



The Parkside Weekly



Friday 1st March 2024

Wed 20th Mar	Parents' evening– 3.30pm-7.00pm
Mon 25th Mar	Parents' evening– 3.30pm-5.30pm
Thurs 28th Mar	Break up for Easter
Mon 15th Apr	Back to school
Mon 6th May	May Day
Mon 13th May	KS SATS week

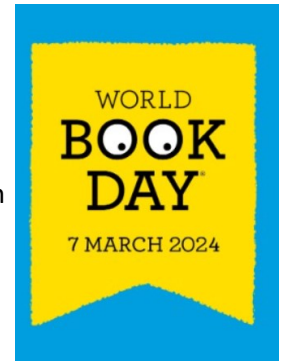
Good afternoon and welcome to this week's newsletter (and to March!).

World Book Day:

On **Thursday 7th March** we will be celebrating World Book Day. We are inviting children to come to school dressed as a character from a book or they can come wearing their 'comfy clothes'.

Parents' evenings:

These will be taking place on Wednesday 20th March (3.30pm-7.00pm) and on Monday 25th March (3.30pm-5.30pm). We will let you know when the booking system is open to book your appointment.



Attendance Information

Our school attendance target: 97%

Last week's attendance: 97.1%

This year's attendance: 94.8%

The class with the **highest** attendance last week was: Year 3 (99.3%)

The class with the **best punctuality** last week was: Reception and Y3 (0 lates)

The class with the **most improved** attendance last week was: Year 2



Please remember how important it is for children to be arriving at school on time and attending every day.

Attendance: Since returning from half term, our whole-school attendance has been much improved. This is something which needs to continue! Our attendance since the start of the year is 94.8%, which is significantly below our target of 97%.

There are some things which everyone can do to continue to improve our attendance. One of these is not keeping children at home when they have minor illnesses such as colds. If you are in any doubt at all about whether or not children are OK to be in school, call the school office for advice.

Another thing which can be done is ensuring that holidays are not taken in school time. Thank you for your continued support with this.

School Development: *At Calverley Parkside, we are continually reflecting on our provision and working hard to move our school forwards. This is what we have been focusing on this week:*

This week in our professional development meeting, we focused on curriculum development. As part of our annual cycle, we have been carrying out some monitoring in Science over the past few weeks. This has included speaking to children about their learning, dropping in to lessons and looking at the work in children's books. Children spoke very highly of their experiences in Science lessons and were able to talk confidently about their learning. The meeting was spent going through some of the things we can do to make our Science teaching even better.

Parkside Superstars...

Well done to the following children for being awarded an achievement certificate this week to recognise their hard work and positive attitudes towards their learning:

Star awards:

Ash: Igor, Phoenix

Beech: George, Nancy

Chestnut: Oscar, Safiya

Hazel: Thomas, Elsie

Rowan: Sophie, Summer

Sycamore: Darcy, Amani, Kendall

Willow: Benji, Harrison



Maths awards:

Ash: Marland

Beech: Sienna

Chestnut: Aoife

Hazel: Lucia

Rowan: Jasmine

Sycamore: Jessica

Willow: Harry



Our Assembly Focus...

Each week, children in years 1 to 6 have an assembly on a Monday morning during which we focus on something linked to our school values. We also have a Key Stage assembly every other week in which we look at something linked to current affairs.

These have been our assembly themes this week. Please ask your children about what we have been discussing in assemblies.

Monday assembly: Sports achievement assembly

Key Stage assembly: Picture News

Our assembly music...

Each week, we choose a different band, artist or composer to listen to as the children enter and leave assembly. The intention is to provide the children with additional opportunities to listen to a wide range of different musical genres.

This week's music has been brought to us by:

Taylor Swift

Quote of the week

Something a bit different this week... Mason in Y5 brought me some amazing writing he had done earlier in the week, so I thought it would be nice to share an extract...

'Coraline sensed a disgusting smell of dust which crept into her lungs, giving her a creepy tingle inside. It seeped into her skin and wound its way to her throat, resulting in her feeling sick. She coughed in the echoey room.'

Reminder...

Please remember that the whole of the school site is a no-smoking area and that this also includes vaping. Thank you for your co-operation with this.



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Year 5 Shakespeare in Schools Festival:

On Thursday, our Year 5 children went to the Carriageworks Theatre in Leeds to perform their play 'The Three Richards' (Richard III with a Parkside twist!). They have been practicing this since October and were all incredibly excited that the big day had finally arrived. They left school at lunchtime to get to the theatre in time for a tech rehearsal in the afternoon, during which they made sure that all of the music and other special effects were working as intended. The show started at 7pm and Parkside performed their play first (there were three schools performing in total) to a full house. The children were amazing, delivering their lines with enthusiasm, confidence and a wonderful clarity. It was fantastic to see them on stage having such a good time. The other two schools were also fantastic, making for a very enjoyable evening. At the end of the performance, the Coram staff said a few words about each of the schools. In addition to commenting on the children's wonderful performance, it was also noted how well the children supported each other throughout, which was really noticeable. Well done to everyone who was involved. A huge thank you goes to all of the staff who have been working hard to prepare the children for this event, including making props and helping with costumes, and to those who attended (Mrs Larkin, Mrs Jones, Mrs Reidy, Mrs Sherwin, Mr Jolley and Mrs Hargreaves). A special thank you



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Keep talking....

Please remember that should you have any questions about any aspect of school life, you can contact the school office or speak to a member of the senior leadership team in the playground before or after school. Alternatively, you can contact the leadership team by emailing us at:

cpsleadership@cps.owlcotesmat.org

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