



The Parkside Weekly



Friday 1st December 2023

Fri 1st Dec	Non-Uniform Day– bring some chocolate
Fri 8th Dec	Christmas Fair 5.30pm-8.00pm
Thurs 21st Dec	Break up (Friday 22nd is a training day)
Mon 8th Jan	Return to school

Good afternoon and welcome to this week’s newsletter– I can’t believe that it is December already! The next three weeks will fly by as they always do at this time of year with all of the festive activities taking place. On that note, the final page of this week’s newsletter contains a list of key dates over the coming weeks.

Unfortunately, we have some sad news to share with the school community this week. Throughout its history, Calverley Parkside has had a number of headteachers who have all been dedicated to providing the best possible education and experiences to the children during their time in the role. It was with great sadness that we recently heard about the passing of Martyn Booth who was the Headteacher here for 16 years, retiring in July 2004. I know that some of our parents were children at the school during his time here and so will have experienced personally his wonderful personality and excellent leadership. I am sure that you will all join me in passing on our sincere condolences to his family.

See the final page of the newsletter for a full list of dates for the remainder of the term.

Attendance Information

Our school attendance target: 97%

Last week’s attendance: 94.9%

This year’s attendance: 95.1%

The class with the **highest** attendance last week was: Year 1 (99.3%)

The class with the **best punctuality** last week was: Year 5 (no lates)

The class with the **most improved** attendance last week was: Year 6



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

Year 1 Bikeability

Last week, our Year 1 children took part in a Bikeability course. During the three days of the course, children spent time learning and practising the skills required to be able to



ride a bike with increased confidence. It was a brilliant experience and it was great to see so many children going from not being able to ride to confidently whizzing around the playground!

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 continued our focus on considering the elements and principles of highly effective teaching, with a particular focus on the quality of explanations. Teachers spent time in groups discussing this topic and then feeding back to others. One of the areas we are consciously developing this year is professional reflective practice and these meetings provide excellent opportunities for that to happen.

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: Leo, Vinnie

Beech: Toby, Ben

Chestnut: Jude, Freya

Hazel: Thomas, Joel

Rowan: George, Amaya

Sycamore: Phoebe, Micah

Willow: Freya, Zek



Maths awards:

Ash: Igor

Beech: Nancy

Chestnut: Martha

Hazel: Saydah

Rowan: Adam

Sycamore: Ibrahim S

Willow: Isaac

Lunchtime Awards:

EYFS/ KS1:

Russel, Ilaria

KS2:

Kayah, Jake G

Over and Above:

These children have gone over and above with their behaviour and attitudes this week...

Ralph (Y5): For his impressive dedication to his learning

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: Music assembly

Key Stage assembly: Rehearsal time

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:

Lenny Kravitz

Attendance reminder...

If your child is unwell and cannot attend school, please make sure that you call the school office on the first day of the absence to inform them and to provide the reason for the absence (this is needed for the school's attendance records). Contact also needs to be made with school on each subsequent day of absence to provide an update, unless otherwise agreed with school.

Advent Calendar Appeal



As you know, we have been taking part in the advent calendar appeal again this year. Thank you so much to everyone who has donated a calendar. These will now be distributed around the children's wards of local hospitals. We really do appreciate your generosity.

Ready

Respectful

Responsible



Year 3/4 Bench Ball

On Tuesday after school, we took 14 children from years 3 and 4 to Priesthorpe School to take part in a bench ball event. As always, the children had a brilliant time learning and practicing new skills and represented school wonderfully. Well done to everyone who participated.



Christmas Dates December 2023

Friday 1st December: Non-uniform day (bring some chocolate for the Christmas Fair)

Wednesday 6th December: Santa's Grotto

Friday 8th December: Christmas Fair- 5.30pm until 8.00pm

Monday 11th December: Reception Nativity to parents- 9.30am

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Tuesday 12th December: Year 1 and 2 Nativity to Parents- 6.00pm

Thursday 14th December: Year 1 and 2 Nativity to Parents- 1.30pm

Friday 15th December: KS2 Christmas Craft Fair- 9.30am-11.00am

Monday 18th December: Y6 class Christmas party (pm)

Nursery class Christmas party (pm)

Tuesday 19th December: Y5 class Christmas party (pm)

Wednesday 20th December: Nursery Nativity (10.50am and 2.30pm)

Reception class Christmas party (pm)

Thursday 21st December: Christmas jumper day

Y1, 2, 3 and 4 class Christmas parties

Children break up (Friday 22nd is a training day)