



The Parkside Weekly



Friday 8th December 2023

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. It's been another busy week in school in the build-up to Christmas. The children in Reception and KS1 have been putting the finishing touches to their nativities in preparation for the performances to parents next week.

On Wednesday, we had a special visitor in school! The children visited Santa in his grotto and received a gift. Thank you to Santa for making time in his busy schedule to come and see the children and thank you to everyone who did such a wonderful job decorating the grotto and who supported on the day.



Continuing the festive theme, we have been asked to pass on to you the details of the Christmas services which will be taking place at St Wilfrid's Church:

<https://calverleyparish.church/christmas-services/>

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: 94.2%

This year's attendance: 95.1%

The class with the **highest** attendance last week was: Year 3 (98.8%)

The class with the **best punctuality** last week was: Years 3 and 6

The class with the **most improved** attendance last week was: Year 3



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

Parking around school

There have been a number of occasions recently where local residents have been in contact with school to say that they have been unable to access their driveways because cars have been parked over the end of them. We fully appreciate that parking is limited around school but this is a polite request to make sure that you are parking responsibly and are not blocking driveways, even if it is only for a few minutes. Thank you.

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 work on developing teaching and learning. In previous sessions, we had focused on effective explanations and we continued that theme this week by agreeing some elements we would make sure we included in our teaching. Once again, it was a pleasure to be involved in such productive professional discussions.

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: Lavinia, Elsie

Beech: Ilaria, Isabella

Chestnut: Seb, Flynn

Hazel: Josh, Ivy

Rowan: Jasmine, Jake

Sycamore: Jacob C, Henry

Willow: Betsy, Max P



Maths awards:

Ash: George

Beech: Connie

Chestnut: Tabitha

Hazel: Elsie

Rowan: Nellie

Sycamore: Felix

Willow: Vinnie



Over and Above: (There was no assembly this week so these children will get their certificates next week).

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

Summer (Y4): For being consistently helpful in the classroom and for being an excellent role model.

Jessica (Y4): Consistently demonstrating the 3Rs across all areas of school.

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: Our school values– Being 'Ready'

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:

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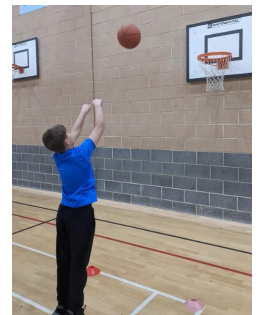
Quote of the week

In their PE lessons, Year 5 have been playing golf. They have been practicing different types of shots which can be played using different clubs. On the way back up the stairs after a recent session, one of them was overheard saying...

“Well, golf isn't really a sport anyway!”

Basket ball tournament:

On Thursday after school, a team of children from Years 5 and 6 went to Crawshaw Academy to take part in a basketball tournament. They played brilliantly, winning two of their matches and drawing one. Well done to everyone who played and thanks to Mr Cuthbert for taking them.



Ready

Respectful

Responsible

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

Reception Nativity to parents- 1.30pm

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)

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