



## Paces School for Conductive Education.

Spring Term 1 2021

### Dear Parents,

What a strange half term it has been again. Another huge well done to the pupils of Paces who once again have had to adapted to a slightly new way of working since January.

This term we have been trialing a new tool to help with our topic planning and hope that your children are enjoying their new topics. The teachers have certainly enjoyed having some new ideas. We will review our topic plans at the end of this term.

As a Senior Leadership Team we are also working on our Secondary offer and developing the capacity for the pupils to work towards gaining a formal qualification once they reach Key Stages 4 and 5. More information about this will be sent out during the Summer Term.

I hope everyone has a lovely and restful half term holiday.

### Individual targets:

We hope you all received your child's individual evaluated targets for last term. New targets have been set and will be sent home over the next few days. If you have any questions relating to your child's targets, please contact your class teacher directly.



### Covid 19 Vaccinations:

Some of our parents have now had their Covid 19 vaccinations. They have had it because they are classed as carers. For those that have not yet had it but would like to have it, our advice would be to contact your GP directly.

We have contacted Public Health Sheffield and at this stage staff are not able to receive the vaccine. This does, however, remain an issue that is constantly being looked at so could change at any time.

### Children's Mental Health Week:

We have missed spending time together as a whole school. Last week each class completed a set of challenges designed to help them improve their own mental well-being and that of their friends in school. We celebrated the end of term with a virtual whole school assembly where we shared some of the lovely things we have been doing this half term. Below are some of the postcard pictures classes have been working on. These will be sent out next half term for those children that work really hard.



## Paces Family Services: Siblings Work

This half term we welcomed Becca, our new Family Support Worker. Becca is keen to develop her work with all members of our families and would like to get to know siblings of our Paces pupils. Becca is sending home an 'All About Me' book. If you could spend some time with your child(ren), fill this in and return to school after the holiday this would be much appreciated. Becca will use this information to look at the sort of things siblings might like to do and what they may need support with. She will also use it to look at putting siblings into groups according to age. Your support with this would be much appreciated.



The Family Fund are also advertising their grants again. Please see link below for further info

<https://www.familyfund.org.uk/Event/webinar-getting-the-support-you-need-with-ehcps-benefits-finance-and-family-fund-grants>

## Durham Class:

We have been loving our new topic 'Beat Band Boogie!' in Durham class. We have practiced making a beat with different objects, such as kitchen utensils, drums, sticks and we even made our own bottle shakers and guitars! We have also been experimenting with high and low pitch, making our voices go really high and low! It has been so fun to hear different styles of music, like skat music, throat singing and jazz!



## Hardwick Class:

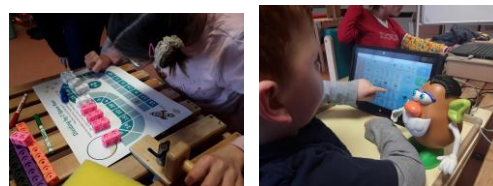


Here in Hardwick class, we have been having a wonderful time exploring the topic: What's That Noise?

We initially started out exploring the different noises we could hear and make – we went on a sound walk to listen to different sounds outside, we made our own instruments and of course, used our own voices to make the loudest noises! We have explored different music during our Tac Pac and Writing sessions, listening to music which is loud or quiet and responding to different objects tapping us in time to the music. We have also listened to a range of different music and made marks on paper depending on what that music sounded like.

Easily, our favourite part has been enjoying the 'Loud Story' in our weekly sensory story time. We have explored what different kind of 'louds' there were in our daily lives such as: fire engine loud, thunderstorm loud and crackling fire loud!

## Balmoral Class:



We are enjoying our new topic Heroes and Villians and have particularly enjoyed exploring Cruella De Vil as the villain in 101 Dalmations. In addition to this we have continued to develop our language and communication skills and our use of AAC, as well as our maths skills with a focus on multiplication and division. We also found time to have some fun in the snow!



### Wentworth Class:



In the Wentworth class we have made the most of the snowy weather and have been exploring our outdoor environment as well as making patterns in the snow. A big thumbs up to Taya too as this half term she has started standing and walking again for the first time since her surgery. Well done Taya!

### Warwick Class:

Warwick class have had lots of fun this half term exploring their new topic 'Why do you love me so much?' Together we have been learning about our bodies, our families and our feelings, as well as going outside lots to enjoy the wintry weather we've been having. Amongst other fun activities, we've measured ourselves, made handprints in salt-dough, enjoyed 'home corner' role-play and decorated heart-shaped biscuits. It's been fantastic to welcome our new little boy Ezra who is now firmly settled into our group.



### Future dates for your diary:

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| World Book Day:       | Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> March |
| Comic Relief Day:     | Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> March  |
| Break up for Easter:  | Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> March  |
| Staff training day:   | Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> April |
| Start of Summer Term: | Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> April  |

### Windsor Class:

This half term we delved into our very own Fantasy world. Activities have included reading Harry Potter, exploring fantasy landscapes and creatures and creating our own 3-D magical castle.



### Fundraising:

The Paces Charity team are working incredibly hard to raise funds to support our children, adults and families and they thank everyone who has supported them on our journey towards a #NewHomeForPaces. If you would like to get involved in one of our events or maybe your place of work has a Charity of the Year, please feel free to email our Head of Fundraising, Julie Booth:

[julie.booth@pacessheffield.org.uk](mailto:julie.booth@pacessheffield.org.uk)

### Adverse Weather:

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation with regards to the snow and ice over the past few weeks. Some of the decisions we have made have been dictated by transport who have difficult decisions very early in the morning. Other decisions are based on the fact that we are unable to move staff between bubbles so I have to be certain that we will have staff who are able to get into school to look after pupils in each of the 6 bubbles. Let's hope that after half term, snow and ice is a distant memory!

