



The Parkside Weekly



Friday 24th November 2023

Fri 24th Nov	Non-Uniform Day– bring a bottle
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 to this week’s newsletter. We have lots to tell you about again this week, including trips out and sporting events.

We have been busy planning our Christmas activities for classes, including nativities, Christmas parties and other exciting things. We are just finalising a few details and once that has been done we will share our full festive programme with families. Details of the Early Years and KS1 nativities have already been sent to parents by class teachers.

Today has been a non-uniform day in school– thank you for all of your bottle donations for the Christmas fair. Next Friday is also a non-uniform day with children being asked to bring a donation of chocolate, also for the Christmas fair. Thank you for your ongoing support of these events.

Attendance Information

Our school attendance target: 97%

Last week’s attendance: 93.4%

This year’s attendance: 95.1%

The class with the **highest** attendance last week was: Year 4 (97.8%)

The class with the **best punctuality** last week was: Rec/ Year 5/ Year 6

The class with the **most improved** attendance last week was: Year 4



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

Y4 trip to the Church:

On Tuesday morning, Year 4 visited St Wilfrid’s Church.

They had a lovely morning making wreaths and sun-catchers and as usual represented school brilliantly. Thank you to everybody at St Wilfrid’s for inviting school to take part in these activities.



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 focused on developing teaching and learning. We are in the process of creating some agreed ‘Parkside Principles’ related to the elements of an effective lesson. Teachers took part in some excellent discussions related to this and spent some time with their designated coaches reflecting on their own teaching. This will be continued in next week’s meeting.

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: Ava, Effie

Beech: Lottie, Joey

Chestnut: Boden, Fern

Hazel: Mabel, Elliot

Rowan: Esmee, Charlotte

Sycamore: Noah, Jacob F

Willow: Jack, Christopher



Maths awards:

Ash: Olive

Beech: Sienna

Chestnut: Afaf

Hazel: Harry

Rowan: Ruby M

Sycamore: Isaac

Willow: Lola

Lunchtime Awards:

EYFS/ KS1:

Jude, Fern

KS2:

Frankie, Lola

Over and Above:

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

Avneet (Y4): For impressive contributions in all lessons

Martha (Y2): For tidying up without being asked

Ruby (Y3): For being a superb lunch monitor

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: Road Safety

Key Stage assembly: Singing 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:

Kylie Minogue

Quote of the week

On Thursday, it was Mrs Hargreaves' Birthday. One of the children in Y5 asked her how old she was and she told them. They replied with...

"Yes, I thought you looked like you were in your 50s!"

Well Mrs Hargreaves, we do always encourage the children to be honest...😊

Happy Birthday Mrs Hargreaves!

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.

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Girls' Football Events...



Last week I told you about the boys' football tournaments and this week it was the turn of the girls! On Tuesday after school, we took two teams to take part in a 'come and try' tournament during which they played against other schools in 'friendly' matches. Our girls were amazing, winning all of their matches, with Libby scoring an incredible 6 goals!

On Thursday, one team represented school at the Pudsey Cluster Cup competition.

Again, the girls were amazing. They progressed from the group stages and then won a tense quarter-final in a penalty shootout. They then narrowly lost in the semi-final. Well done to all of the girls who took part in both events and thank you again to all of the parents who provided transport and to Mr Cuthbert for organising and attending. Some of you may not know that Mr Cuthbert actually cycles to these events!



Y5 Space Camp

Last night, our Year 5 class took part in Space Camp. This is one of the events which is part of our Owlcotes Elements Curriculum; additional activities and opportunities which take place outside of the usual curriculum. They took part in a wide range of activities including a series of challenges linked to their Astronaut Training Programme and some star-gazing (well, moon-gazing to be more precise) and the experience culminated in an overnight stay in the school hall! The children were all amazing and had a wonderful time learning about different aspects of space. Some of them even managed to master folding away their pop-up

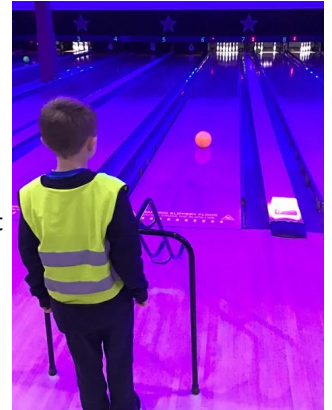


tents! Well done to everyone who took part and a huge thanks to Mrs Larkin for organising this and to Mrs Sherwin and Mrs Jones for supporting Mrs Larkin with delivering and supervising the experience, including spending the night in school away from their own families. It really is greatly appreciated.



Ten-Pin Bowling

On Tuesday, we took a group of children to a Panathlon bowling event at Hollywood Bowl in Kirkstall. The children had a brilliant time, as they always do at these events! We narrowly missed out on retaining our title; that honour deservedly went to our friends at Calverley CE. Well done to everyone who took part, it was a real pleasure to be a part of this.



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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