greet your children every day.

Thank you to all our parents and carers who have continued to keep their distance and wear face coverings each day. We haven't been able to welcome you into school for the usual key events this year and communication hasn't always been easy.

The words of thanks from so many parents have been really appreciated by everyone, it makes all the hard work worthwhile! Thank you for getting your children into school every day – consistency has really helped in a year of uncertainty.

For some people, the stresses and strains have been difficult. Remember all the great things you have done and how you have got through this. Be gentle on yourself and look after one another.

I wish you all a happy and relaxing summer and let's hope next year is more straight forward!

Kind regards

J Andrews

Mrs J Andrews
Headteacher

Key Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2021/22

School Opens

Wednesday 25th August 2021

**EYFS Transition Mornings
(9-11am)**

ASH CLASS

Wednesday 25th August 2021

OAK CLASS

Thursday 26th August 2021

BEECH CLASS

Friday 27th August 2021

**EYFS Mornings Only
(8.40am—11.30am)**

31st August—3rd September 2021

**EYFS (Staying for lunch)
(8.40am—12.30pm)**

6th —10th September 2021

**Foundation start full –time
Monday 13th September 2021**

Year 6 Residential Trip to Caythorpe

**Wednesday 29th September—
Friday 1st October 2021**

HALF TERM

18th - 22nd October 2021

School Re-Opens

Monday 25th October 2021

**Whole School Pupil Photos
Thursday 4th November 2021**



Pre-School

This term, the children have participated in their first Parkland Dance Festival, the whole school commented on how amazing preschool were. We have also enjoyed lots of outdoor learning and games that test listening skills. We are also preparing to say goodbye to those children leaving preschool to start their new journey at 'big school'.

We would like to wish them all the very best, we know they will continue to shine in their new chapter!



Foundation

Foundation Stage have been learning about different sports. In literacy, they have been reading lots of stories such as Mr Men Sport's Day, The Tortoise and the Hare and The Frog Olympics. Every day the children have been writing independently. The teachers are very proud of how well they are applying their phonics to write simple sentences with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. In maths, they have been learning about capacity, addition by counting on and subtraction.

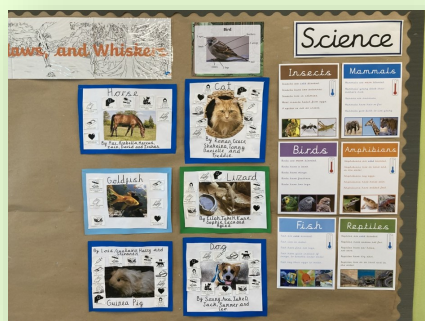


The children are continuing to write independently every day and the teachers are so proud of the progress they are making. Lots of children are now writing simple sentences with capital letters, full stops, and finger spaces. In maths, they have been learning about teen numbers to 20. The children have also been learning about odd and even numbers and finding one more or one less. The children (and teachers) have really enjoyed this mini beast topic, finding out some new facts and hearing some of our favourite stories.



It has been such a fun half term in Foundation Stage!

Year 1



Year 1 have been learning about animals this half term. They have learnt new vocabulary to describe the animals (mammals, reptiles etc) as well as their diets (carnivore, herbivore, omnivore). We have also started to learn about how life in Africa is different to life in the UK.

In English we have been using the conjunction, 'but' and adding the prefix, 'un' to words. Our writing has been based on the story, Handa's Surprise. The children have memorised the story and have planned to write an alternative ending.

In maths we have learnt about money. The children should now be able to recognise British coins and notes. We have also been learning to tell the time on a clock to the hour and half-past the hour. **Well done Year 1!**





This term the children have been learning lots in our Changing Faces, Changing Places topic. They have looked at the different stages of life for humans and talked about how they have changed since they were born. They loved looking at each other's baby photos, trying to guess who was who! They have learnt about the importance of exercise and healthy eating and we knew they had been listening when we saw their amazing efforts on our Sports Day. The children all tried their hardest and their sportsmanship really shone through.

The children performed their "Let's get ready to rumble" dance to the rest of the school via video link. They remembered the moves and shook their pom-poms with flair. Thanks to Mrs Ellis and Mr Hackfath for their brilliant sports and dance events.



In Guided Reading the children have met two new dogs – Predicting Pip and Sequencing Suki. They have enjoyed predicting what might happen in a story and putting parts of a story in order. We have been very impressed with their comprehension skills during our recent assessments.

