



# Peel Park Primary School



## School minibus

We are due to take delivery of a school minibus. As far as we know, this is the first minibus that Peel Park has ever had for the sole use of our children. We intend to use it for a variety of purposes: taking children to after-school events, taking groups of children on visits and trips and also using it to support aspects of our curriculum as a whole.

I am sure that you agree that it will support our new curriculum in giving our children greater opportunity in the local area.



## Autumn term 2023

The period of nicer weather is now behind us, it would seem, and we are all getting ready for the Christmas festivities. The dates for the Christmas events that we have planned are at the end of this newsletter for your information. A particular highlight for me will be the annual Christmas Fair, which is always very festive and is sure to put you in the Christmas mood.

We have had an extremely busy term, full of highlights for the children across the school. We also held another of our parents evenings, and these seemed very well received by everyone that we spoke to. As always, if you have any suggestions of how we can make things even better, please let us know, and we will consider them at our next parents forum. The questionnaire that we have asked people to complete shows some of the areas that we are doing well in and some that we need to reflect on. Any feedback is gratefully received. You can see the results of the parents questionnaire further on in this newsletter.

As we head into the busiest period of the school, I thank everyone once again for the support that you bring to the school, both for the children and for the whole staff team.

Mr Waites

## Safeguarding

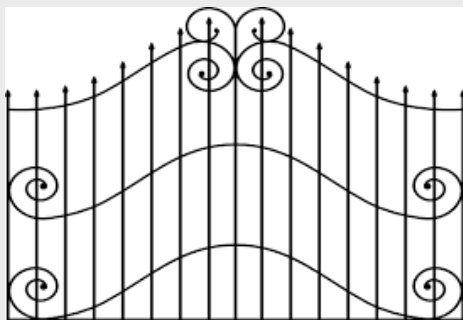
Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility in school, and we take this very seriously. Keeping your child safe is our primary concern. Our designated safeguarding officer is **David Waites**, and the deputy officers are **Kirsty Goldsmith** and **Michael Kerr**. If you need any more information about this, then please do not hesitate to ask.

## School access

I would like to personally thank everyone for their patience while we try to resolve the issues that have arisen from the fence installation over the summer holidays. I have witnessed the bottleneck that it causes, and I am well aware of the frustration that is felt. This has also been reported through the parents forum.

This issue is now going to be resolved by widening the gate into school (making it double-sized) and also reinstating the gate onto Turkey Street, which will be open at the start and end of the day. This will mean that parents entering the playground will have two options rather than one.

This project was handled by Lancashire County Council, who are working hard to resolve the design issue and rectify the problem. This will be installed in the coming weeks (definitely before the children return after the Christmas holidays).



## Departing staff

At the end of this term, we will be losing three members of staff from the school who are leaving for pastures new. As previously mentioned, **Miss Goldsmith** will be leaving to take up her first headship in Crewe. **Mrs. Harris** will be leaving her role as SENDCO to take up a new position in a local school, and **Miss Otto** will also be leaving to begin a new role closer to home. We wish each of these valuable members of staff well in their new roles, and I would like to thank each of them for their service to the school.



## Surfacing on the playground

Again, following feedback from parents and carers, we are going to have three areas of our playground resurfaced in the coming weeks. Our MUGA and the two cages in the Y3/4 and Y5/6 playgrounds will be completed in an astroturf surface for our children to use. This should mean that the surface will be more suitable for the children to use for PE lessons and also during the school day.

This is all part of a broader plan across our school to reinvest in the building to make it fit-for-purpose and more suitable for the needs of our children.

## Peel Park School values

**Be READY, be RESPECTFUL, be SAFE**

# Parents Questionnaire Autumn Term

We had 70 responses to the Questionnaire and these were the findings:

Question	Responses
My child is happy at school	92% agreed
The school make sure that its pupils are well behaved	92% agreed
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn	93% agreed
When I have raised concerns with the school, they have been dealt with	90% agreed
The school has high expectations for my child	95% agreed
My child does well at school	96% agreed
My child can take part in clubs and activities at school	98% agreed
The school provides support for me as a parent/carer	93% agreed

**'My child is very happy at school and I believe that they offer the best outcomes for her'**

**'We are very impressed with Peel Park Primary School'**

**'He has settled in well and comes in happy'**

**'It is very friendly and there is always a staff member to talk to in the mornings'**

**Thank you to everyone for completing the questionnaire and for your input. We will consider responses in order to continue to improve further.**

## End of term dates for your diary

Event	Date	Time
Christmas Jumper day	7th December	All day
Christmas Fair	7th December	15.30-17.30
EYFS Christmas performances (repeated)	13th December	9:15am and 4pm
Y1 Christmas performances (repeated)	13th December	9:45am and 4:30pm
Y4 Christmas Carols at Cambridge St. Church	14th December	5pm
Y2 Carols by Candlelight	15th December	9am and 2.45pm
Christmas party days- EYFS/Y3/Y4	18th December	During the day
Christmas party days- Y1/Y2/Y5/Y6	19th December	During the day
End of term	21st December	3.20pm
School reopens	8th January 2024	8.40am