



The Parkside Weekly



Friday 22nd September 2023

Thurs 28th Sep	First Aid Training for Y1-6
Thurs 12th Oct	Parents' evening (3.30-7.00) (Reception to Y6)
Fri 13th Oct	School closed– training day
Mon 16th Oct	Parents' evening (3.30-5.30) (Reception to Y6)
Fri 27th Oct	Break Up
Mon 6th Nov	Back to school

Good afternoon and welcome to this week's newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who managed to make it to the 'meet the teacher' event after school on Tuesday, it was nice to be able to welcome you all into school. We have made some changes to our learning environments since most of you were last in school, moving towards a more neutral approach. This has been carefully thought through and based on research and we are now almost at the end of phase one of our plans, with most classrooms now containing new storage and an updated approach to



classroom displays. The initial feedback from children has been incredibly positive with them appreciating the calmer atmosphere created in the rooms. Don't worry if you weren't able to make it on Tuesday, we will be holding our parents' evenings next month so you will be able to see the classrooms then (more information about booking your slot for parents' evening will be shared in the next few weeks).

Attendance Information

Our school attendance target: 97%

Last week's attendance: 94.7%

This year's attendance: 96.2%

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

The class with the **best punctuality** last week was: Reception (Ash) and Year 6 (Willow)

The class with the **most improved** attendance last week was: Year 2 (Chestnut)



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

Friends of Calverley Parkside

Last night, the Friends of Calverley Parkside held their Annual General Meeting. During the meeting, they reviewed the events they organised last year and summarised their current financial position and their future plans. They had another amazingly successful year last year, raising thousands of pounds for the school, and there are lots of exciting things to look forward to in the year ahead. Thank you to everyone on the committee and to everyone who has volunteered their time to support the events. If you would like to join this amazing group, you can contact friendsofcalverleyparkside@gmail.com. All help is greatly appreciated!

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, our teachers visited Farsley Springbank Primary School to take part in subject leader meetings. They met with subject leaders from other schools in the local area to discuss a range of subject—specific issues.

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: Amelia, Marland

Beech: Harry W, Ben

Chestnut: Leo, Freya

Hazel: Lucia, Zak

Rowan: Nellie, Amaya

Sycamore: Henry, Jessica

Willow: Harrison, Indica



Maths awards:

Ash: Talia

Beech: Lottie

Chestnut: Jude

Hazel: Saydah

Rowan: Isobel

Sycamore: Ralph

Willow: Evelyn



Over and Above:

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

Harriet (Y5): For being really polite and helpful around 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: Where does our food come from?

Key Stage assembly: Singing/ Music assemblies

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:

Chopin

Quote of the week

One of our Reception children announced to me earlier in the week that Calverley Parkside was the *best* school they have ever been to. I thanked them and asked them which Nursery they went to, and they replied that they hadn't been to a Nursery. I'm still going to accept the positive feedback, even though a more accurate statement would have been that Calverley Parkside was the *only* school they have ever been to 😊.



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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'Get Into Guitar'



On Thursday morning, Paul from 'Get into Guitar' came to do an assembly. This is the company we use for our group guitar lessons on Monday afternoons. Paul played a number of different songs for the children on his guitar and spoke to them about the sorts of things they

would learn if they attended lessons. We already have a number of children in KS2 (years 3-6) who attend but if you would like your child to start, letters have been passed home with the children providing more information about how to get this organised. If your child is in KS2 and you didn't receive a letter but would like one, let your child's class teacher know.



Bikeability

This week, our Year 6 children have been doing their Bikeability training. They spent the first few sessions in the playground developing the skills required to ride their bikes safely and then progressed onto the roads to put their training into action. We received excellent feedback from the trainers about how sensible and mature the children were— well done Year 6, this is another example of the brilliant start you have made to your final year at Parkside.



Y5/6 Dodgeball

On Thursday, two teams of children from Years 5 and 6 attended a dodgeball event at Crawshaw Academy in Pudsey. They played a number of games against other schools, utilising the skills they have learnt in their PE lessons. They all tried their best, played really well and demonstrated a pleasing sporting spirit.



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