In English, they have written a recount about their involvement in the dance festival. They used the past tense and sequential words effectively to write in a chronological order. We can't wait to read what they write in a letter to their new teachers! **All of the children have enjoyed our transition mornings and we think the Year 3 teachers are very lucky to have them next year.**

We are very proud of how hard the children have worked during this term, particularly with their reading and their times tables.



Reading

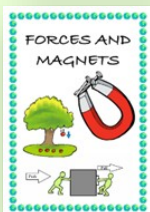
This term in reading, we have focussed on inference, summarising and discussing the meaning of vocabulary in a range of texts (fiction and non-fiction). Our class text this term has been The Iron Man by Ted Hughes, which the children have really enjoyed.

English

In English, we have written a discussion text, presenting a balanced viewpoint on arguments both for and against the trapping of the Iron Man. We had a debate with our talk partners then presented our opposing viewpoints to the class.

Maths

In maths we have finished our learning on fractions, and we have all been impressed with their understanding. Our new maths learning has been on 'time'. We have been telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes, reading analogue and digital clocks and comparing and ordering durations.



Science

In Science, we have learnt about Forces and Magnets. We investigated the effects of friction and gravity and tested these scientifically. Working collaboratively, we looked at the advantages of and disadvantages of friction on an object on different surfaces. We have also learnt about magnets and magnetic force.

Computing

In computing, we have continued to use the programme 'Scratch' to write algorithms to move our sprite around the screen, debugging the algorithm if there was an error.



We have been very impressed with the children's performance at the Dance Festival. Also during sports day, the children's behaviour was fantastic, and they all performed to their best ability cheering on their peers and working as a team – well done everyone.

Finally, the Year 3 staff would like to take this opportunity to say what a wonderful year group you have all been and wish you all the best as you go into Year 4.

Year 4



This term, Year 4 have been learning about the Vikings. They have focused upon where they originated from, how and why they invaded Britain, how they lived and work, and more recently, we have studied Viking artefacts, noticing their purposes. This historical learning has allowed the children to write an insightful and detailed newspaper report on the Viking raid that took place in Lindisfarne.

In maths, children have been continuing to build their knowledge and skills in decimals and have been putting this knowledge to the test through accessing word problems and linking decimals to money. We would also like to congratulate the children on completing their Multiplication Times Table Check. Everyone has progressed greatly.

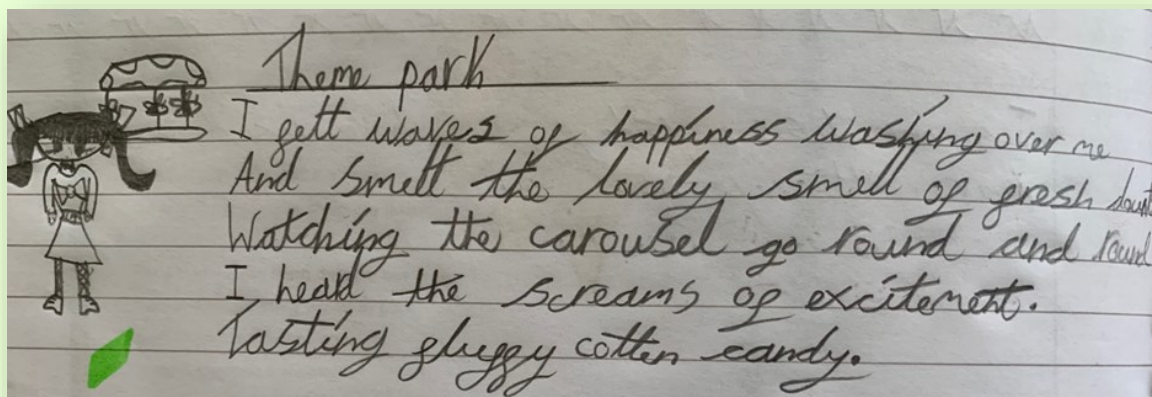
Well done!



Year 5

This term, our topic has been Our World. It has been a great opportunity to look at the wider world and make cross-curricular links.

In English, we began the term by looking at poetry and learned the poem, 'I wandered lonely as a cloud' by William Wordsworth. The children added actions to help them remember the words and they thought carefully about the meaning of the poem. In addition, they created their own poem focusing on the senses.



