



The Parkside Weekly



Friday 3rd May 2024

Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday Monday– school closed
Mon 13th May– Thurs 16th May	Year 6 SATS week
Mon 20th May	Owlcotes Theme Week
Friday 25th May	Break up for half term
Mon 3rd June	Return to school
Wed 5th-Fri 7th June	Y4 residential trip
Saturday 6th July	Summer Fair

Good afternoon everybody and welcome to this week’s newsletter, and to May! I know that I said this at the beginning of April but hopefully we will start to see a shift in the weather now. It was lovely earlier this week to enjoy a few lunchtimes in the sunshine and see the children being able to play with the full range of equipment we have in the playground– construction equipment, skipping ropes, basketballs, tennis rackets, cricket bats, reading books, Lego and drawing paper– without things going soggy in the rain or getting blown away!

Remember that school is closed on Monday next week (6th May) for the bank holiday and will reopen on Tuesday 7th May.

Summer Fair

I know that it seems like a long way off but our summer fair will be taking place on **Saturday 6th July**. The Friends of Calverley Parkside are already busy planning this event and will be in need of volunteers to help, both to prepare for the day and on the day itself. If you are able to help out in any way, please contact the Friends of Calverley Parkside via their Facebook page. Thank you in advance for your support.

Attendance Information

Our school attendance target: 97%

Last week’s attendance: 95.2%

This year’s attendance: 95.04%

The class with the **highest** attendance last week was: Year 6 (98.7%)

The class with the **best punctuality** last week was: Year 5

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.

Parent Feedback

At the recent parents’ evenings, we asked parents to complete a questionnaire to enable us to gather some feedback about different aspects of school. Thank you to everyone who managed to fill one in. I will report a full summary in the next few weeks. One area which was identified as needing some developing was the way in which we notify you about what your child will be learning throughout the year. We are in the process of updating the school website to include more detailed medium term plans for each half term which will provide you with information about the learning focus in each subject, along with brief details about curriculum coverage. I will put a paragraph in the newsletter each week reminding parents about where this information can be found. We have a few other ideas as well about how we can keep you updated about your child’s learning which I will explain to you once things have been finalised.

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 took part in the third training session focusing on looking at how the brain works and how to use this understanding to support children with the regulation of their emotions. This week’s focus was mainly on exploring children’s sensory needs and how these can be recognised and catered for in the classroom.

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:

Reception:

Active listener: Talia

Maths: Freddie

Reading: George

Independent learner: Sara

Handwriting: Leo

Writing: Effie



Year 1:

Active listener: Joey

Maths: Harry T

Reading: George

Independent learner: Connie

Handwriting: Ali Akbar

Writing: Finley



Year 2:

Active listener: Thea

Maths: Lilly

Reading: Tabi

Independent learner: Seb

Handwriting: Alfie

Writing: Freya



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: World Laughter Day

Key Stage assembly: Singing assemblies

Our assembly music...

Each week, we choose a different musical genre 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 music.

This week's chosen genre was:

Classical

Quote of the week

At the end of last week, one of the girls in Y5 got a small splinter in their finger. One of her friends said to her, "Don't worry, the Police are medically trained."

I was somewhat relieved to discover that the girl with the splinter has a sister in the Police and she was seeing her that evening, as I thought for a moment that they were suggesting that I should call the Police to come to deal with the incident!

Packed Lunches:

We have been doing some general first aid updates in school with staff. One of the things we have been reminding staff about is what to do in the event that a child is choking (there is some really useful information [here](#) if you are interested). One preventative measure which can be put in place is cutting up any foods which may be a more obvious choking hazard for younger children, such as grapes or cherry tomatoes. If your child brings these foods in their packed lunches (or for breaktime snacks) please could you consider cutting them in half, especially for the younger children? Thank you.

Ready

Respectful

Responsible

Book Fair:

We are excited to announce that our Scholastic Book Fair will be taking place next week after school on Thursday 9th May and Friday 10th May! The leaflet below has more details including information about some of the books that will be available.

This year, you will be able to pay for all books using the QR code on the posters around school. This means that if you are unable to attend, you can purchase at home and we will deliver the book to your child in class during the following week.

The more books we buy, the more free books we get for school! Additionally, we have 5 £5 vouchers that will be drawn out of a hat next week, that can be spent at the fair. Book prices begin at £2.99 and many books are under £5. We also have a fantastic offer: 3 for 2 (cheapest book free)!

If you have any questions, please catch Mrs Larkin in the playground or ask in the office.

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DIARY of a Wimpy Kid: DUPER OVERLODE by Jeff Kinney. £7.99

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