

PARSON STREET TIMES

“This is going to be a good year!”

Wow! It's the end of 2023... and we have definitely made the most of our year so far at Parson Street.

Children have been on school trips, camp, some children have started school for the first time (well done Reception!), we have learnt new routines, football passes have been introduced, opal ambassadors have represented the school so well and of course all of the learning that has been going on in classrooms.

We just want to say a BIG thank you for your support over the last few months- we really appreciate it and can't wait for what 2024 has in store.

From all of Parson Street, we wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.



Updates

Playground items- Have you got anything we could use?

We have lots of toys and equipment out at lunchtimes to support children with their play. This includes scooters, toy cars and even prams (which the children love!) If you think you have anything at home that you do not want and we could use, please contact Mrs Ellis or bring it in to the office.

PTA- Thank you

Thank you to our amazing PTA for planning, organising and running the social get-together on the playground yesterday. It was so nice to get together before the holidays begin and to eat cake- thank you to those who donated anything! We will let you how much money they raised!

Thank you also to the PTA who donated money to each class so each class received a present in their class party! Children loved these so much.

If you would like to join the PTA, please let Mrs Ellis or the office know.

Pass the Parcel

A massive thank you to Pass the Parcel charity who have donated presents to some of our families at Parson Street. Pass the Parcel works with the community for the community and aims to ensure that those in the BS3 area who are less fortunate, for whatever reason, still receive a lovely gift and treats at Christmas time.

Last year, Pass the Parcel shared over 500 gift bundles with vulnerable individuals, families and children across BS3. This was achieved with the help of some brilliant volunteers, support from the community, connections with businesses and schools and enthusiasm from local traders.

The dedicated team is once more fundraising to purchase gifts and are still in need of monetary donations to their Just Giving account: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/pass-the-parcel-1697093689655> or through their website www.passtheparcelbristol.org - where you can find out more about the project, links to the Just Giving page and how to get involved in their wrapping day on Saturday 9th December at St Paul's Church in Southville.

Every donation really will make a difference this year.

Carol Concert at St Michaels

Please remember the church doors will open at 1:45pm, to start at 2pm. Because of limited seating, please ensure there are only 2 members per family- we want everyone to be able to fit into the church! After the carol concert, we will dismiss children (if you are taking them from the church) separately per key stage. Please bear with us to make sure this goes as smooth as possible. You can take photos however please do not post these on social media.

As part of my new role, I am always looking at improving communication. Please do let me know if there is any other ways we can improve!

Mrs Ellis

Contact Us



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Class Dojo pages

ZOOMING INTO END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Our final week of Parson Street of 2023



THANK YOU TO LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS

What a lovely Christmas lunch! Thank you so so much for your organisation to make it so special.



OUR NEW DISPLAYS

Below you will see some of our new displays, which teachers created with lots of learning from each class around the school. They look amazing and so much hard work was put in to show off what happens in our classrooms at Parson Street.

We have spoken to all children about this and let them know that we want to keep these displays looking as good as they do now, so even if children are feeling big feelings, it is 'never, ever acceptable' to rip them down. Having to repair displays is a waste of time and money for the school. It also is not fair on children whose learning has been displayed. For this reason, and to ensure children understand the seriousness of damaging property on purpose, we will be charging £5 if a child does rip any part of a display.



**A message from Dame Rachel De Souza
Children's Commissioner for England**

I hope that you have seen my national campaign The Big Ambition. It is really important that the pupils at Parson Street Primary School have participated in The Big Ambition survey and had their say.

I want to ensure that the voices of the children in Bristol, City of are fairly represented in the findings so that I can share their views with the most senior members of the country.

I must reiterate that it is vital that all children have their voice heard through this survey because, as Children's Commissioner for England, I have a statutory duty to protect and promote the views and interests of children. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. I will be sharing their responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard.

This survey is for all children aged 0-18, parents, carers /other adults can complete on behalf of children who are under 6 or for children who need extra assistance. This is a great opportunity to teach children about politics and why it is important for them to use their voice!

Children or parents can complete the survey here:
www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition .



The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country.

We want to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting.

This is your chance to tell key policymakers what is important to you ahead of the general election. Take part now and ensure your needs are reflected in the decisions that will affect you in years to come.

Scan the QR code to
take part



**CHILDREN'S
COMMISSIONER**

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition



Free NHS app helps parents care for their poorly child.

As winter sets in and common childhood illnesses become more frequent, parents are being encouraged to use a free NHS app to help them decide how best to care for their child.

The HANDi app, which has been developed by a team of specialist children's doctors, is quick and easy to use and gives parents and carers expert advice on a range of childhood illnesses. These include diarrhoea and vomiting, high temperature, tummy pain, chestiness, head injuries and common problems experienced by newborn babies.

The app takes parents through a series of questions about their child's symptoms and then advises on the best course of action, whether that's to treat at home, to make a GP appointment, call NHS 111 or call 999. The HANDi App is available to download for Apple phones from the app store or [iTunes](#) and for Android phones at [Google Play](#). Alternatively, please use the following QR code:



Important Dates

Please note the last day of term 2 is Friday 15th December and the first day back of term 3 is Wednesday 3rd January.

Term Dates

Term 1	From: 01 September 2023	To: 20 October 2023
Term 2	From: 30 October 2023	To: 15 December 2023
Term 3	From: 02 January 2024	To: 09 February 2024
Term 4	From: 19 February 2024	To: 28 March 2024
Term 5	From: 15 April 2024	To: 24 May 2024
Term 6	From: 03 June 2024	To: 23 July 2024

INSET Days:

Tuesday 2nd January

Monday 15th April

Friday 28th June

Monday 22nd July

Tuesday 23rd July

Coffee Afternoon and Book Lending Library

Come along to our Coffee afternoon hosted by Miss Cousins.

