



The Parkside Weekly



Friday 15th December 2023

Wed 20th Dec	Nursery Nativities 10.50am and 2.30pm
Thurs 21st Dec	Christmas jumper day Children break up
Fri 22nd Dec	Training Day
Mon 8th Jan	Children return to school

Good afternoon everybody and welcome to this week's newsletter. It has been a wonderfully festive week in school, with nativities taking place for the children in Reception and in Years 1 and 2.

Our Reception children started things off on Monday with two performances to parents, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. This was then followed by our children in Years 1 and 2 performing their play 'A Miracle in Town' on Tuesday evening and then again on Thursday afternoon. All of the children did a brilliant job of speaking clearly, singing enthusiastically and performing some excellent dance moves! As always, the costumes looked fantastic. Well done to everyone who took part in these and thank you to everybody who managed to attend and to the staff and volunteers who put everything together.

Next week it's the turn of our Nursery children who will be doing their performances for parents on Wednesday.



Christmas Fair- Thank you to everyone who attended the fair last Friday– it was an amazing event! Thank you also to all of the Friends of Calverley Parkside and other volunteers for the huge amounts of time and effort that go into organising such an event-it is greatly appreciated.

Attendance Information

Our school attendance target: 97%

Last week's attendance: 92.1%

This year's attendance: 94.9%

The class with the **highest** attendance last week was: Year 1 (98.3%)

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

The class with the **most improved** attendance last week was: Year 1



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

Visits to St Wilfrid's Church

On Tuesday morning, our Year 2 children went to St Wilfrid's Church to learn all about the Christmas story. This was followed by Year 3 visiting on Wednesday to take part in a stained glass window workshop. Both classes really enjoyed their visits and as usual represented school well.

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, Mrs Larkin led the session and reported back on some research she has been doing into effective marking and feedback in writing lessons. We are going to be trialling an updated approach after Christmas and this session provided teachers with all of the information required to make a start with using the new approach in January. Training in this will continue next term.

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: Luke/ Elsie

Beech: Liya/ Evelyn

Chestnut: Alfie/ Alby

Hazel: Lucia/ Edward

Rowan: Marina/ Isobel Z

Sycamore: Seb/ Ben

Willow: Milana/ Harry



Maths awards:

Ash: Igor

Beech: Vivienne

Chestnut: Jude

Hazel: Jenson

Rowan: George

Sycamore: Blake

Willow: Edie



Over and Above:

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

Rose (Y2): For being such a wonderful and supportive friend.

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 due to the Reception Nativity

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:

There has been no music this week due to the nativities

Quote of the week

On Thursday, Elsie in Reception came out of school with things all down the front of her T-shirt after a busy day of learning and exploring. Mum told me that she had asked Elsie about it and she had replied...

“A mucky child is a happy child!”

Well said, Elsie!

Key Stage 2 Christmas Craft Fair

On Friday morning, we invited parents into school to visit the Christmas craft fair which had been organised by the children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Parents could buy some of the craft and food items the children had been making in class. They also got the opportunity to listen to some Christmas songs which the children had recorded earlier in the week. Thank you to everybody who attended. All proceeds from the fair will be donated to Children in Need.

Ready

Respectful

Responsible