

Parent Governors: Jason Brown  
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Dear Parents/Guardians

**1. Ski Trip**

Everyone has arrived back safely from Italy. All 16 students had an amazing time with everyone exceeding their personal expectations. Mattie McCarthy was particularly proud of the attitude that our students had and the way in which they supported students less able than themselves from other schools. A very successful trip was had by all. As always, we are very grateful to the staff who accompanied the trip for all their hard work and for giving up their own family time.

**2. School Council and Student Focus Groups**

School Council meet with us every week and work on different projects. At the moment they are looking at the classroom environments and suggesting improvements such as new posters and books that they would like to see around school. We are always impressed with the mature way in which they express their opinions. The same is true of a group of KS4 students who recently met with visitors and were able to describe their preferred learning styles and their plans for when they leave school.

**3. European Project**

Some of our colleagues from our link school in Budapest came over at the beginning of the month and installed new equipment into Homelodge. This enables us to undertake a 6 month project based on 3D imaging. We are concentrating on improving hand writing skills and guitar playing with a selected group of students in KS3.

**4. Reading**

Improving their reading levels is always our main focus for students when they join the school in Y7. We have a system that involves everyone spending quality time in small ability groups at the beginning of every day. This increases student's motivation to read and fosters a love of reading. When analyzing the data that we collect from testing reading ages, we are delighted to be able to confirm that students are continuing to make outstanding progress. Across the whole school students made an average of 10 months increase to their reading age in a year. We really welcome your support in encouraging your child to read at home. Please make sure that they always have a reading book in their school bag and listen to them read a few pages every day. It is also important for friends and family to read to them and take every opportunity to read together. Recipes, shopping lists, road signs, newspaper articles, text messages, written information on the TV screen or from the internet are all rich sources of reading for members of the family to share.

**5. The Friends of The Park School**

The Friends are compiling a list of dates and details of forthcoming events, which will be sent out as a separate information sheet.

Karen Eastwood.

Karen Eastwood  
(Co-Headteacher)

Paul Walsh  
(Co-Headteacher)



## Dates for your Diary

### **Spring Term 2018**

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| Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> February   | Y8 Residential to High Ashurst           |
| Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> February | HALF TERM                                |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February                   | KS4 After school club                    |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March                      | Spring Fair                              |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March                        | KS4 Play                                 |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March                     | Prize giving 11am                        |
|  | Break up at 12 noon (no lunch)           |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March                      | INSET for staff training – School Closed |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> March-13 <sup>th</sup> April        | Easter Holidays                          |

### **Summer Term 2018**

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| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April                   | Students return to school at 9am         |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup> April       | Island Sailing Trip                      |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May                      | Bank Holiday – School Closed             |
| 14 -17 <sup>th</sup> May                        | Y9 residential to Condover Hall          |
| Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> May                   | Maths GCSE Paper 1                       |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May                     | Sports Day and parents picnic            |
| Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> May                        |  |
| - Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> June                      | HALF TERM                                |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> June                   | Maths GCSE Paper 2                       |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June                   | Maths GCSE Paper 3                       |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June                 | Y7 “Kids Day Out”                        |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June                  | Y11 Prom                                 |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> June | Y11 Pagham residential                   |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June                  | Y11 Record of Achievement                |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July                   | Ex Students Lunch                        |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July                 | History Day                              |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July                  | Summer Fete                              |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July                    | Prize giving at 11am                     |
|   | Break up at 12 noon (no lunch)           |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July                    | INSET for staff training – School Closed |

### **Autumn Term 2018**

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| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> and         |  |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September | INSET for staff training – School Closed |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> September  | Students return to school at 9am         |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October     |  |
| - Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October   | HALF TERM                                |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December | Prize giving 11am                        |
|                                     | Break up at 12 noon (no lunch)           |