For Geography, we have been looking at maps and developing our map skills. We have learned how to use grid references, compass points and OS symbols to identify and find specific places. We have also been looking at sustainability and the damage that plastic is doing to our oceans and wildlife. This has been a stimulus for our English work as we have written a discussion text about whether or not single-use plastic should be allowed in schools.

In PSHE, we have been learning about changes in our bodies and our lives, how to keep ourselves clean and healthy, and how puberty will affect us.

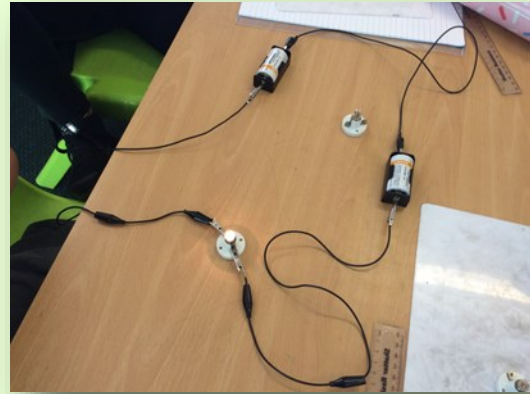
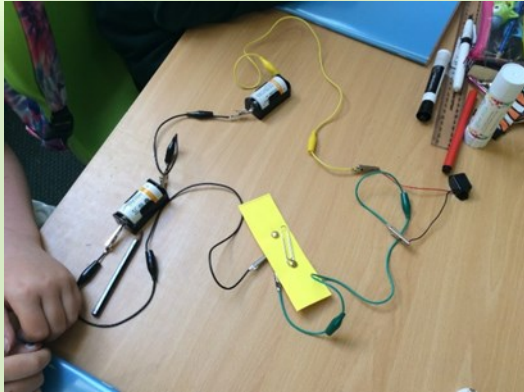
We thoroughly enjoyed the dance festival and having the opportunity to watch all the other classes doing their performances.

It has been a busy and exciting half-term and we wish all of Year 5 a restful summer holiday!

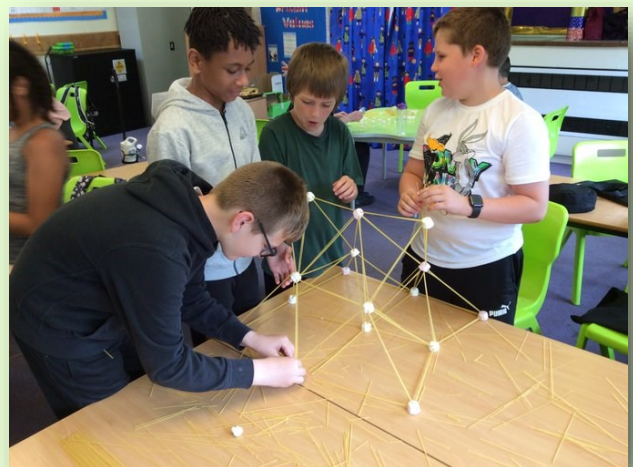
Year 6 have been enjoying their final term at Parkland Primary School!

In maths, we have been learning about ratio and statistics, which will really help them next year! In English, we have been writing stories based on 'The Journey', where we created our own worlds to visit; these great stories will be sent to the High Schools, so that they can see how fantastic we all are!

In Science, we have been learning about electricity and investigating what happens when we increase the voltage; we have used bulbs, batteries, switches and wires to create our own circuits.



In the last week of term, we had a Week of Wonder, with a Problem Solving Day, and on their very last day, Friday 9th July 2021, the Year 6 Leavers' Video Assembly will be live-streamed to the rest of the school and the recording will also be uploaded to the Year 6 TEAM's area for all Year 6 parents/carers to watch.



**Goodbye & Good Luck
Year 6**



We would like to take this opportunity to say how proud we are of the Year 6 children, as they have had a difficult final year at Primary School, but they have coped so well and have worked so hard!

Well done Year 6, we will miss you all!

SPORTS

Dance Festival

After missing out last year, all children from pre-school through to Year 6 participated in our annual dance festival on Friday 18th June. Although it rained all day, we didn't let it dampen our spirits and we performed our dances in the hall. So that the children didn't miss out, this year we streamed the event live into classrooms and everyone got to watch each other performing! It was a lovely afternoon, and it was great to see the children (and staff) enjoying themselves!



