



The Parkside Weekly



Friday 10th May 2024

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.

Next week, the children in Y6 will be taking their statutory tests in spelling, punctuation and grammar, reading and maths. It will undoubtedly be a busy week for them and one which they have been building up to for a while.

A message to our year 6 children... We are all incredibly proud of how you have approached your final year at Calverley Parkside so far (and all of the other years!). You have made some fantastic progress in all areas of the curriculum (not just the core areas), you have been such supportive and responsible buddies to the Reception children and you have been excellent role models around school (to name but a few of your qualities). I know that you have all set very high standards and expectations for yourself, but make sure you get some rest this weekend, do things you enjoy and then just try your best next week, which is all anyone can ask for. Well done everyone.

Term dates for 2024/25 can be seen [here](#). The dates of training days have not been finalised yet– we will let you know as soon as they have been agreed.

Attendance Information

Our school attendance target: 97%

Last week’s attendance: 96.07

This year’s attendance: 95.22

The class with the **highest** attendance last week was: Chestnut (Y2)

The class with the **best punctuality** last week was: Hazel (Y3)

The class with the **most improved** attendance last week was: Rowan (Y4)



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

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.

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, teachers spent time working on some projects they have been focusing on for the past few months. These include looking at how we can continue to improve the children’s experiences during break and lunch times, how we can promote positive friendships and how we can ensure that children are remembering what they are learning.

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:

Year 3:

Active listener: Hiba

Maths: Ivy

Reading: Samar

Independent learner: Jack

Handwriting: Ayat

Writing: Imogen



Year 4:

Active listener: Esmae

Maths: Oliver

Reading: Finn

Independent learner: Summer

Handwriting: Ruby L

Writing: George



Year 5:

Active listener: Phoebe

Maths: Blake

Reading: Darcy

Handwriting: Amani

Writing: Mason



Year 6:

Active listener: Hazel

Maths: Mia

Reading: Evelyn

Independent learner: Jack

Handwriting: Handwriting

Writing: Zek



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: No assembly- Bank Holiday

Key Stage assembly: Can the past help us to learn about modern life?

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:

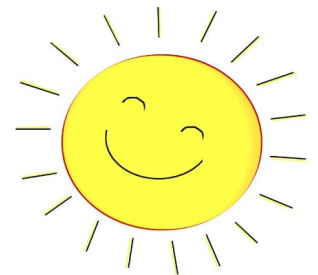
Rock 'n' Roll

Cat issues...

Recently, we have had a regular visitor to the school playground in the form of a cute and fluffy grey cat. Unfortunately, there have been a few incidents involving children trying to stroke the cat when they are being dropped off in the morning or picked up in the afternoon and getting scratched. Whilst we are doing what we can to prevent the cat from being in the grounds, I just wanted to make you aware of the situation so that you can discourage your children from attempting to stroke it. Thank you.

Staying safe in the sun:

We are approaching the time of year where we *may* be having some sunny weather! To support with ensuring that children are safe in the sun, please could you apply sun cream to your children in the morning before school starts if the forecast is for warm weather? Please also ensure that children have a water bottle and a sun hat with them at school. Thank you.



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Special Visits:

This week, a few of our classes have been on trips which have enhanced their learning in Religious Education.



On Tuesday morning, Year 3 visited St Wilfrid's Church to learn about the ways in which Jesus helps Christians to lead a good life, which is what they have been learning about in class. During the visit, they listened to and acted out stories about Jesus.



On Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday afternoons respectively, Year 2 visited the Doha Mosque in Bradford and Year 5 visited the Leeds Grand Mosque to supplement the work they are doing in class about Islam. The children learnt about the different features of a mosque, they listened to the call to prayer,

they learnt about (and observed) the washing ritual performed by Muslims before praying and they observed the congregational prayer. They



also took part in a variety of activities such as sketching the features of a mosque and completing a treasure hunt to answer questions about Islam. Finally, they learnt about the 5 pillars of Islam.



All of the children taking part in these visits represented school brilliantly, listening very carefully and learning lots. Thanks to the class teachers and support staff for taking the children and to Mrs Mahmood (our RE leader) for organising them.

Football Tournament:

On Thursday after school, two teams of girls from Years 3 and 4 took part in a football tournament at Crawshaw Academy. Mr Cuthbert reported that both teams played brilliantly, winning all of their games and scoring 25 goals in total. Alongside the goal-scoring there were also some excellent defensive and goalkeeping performances. Well done to all the children who played, to Mr Cuthbert for attending and to all of the parents who provided the transport.



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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