



# The Parkside Weekly



Friday 15th March 2024

<b>Wed 20th Mar</b>	Parents' evening– 3.30pm-7.00pm
<b>Mon 25th Mar</b>	Parents' evening– 3.30pm-5.30pm
<b>Thurs 28th Mar</b>	Break up for Easter
<b>Mon 15th Apr</b>	Back to school
<b>Thurs 18th April</b>	Mindmate Parent Workshop
<b>Mon 6th May</b>	May Day
<b>Mon 13th May</b>	KS SATS week

Good afternoon and welcome to this week's newsletter. Today we have supported Comic Relief by asking the children to come in non-uniform in exchange for a small donation. Thank you for supporting this excellent cause.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you into school over the next few weeks for our parents' evenings which are taking place on Wednesday 20th and Monday 25th March. During the evenings, please remember that the allocated slots with teachers are ten minutes in length. It is important that teachers can stick to these timings to prevent other parents from being late into their meetings. The purpose of the meetings is to get an overview of how well children are doing in school, both in terms of the progress they are making academically and their behaviour and attitudes towards their learning. There will also be a chance to have a look in children's writing books. If you have something specific you wish to discuss which is likely to take longer than the allocated time, it may be necessary to arrange an additional time to speak to your child's teacher in addition to your parents' evening slot. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this.

## Attendance Information

**Our school attendance target:** 97%

**Last week's attendance:**

**94.9%**

**This year's attendance:** 95.05%

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

The class with the **best punctuality** last week was: Hazel (Y3) and Willow (Y6)

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.**

### Amazing Writing...

On Wednesday, I had the privilege of doing a short learning walk in school to look at the children's writing books. For the past 4 years, we have been using an approach to teaching writing throughout school called 'The Write Stuff' which involves lots of teacher modelling of the writing process. It was wonderful to see some amazing writing in each class, from the maps which the Reception children had drawn and labelled to the narratives Year 6 were writing based on the book 'Skellig'. I was incredibly impressed by the vocabulary the children are using, the amount they are writing and the skill with which they are editing their own work.

### 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 some time preparing for parents' evenings which are taking place in the next two weeks. We also took the opportunity to revisit some of the things we have been focusing on this term, including effective explanations and developing active listening.

**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**

**Handwriting:** Saydah

**Writing:** Lucia

**Active Listener:** Elliot

**Reading:** Harry

**Independent Learner:** Thomas

**Maths:** Ruby



**Year 4**

**Handwriting:** Elijah

**Writing:** Inaya

**Active Listener:** Marina

**Reading:** Nellie

**Independent Learner:** Kaysan

**Maths:** Arjun



**Year 5**

**Handwriting:** Ethan

**Writing:** Blake

**Active Listener:** Eleanor

**Reading:** Isaac

**Independent Learner:** Amani

**Maths:** Jacob C



**Year 6**

**Handwriting:** Lola

**Writing:** Indica

**Active Listener:** Lucas

**Reading:** Milana

**Independent Learner:** Vinnie

**Maths:** Isaac



### **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 Maths Day**

**Key Stage assembly: Picture News**

### **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:

**Van Halen**

### **Quote of the week**

One of the Nursery children was talking to a staff member earlier in the week when they announced....

“Did you know that when a taxi comes in the middle of the night, it means that you are going on holiday?!”

Too right! Even though my eldest daughter is 18 now, she still thinks the taxi to the airport is one of the most exciting parts of the holiday!

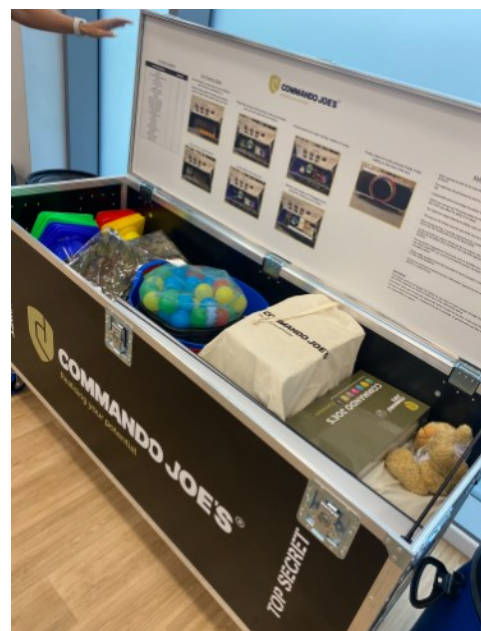
### **Dodgeball Tournament**

On Thursday after school, a group of children from Years 3 and 4 attended a dodgeball tournament. Mr Cuthbert reported that as usual they all represented school brilliantly. Well done to everyone who took part and a special mention goes to Ryan in Y4 for receiving recognition for his teamwork skills and to Jake in Y4 for showing respect. Thanks as always to Mr Cuthbert for organising and attending the event after school.

**Ready**

**Respectful**

**Responsible**



### Commando Joe's

We have the Commando Joe's resource in school which is aimed at developing skills such as teamwork and resilience. This half term, children throughout school have been using the resources in one of their weekly PE lessons. In each lesson, the children complete a mission which is often linked to something they are learning about in class. The children work together in teams to complete the various stages of their mission, using the equipment from the Commando Joe's box, along with their imaginations and creativity. It is proving to be an excellent resource which the children are really enjoying using.

### Minibus Update

I am pleased to report that we now have additional people who are able to drive the minibuses we use



(which belong to Pudsey Primrose Hill) to transport children on trips, to sporting events etc. Mrs Shorthouse, Mrs Lambert, Miss Poole and Mrs Mahmood took part in the minibus awareness training which is a requirement to be able to drive the minibuses. The training involves a theory section and an assessed drive. Having the additional drivers will really help us in the future when we are planning trips and other events.

BRADFORD CITY COMMUNITY FOOTBALL CLUB FOUNDATION

**EASTER FOOTBALL CAMPS!**  
 ALL ABILITIES AGES 5-14  
 10AM-3PM

Venue	Dates	Days	Cost
Marley Stadium	25th-28th March	4 days	£20 per day
Woodhouse Grove	2nd April-5th April	4 days	£25 per day
Crawshaw Academy	8th-10th April	3 days	£20 per day

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We have been asked to share this information from Bradford City about football camps which will be taking place over the Easter holiday.



### **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](mailto:cpsleadership@cps.owlcotesmat.org)

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# Movie night box



Raffle

£2 per entry

4 boxes to be won

To be drawn 25<sup>th</sup> March

Miss Poole has created some movie night raffle prizes. Children may come to see her to purchase raffle tickets, or you may wish to seek her out on the playground before and after school at the Y1 entrance.

**APRIL**

**2ND - 11TH**

**CALVERLEY COFE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**10 - 4 PM**

**EASTER**



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