



The Parkside Weekly



Friday 6th October 2023

Wed 11th Oct	Individual photos
Thurs 12th Oct	Parents' evening (3.30-7.00) (Reception to Y6)
Fri 13th Oct	School closed- training day
Mon 16th Oct	Parents' evening (3.30-5.30) (Reception to Y6)
WB 23rd Oct	Owlcotes Theme Week
Fri 27th Oct	Break Up
Mon 6th Nov	Back to school

Good afternoon and welcome to this week's newsletter.

Attendance:

So far this year, our whole-school attendance is 95.5%, which is below the target of 97% which we have set for ourselves. Whilst we understand that illness is unavoidable, there are certain things that children can still attend school with if they are well enough. This includes colds, coughs and sneezes. If they have a high temperature, they should stay at home until this has subsided.

We are also seeing an increase in requests for holiday absences in term time. Please remember that we are unable to authorise such requests and that information about these absences is passed on to the Local Authority and it is likely that fines will be issued.

Attendance Information

Our school attendance target: 97%

Last week's attendance: 94.6%

This year's attendance: 95.5%

The class with the **highest** attendance last week was: Reception (Ash) 98%

The class with the **best punctuality** last week was: Reception (Ash) No lates

The class with the **most improved** attendance last week was: Y1 (Beech)



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

Y2 Trip to the Church

On Tuesday morning, Year 2 visited St Wilfrid's Church in Calverley. In their Religious Education lessons, they have been learning about baptism and other ceremonies so they visited the Church to find out more information. They had a very interesting visit, learning lots to supplement their classwork. Well done Year 2 for your sensible attitudes on the trip.

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 had a visitor to provide some training on Purple Mash, the platform we use in school to deliver the majority of our Computing curriculum. Teachers were provided with some updates related to the different things available via Purple Mash and spent some time honing their coding skills.

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: Olive, Arthur

Beech: Martha, Connie

Chestnut: Tabitha, Leo

Hazel: Edward, Ivy

Rowan: Summer, Sophie

Sycamore: Eleanor, Isaac

Willow: Molly, Vinnie



Maths awards:

Ash: Luke

Beech: Finley

Chestnut: Caleb

Hazel: Joel

Rowan: Marina

Sycamore: Phoebe

Willow: Libby



Over and Above:

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

Verity (Y5): For her kind and friendly nature to all children

Lottie (Y1): For her excellent listening and behaviour all the time!

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: Caring Communication

Key Stage assembly: Singing

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:

Ed Sheeran

Quote of the week

I am cheating a bit this week, but thought that this was too good not to share! On Wednesday, the Headteachers in the Trust visited Armley Park Primary School to do a learning review, which we do in each school once a year. During the pupil voice activity, we were asking the children about what they had learnt in History. One boy in Y3 was telling us about the Ancient Egyptians and how they were mummified and buried in pyramids. I asked him if all Ancient Egyptians got to be buried in a pyramid. He looked at me in disbelief and replied, "No. Only the dead ones."

KS2 Fun Run

On Tuesday after school, a team of children from KS2 visited Crawshaw Academy in Pudsey to take part in a fun run around their playing fields. The children endured some challenging conditions, battling through the rain and mud to do as many laps as they could. Well done to everyone who took part and a special mention goes to Ben and Ralph from Year 5 for doing the most laps and coming joint-first (26!) and to Jack in Year 3 for coming second. Thank you to all the parents who transported the children to this event and to Mr Cuthbert for accompanying them.

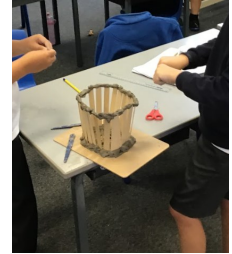
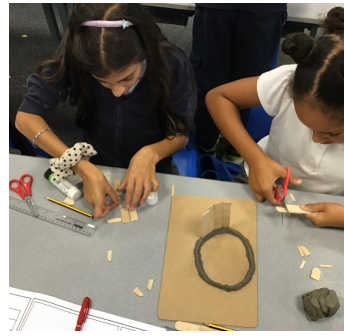
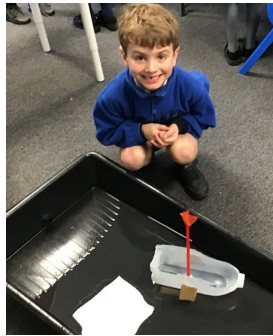
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Design and Technology at Calverley Parkside

Year 2 and Year 5 have been busy this week working on their DT projects. Year 2 are designing and making boats, considering the different materials which would be most appropriate for them to construct their models from. Year 5 have been investigating Mayan houses and have been designing their own models of these, learning about the different construction materials which would have been used in the ancient Mayan civilisation. When doing DT, all of our children work through a design booklet which encourages them to follow through a design process, which includes investigating existing products, designing their own, problem-solving during the making phase and evaluating their finished products.



This information was circulated earlier in the week by the Friends of Calverley Parkside...

JOIN US FOR A

Halloween Party

OCTOBER 17th

hosted by Friends Of Calverley Parkside

Ticket price £3
Including Disco/ Dracula drink / Ghoulish Sweet bag

NURSERY TO YEAR 2 6pm – 7pm
(Nursery parents **MUST** stay with their children)

YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6 7:15pm - 8:15pm

Please return the slip below and exact cash of £3 to the school office by 12th October 2023.

Childs name: _____

Year Group: _____

Can your child have a haribo sweet bag: YES / NO (please circle)

If NO please let us know what they can have instead: _____

Christmas Centrepiece Craft Night

Come and join us for a Christmas craft evening.
£25 per person
Calverley Cricket Club
22nd November
7pm – 9pm

Tickets are limited- so message now to book your place!

This is being organised by the Friends of Calverley Parkside. If you would like to book, please message the FOCP Facebook page.



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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