Sports Week

During week beginning 21st June, each year group had a sports day morning or afternoon. The events included: the sprint, standing long jump, sack race, throwing among many others. Again, after missing out on so much last year, the children were able to enjoy the spirit of sports day with their teachers and friends. This year we decided to use European football teams to link in with the Euro's football tournament and each class designed a flag for their chosen country. On Monday 5th July, pre-school had a mini-sports day during their PE slot. We look forward to hopefully welcoming parents and carers back into school next year to spectate at our sporting events.

The following classes were awarded with 'Spirit of the Games' certificates for displaying excellent teamwork, effort and for supporting one another:

EYFS: **Beech**

Year 1: **1AP**

Year 2: **2RD**

Year 3: **3RR**

Year 4: **4VE, 4HO and 4ZC**



Big Moves

Children from EYFS have been working with Mr. Austin from the local sports partnership to refine their fine and gross motor skills on Friday mornings. The children have really enjoyed practicing their rolling, jumping, balancing and stretching skills. They are all able to take off and put on their own shoes and socks now, which has really improved their confidence.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

This term Mrs Ellis and Mr Hackfath have been running a Year 6 multisport club on a Monday evening, as well as a Year 5 multisport club on Thursday evenings. The children in attendance have been playing games such as rounders, long ball, dodgeball and athletics and have been enjoying taking part in a variety of fun activities to keep the physically active.

Award Nominations

Parkland have been nominated for the following award 'Engagement in the Quad Cup Virtual Competition.' This means that as a school we have had high engaged in the virtual athletics competitions for our area. The children have been completing these challenges in their PE lessons. Mr Hackfath has also been nominated for 'Improving Health and Wellbeing in Schools' award.

Sporting Success Outside of School

We place a high value on the benefits of sport and physical activity inside and outside of school, we are delighted to announce the following exciting opportunities that some of our children have been taking part in outside of school:



Louie 3DR, Max 3DR, Max 4VE, Oliver 4ZC, Jack 6LG, Freddie E 6LG and Louie 6LP have successfully had trials with the West Bromwich Albion Academy and have been asked to stay.



Lacey in 3RR is currently playing at the Leicester Ladies Academy, as well as Luke in 3RR who is playing at the Leicester City Academy.



Tristan in 6LP has been asked to attend trials for the Leicester Riders Basketball Academy in early July. Diaz in 6LP continues to train in the elite gymnastics squad at Amber Valley Gymnastics Club.

Well done to all the mentioned children for your continued hard work and dedication in your chosen sports!

Farewell to Year 6

It's that time of year again where we have to say farewell to our Year 6 pupils. We can't believe that our current Year 6 pupils started in EYFS in 2014 at the same time as Mrs Ellis and Mr H, 7 years ago! It has been so lovely to see each and every child grow, develop, becoming more confident in sport. We have so many fond memories of this year group and this term have enjoyed playing sport with them at lunchtimes, creating a 'Thriller' routine in dance and playing lots of competitive team games in outdoor PE and are looking forward to taking part in some fun activities on the last week of term with year 6. **We wish you all good luck in your transition to high school and remember to stay active!!**

Staffing Updates

Baby News

We would like to congratulate Miss West who had a baby girl this year. They are both doing well, and Miss West will return to Parkland later in the year. Mrs Marston is due to have a baby in August, Miss Sperry is due in September and Mrs Phillips is due in August - **we wish them all the best and look forward to seeing all the new bundles when they arrive!**



Retirement

Mrs Sperry and Miss Goodwin are both retiring at the end of this academic year and we would like to thank them for all their hard work and dedication during the many years they have been at Parkland.

Mrs Sperry has worked in KS1 for 27 years, helping children with their learning, in particular being amazing at helping children learn to read!

Miss Goodwin has been at Parkland for 26 and a half years, and has worked across the school and in the office, ensuring we have all the resources we need!



They have made a huge difference to all the children and the staff they have worked with and they will be hugely missed! We wish them both a very happy retirements and know they will remain friends of us all at Parkland.

Other Staff Updates:

- Mrs Hill will become Assistant Head in Mrs Phillip's absence and we look forward to her taking up her new role.
- Mr Clothier has been teaching in Year 4 and we would like to thank him for all his hard work this year.
- Mrs Martin and Miss Alston are leaving us and we would like to thank them and wish them all the best.
- We have some new staff starting after the summer break; Mrs Cherry and Miss Naseer will both be in Year 5 and Mr Dandolo will be joining the Year 3 team.
- Miss Ward will be joining the office team full time in the new academic year.

