



The Parkside Weekly



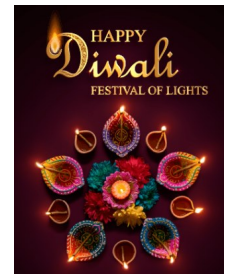
Friday 10th November 2023

Mon 13th Nov	Y3 trip to Synagogue
Thurs 16th Nov	Y1 Zoolab experience
Thurs 23rd Nov	Y5 Space Camp
Fri 24th Nov	Non-Uniform Day– bring a bottle Christmas Clothes Swap
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 everybody and welcome back to school after the half term break. It has been great to see all the children back in school and to listen to tales of their adventures over the holiday.

This week we have held our open events for parents who are making their decisions about which school to send their children to in September. It was a pleasure to meet everyone who attended and to show them around our school. If you currently have a child in Nursery and you missed these events and would like to have a look around school, please get in touch with the school office and we will be able to arrange a time for that to happen.

We would like to say Happy Diwali to all of our families who will be celebrating this over the weekend.



Attendance Information

Our school attendance target: 97%

Last week's attendance: 96.5%

This year's attendance: 95.2%

The class with the **highest** attendance last week was: Year 2 (98.9%)

The class with the **best punctuality** last week was: Year 3 (no lates)

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.

Christmas Clothes Swap:

On Friday 24th November, the Friends of Calverley Parkside will be holding a Christmas Clothes Swap. This will be an opportunity for parents to buy a selection of Christmas clothes for their children at a low price.

In preparation for this, the Friends are asking for donations of freshly laundered Christmas jumpers, Christmas dresses or Christmas pyjamas which your children have outgrown but could be used by someone else. Donations can be brought into school from Monday 6th November. Thank you in advance for your support and thanks to the Friends of Calverley Parkside for organising this opportunity.

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 held performance management meetings with teachers. During these meetings, senior leaders met with teachers to discuss and agree performance management objectives for the year ahead. This is an important process as it supports our commitment to continual professional development.

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: Robin, Sebastian

Beech: Liya, Holly M

Chestnut: Alfie, Aoife

Hazel: Brandon, Amelia

Rowan: Avneet, Charlie

Sycamore: Isla, Ewan

Willow: William, Tabitha



Maths awards:

Ash: Sienna

Beech: Vienna

Chestnut: Thea

Hazel: Samar

Sycamore: Jacob F

Willow: Ava

Lunchtime Awards:

EYFS/ KS1:

Connie, Elsie

KS2:

Ruby B, Aryan

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: Sports Achievement Assembly

Key Stage assembly: Singing/ Remembrance

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:

The Isley Brothers

Quote of the week

I was talking to Brandon in Y3 who has just been on the most amazing trip to Japan with his family. We were talking about the cultural differences and we got onto the subject of food. I asked him if he had eaten anything especially adventurous and he replied with, "Well... I did have a ham and cheese sandwich– and it was gross!"

He did then go on to tell me about the other foods he had tried. I could have listened to his excited and enthusiastic story-telling all day.

Break time snacks:

We have seen an increase in children bringing in sweets, chocolate and crisps for their morning snacks. Please do not send these items into school as we are asking children to be having a healthy snack at their morning break. Permitted items include fruit, healthy cereal bars, rice cakes and chopped veggies such as carrots. This list is by no means exhaustive but please do not send crisps, chocolate bars or sweets for break time. We will also shortly be reviewing our packed-lunch policy and will be doing this in consultation with the wider school community. Thank you for your support with this.

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Sporting Updates:



On Monday morning, we held our half-termly sports achievement assembly. It was fantastic to see so many children being recognised for their contributions to school sporting events and to see the extensive range of medals, trophies, certificates and other awards being brought in from home. This is something the children look forward to each term so thank you to Mr Cuthbert for organising and running these assemblies.

We have had a few parents enquire about when we will be starting up Park Run again. Apologies that this has taken so long this term but we are working on this and will hopefully be in touch very soon to confirm the arrangements.

We have introduced golf as a target game on our PE curriculum after the positive response from pupils following a 'golf taster session' last year. Years 3, 5 and 6 will be doing golf as part of their PE lessons and Brad from the Leeds Rhinos Foundation is leading the lessons in year 3.



Advent Calendar Appeal:

We will once again be supporting the advent calendar appeal this year which has been set up by a local resident. We are asking for donations of advent calendars which will be distributed to the children's wards of local hospitals in the lead-up to Christmas. In previous years, we have been amazed by your generosity, so thank you in advance for supporting this valuable cause. Advent calendars can be dropped off in the school office between Monday 6th November and Tuesday 28th November. Thank you.

Pupil Leadership Roles

Head Boy/ Head Girl

Last half term, our year 6 children once again had the opportunity to put themselves forward for the roles of Head Boy and Head Girl. We had a pleasing number of children nominate themselves for these roles and they embarked on a campaign mission which included creating posters, videos etc. At the end of the half term, all children in school voted for who they wanted to represent them. I am delighted to announce that the successful candidates were Harrison and Aida. Well done to those two and to everybody else who put themselves forward. Harrison and Aida have completed their first formal engagement which was to support this week's open events.

School Council

After a democratic voting process in each class, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the new school councillors this year are as follows:

Y1: Lottie, Liya and George

Y2: Alby and Annie

Y3: Leo and Ivy

Y4: Kaysan and Jessica

Y5: Finnley and Phoebe

Y6: Harrison, Aida, Christopher and Elsie

They too have completed their first engagement by visiting the cenotaph in the park this morning to lay remembrance wreaths to honour those who have given their lives in the line of duty. We joined the school councillors from Calverley CE and some members of the Royal British Legion.



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