There is no need to book, just come in and chat! We would love to see some new faces.

Date: 4th January

Time: 8:50am

Location: Parson Street Community Room

Our book lending library will also be set up the same day!



Thank you

Thank you to everyone who supported Parson Street to donate a massive £445.22 for the Poppy Appeal.





Holiday Activities



December 2023

Activity	Time & Price	Age
Monday 18th December		
Escape Zone	Standard Day (£20) - ED (£24) - Full Day (£26)	4-14
Tuesday 19th December		
Escape Zone	Standard Day (£20) - ED (£24) - Full Day (£26)	4-14
Wednesday 20th December		
Escape Zone	Standard Day (£20) - ED (£24) - Full Day (£26)	4-14
Thursday 21st December		
Christmas Party Day	Standard Day (£24) - ED (£26) - Full Day (£28)	4-14
Friday 22nd December		
Escape Zone	Standard Day (£20) - ED (£24) - Full Day (£26)	4-14



All bookings MUST be made online via: <https://ashtonparksports.schoolactivity.co.uk/>
 Childcare Voucher Payments are accepted. Please enquire via email.



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The poster features a central circular image showing hands working on a needle-felted Christmas pudding. The background is decorated with colorful brushstrokes in shades of blue, yellow, pink, and purple, along with small red dots. The text is bold and black, providing clear details about the event.

Needle Felting Workshop

Wednesday 20th December
BEDMINSTER QUAKER HOUSE, BS3 6HX

- FRIENDSHIP BRACELET
- WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN
- DIY FELT CHRISTMAS GIFTS
- TEA & BISCUITS PROVIDED



BS3
Community

Next week, BS3 Community have organised a family friendly event at the Quaker meeting house next Wednesday between 9.30 - 11.30. It's completely free, needle felting for parents and older children and friendship bracelets for younger ones. No need to pre book, just come along.

ANOTHER YEAR SPREADING CHEER IN BS3

Local Christmas gift donation scheme BS3 Pass the Parcel will be back for the fourth time this Christmas. Set up during the dark days of lockdown in 2020 this joyful local project hopes to bring a little light to those in need this winter.

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229th Scout's Advent Trail

An Activity trail including
crafts, games and goodies
leading to a visit with santa

Full Details found on QR
including time slots



A range of snacks, stalls
and Hot drink for adults

waiting
£10 per child

2nd December 3-6pm

3rd December 10am-1pm

Scout HQ, Raynes Road,
BS3 2DJ



Switzerland 2024
fundraiser

COSY CHRISTMAS

Join us for two festive films & more!



Thursday 14th Dec
5pm - 7.30pm

- Festive film is Elf
- Christmas crafts activities
- Mulled cider and hot drinks
- Hot and cold food available



Saturday 16th Dec
10.30am - 1pm

- Festive film is The Grinch (2018)
- Christmas craft activities
- Christmas carol & bell ringing workshop
- Hot drinks and food available

Just £1 for adults - kids go free!



At the Southville Centre, Beaulley Rd, BS3 1QG

book today!



Bristol FOOD Clubs 2023

Day	Club	Contact
Tuesday 9.30-11am	Lockleaze The Vench, Romney Ave, Lockleaze, Bristol BS7 9TB	Emily.vaughan@family-action.org.uk
Tuesday 12.30-2.30pm	Broomhill , St Peter's Methodist Church, 170 Allison Rd, Brislington.	Heather.wyatt@family-action.org.uk
Wednesday 9.30-11.30am	St Pauls Children's Centre Family Hub Little Bishop Street BS2 9JF	Becky.kay@family-action.org.uk
Wednesday 12.30-2.30pm	Redcliffe Faithspace, Prewett Street, BS1 6PB	Becky.kay@family-action.org.uk
Wednesday 1-3pm	Barton Hill Wellspring Settlement 43 Ducie Rd BS5 0AX	Heather.wyatt@family-action.org.uk
Thursday 12.30-2.30pm	Inns Court Community & Family Centre, 1 Marshall Walk, Bristol BS4 1TR	Becky.kay@family-action.org.uk
Thursday 1-3pm	Oldbury Court Children's Centre Frenchay Rd, Bristol BS16 2QS	Heather.wyatt@family-action.org.uk
Friday 10-11.30am	Hartcliffe Methodist Church Mowcroft Road BS13 0LT	Becky.kay@family-action.org.uk
Friday 9.30-11am	Lockleaze The Vench Romney Ave, Lockleaze, Bristol BS7 9TB	Emily.vaughan@family-action.org.uk
Friday 12.30-2.30pm	Speedwell Speedwell Methodist Church, Bristol, BS15 1ES	eastbristol.childrenscentres@bristol-schools.uk
Friday 1.30-3pm	Inns Court Community & Family Centre, 1 Marshall Walk, Bristol BS4 1TR	Becky.kay@family-action.org.uk
Friday 3-4.30pm	Bedminster United Reformed Church, 48 Stanley St S, Bedminster, Bristol BS3 3PG	Jackie Smith 01179231039 food@bs3community.org.uk



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Parenting When Separated

A practical and positive evidence-based course for parents who are preparing for, going through or have gone through a separation or divorce.



A free 7 week Zoom course
Includes 'Taster Session'

Wednesdays 6.30 – 9pm
Start date: **3rd January 2024**
Mondays 12.30 – 3.00pm
Start date: **8th January 2024**



Parents attend different groups

For information and enquiries, please contact
Emily on 07827 979616

 relationshipsmatter@bristol.gov.uk

Or use this link to enrol <https://forms.office.com/e/YgdiRVmADg>


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