CLASS STRUCTURE 2021/22

FOUNDATION

Ash-Mr J Scarborough
Beech-Miss D Marvin
Oak-Mrs S Divers/Mrs L Pryor

YEAR 1

1SO-Miss S Owen
1AP -Miss A Parsons
1EH-Miss E Hand

YEAR 2

2RD-Mrs R Durham
2PW-Mrs P Wilson
2MS-Miss M Smith

YEAR 3

3NV-Mrs N Voigt
3DR-Mrs D Raymond
3DW-Mr T Dandolo/Miss H West

YEAR 4

4VE-Miss V Edge
4ZC-Mrs Z Chaudry
4HO-Miss H O'Neill

YEAR 5

5CC-Mrs M Carney/Mrs B Cherry
5AN-Miss A Naseer
5RR-Mr R Rowell

YEAR 6

6LP-Miss L Pears
6LT-Miss L Taylor
6LG-Mr L Garner

We will send out information about the new academic year in August when we are sure about the latest guidance. **Please look out for emails in the week before the start of term to make sure all your questions are answered.**

Remember that we are expecting all children to come to school in the correct uniform from August (including the correct PE kit on PE days).

The children have had transition days and so have met their new class teacher. Your child may have some worries over the holidays, which is normal.

Please reassure them that all staff will help them to settle back into school after the holidays. Remind them of how well they have done this year. They can face anything from now on!!

In the Autumn Term we will be having some exciting building work at Parkland. We will be expanding the front of our school by building a new studio space. The studio will be used for a variety of interventions, workshops and as a new learning space. It is much needed and will be a great asset to Parkland. In order to start with this project we will need to remove two of the trees at the front of school. We will be looking at the whole of our school grounds over the coming months to see how we can plant more trees and develop wildlife and growing areas. We will continue to communicate further updates with you and share photos as the project progresses.



NEW OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the school office opening hours will change from the Autumn Term 2021:

Monday – Friday 8am-4pm

Tel: 0116 2782142

Email: admin@dsatparkland.org

Attendance

This academic year has been very difficult for everyone. We would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support in getting children into school when government guidelines allowed. We would also like to thank you for remaining valiant, and ensuring the safety of other children in school, by refraining from sending your children into school when displaying COVID symptoms.

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

When we return for the new academic year it will be increasingly important for children to attend school every day, in order that we can help them to catch up on the learning that was missed.

Can we please remind parents/carers that if your child is not going to be in school for any reason, to please ring the school office by 8.30am, to give the reason for absence. A message can be left on the dedicated line, 0116 2782142 opt 1.

Parkland Primary have a dedicated Attendance Officer, Helen Brown, and a Pastoral Team who are here to offer help and advice with any matter that may affect your child's education and their ability to attend school. Contact us via the School Office, 0116 2782142 or mobile 0770988800

We look forward to welcoming children back into school on Wednesday 25th August 2021.

School Dinners

We are pleased to announce that from the Autumn Term, our normal school dinner service will resume, served by our friendly catering staff. We will also be back to offering of a choice of three delicious, healthy meals, **Red (meat option)**, or **Green (vegetarian)**, or **Yellow (light bite)**. A copy of the new menu will be emailed shortly and also can be found on our website.

All Foundation Stage and Key Stage One children are eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals. For those children in Key Stage Two, please note that the price of a school dinner, next academic year will be **£2.35** (price increase 2021/22), unless you are in receipt of Free School Meals, and will need to be paid for on the day or in advanced.

All school dinners will need to be paid through our online payment system ParentPay.

If you have not activated your ParentPay account, please contact the school office for an activation letter.

To check your eligibility for FREE SCHOOL MEALS, please visit

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/social-care-and-supporting-families/free-school-meals>

If your child has a dietary requirement, i.e. an allergy/intolerance to certain foods/ingredients, please contact the school office to discuss having a special diet

Uniform



20% discount off

Marks & Spencer's school uniform from Tuesday 6th July to Friday 2nd August 2021.

www.mandsyourschooluniform.com

In the new Academic Year, we will be expecting **all children to come to school in the correct school uniform**, and to wear their PE kit on PE days.

- Green sweatshirt or cardigan
- White polo shirt
- Dark grey /black trousers, knee length tailored shorts or skirt

School uniform, displaying our school logo, can be purchased from Marks and Spencer. Orders can be made online and items are delivered directly to parent's home addresses. Plain school uniform can be purchased from high street shops and supermarkets.

ALL UNIFORM SHOULD BE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH CHILD'S NAME.

Well done Grace !



A huge congratulations to Grace in 6LP who has read over 1,000,000 words this year!

This is a brilliant achievement and we are all very proud!

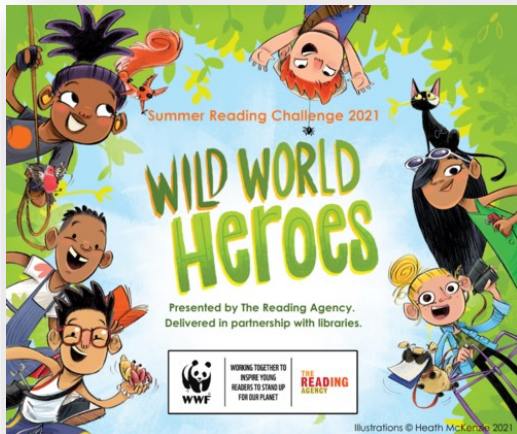


We are pleased to announce that the Discovery Camp will be taking place over the summer holidays 19th and 26th July and w/c 2nd and 9th August 2021 at Parkland Primary School.

To book your child's place please visit www.discoveryholidaycamps.co.uk

For more information please email : holidaycamps@discoveryschooltrust.org or call Lee Gill, Extended Services Manager on 07961 600811

Summer Reading Challenge 2021



Children aged 4-12 years can take part in Wild World Heroes at all Leicestershire Libraries, an exciting free reading challenge from Saturday 3 July to Saturday 4 September.

Children can join in the fun by reading or listening to six library books, eBooks or eAudiobooks throughout the summer and will be able to collect six special stickers - including some smelly ones - for their colourful collector's poster.

They will also be rewarded with special incentives as they read their books and a certificate and medal when they complete the challenge.

Ideas for the summer holidays

University of Leicester Botanic Garden—4th May-1st October 2021

Website: www.le.ac.uk/botanic-garden

Enjoy sixteen acres of the outside space of the beautiful Botanic Garden.

Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience—17th May-30th August 2021

Website: www.vangoghexpo.co.uk - All Saints' Church, Highcross Street, Leicester

Thanks to cutting edge virtual projection you will become a part of the spectacular, incomparable universe of Vincent Van Gogh.

For more ideas : www.primarytimes.co.uk/leicestershire



Useful Support for Families

Family Support

Action for Children—<https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/>

Home Start- <https://www.home-start.org.uk/>

Childs Mind- <https://childmind.org/coping-during-covid-19-resources-for-parents/>

Family Lives - 0808 800 2222

Mental Health

Samaritans – 116 123

Leicestershire Action for Mental Health (LAMP) – 0116 2556282

Lets Talk Wellbeing - 0116 292 7010

Mental Health Foundation - <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications/looking-after-your-mental-health-during-coronavirus-outbreak>

Domestic Violence

UAVA - 0808 80 200 28 Email: info@uava.org.uk Text support: 07715 994 962

Debt

Citizens Advice - 03444 111 444

Step change- 8000 138 1111 <https://www.stepchange.org/how-we-help/debt-advice.aspx>

Child Abuse/ Neglect

If you're worried about a child you can call the NSPCC Helpline on 0808 800 500 or email help@nspcc.org.uk

Leicester City Social Care: 0116 454 1004

Leicestershire Social Care: 0116 305 0005

Food Bank

South Wigston Congregational Church, Blaby Road (opposite Co Op), South Wigston, LE18 4SD

When: 10am –11.30am

Dates: Monday 12th July, and then every other Monday.

Contact Number: [07818603699](tel:07818603699)

COVID and Contacting School Over the Summer Holidays

School will close on Friday 9th July for the summer holidays. We will still be on call, however, for contact tracing purposes. In order for us to continue to identify close contacts and advise self-isolation, please book a test as soon as possible if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus and inform school.



Please report all positive cases of coronavirus to us at school by emailing covid@dsatparkland.org

Government guidance has stated that from 16th August 2021 children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be expected to isolate if they are contacted as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case.

Best wishes to you all for a happy and healthy holiday