



# The Parkside Weekly



Friday 27th October 2023

<b>Fri 27th Oct</b>	Break Up
<b>Mon 6th Nov</b>	Back to school
<b>Wed 8th Nov</b>	Meeting for prospective Reception parents 9.45am-11.15am
<b>Thurs 9th Nov</b>	Meeting for prospective Reception parents 6.00pm-7.30pm
<b>Fri 24th Nov</b>	Non-Uniform Day– bring a bottle Christmas Clothes Swap
<b>Fri 1st Dec</b>	Non-Uniform Day– bring some chocolate

Good afternoon everybody and welcome to the final newsletter of the first half term. It has been the longest half term we have had for a while and the children have done brilliantly to keep going right until the end! We have got lots to tell you about this week including theme week, sporting tournaments and news about upcoming events.

### Dates for the diary...

Our **Christmas Fair** will be held in school on **Friday 8th December**. More details will be sent closer to the time but in preparation for the fair we will be holding two non-uniform days.

**Friday 24 November**– We are asking for donations of bottles for the bottle stall at the Christmas Fair

**Friday 1st December**– We are asking for donations of chocolate for the chocolate tombola at the Christmas Fair

## Attendance Information

**Our school attendance target:** 97%

**Last week's attendance:** 92.6%

**This year's attendance:** 95%

The class with the **highest** attendance last week was: Reception

The class with the **best punctuality** last week was: Year 3

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



**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 focused on leadership development. These leadership development meetings don't just focus on the 'jobs' of a subject leader but the leadership skills and knowledge which are required to lead effectively. This week, we focused on how to build trust as a leader and then started thinking about how leaders can develop their decision-making skills.

### 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: Albert, Elsie

Beech: Rowan, Grace

Chestnut: Isla, Louis

Hazel: Zak, Musa

Rowan: Kaysan, Kamran

Sycamore: Mason, Skye

Willow: Christopher, Zek



#### Maths awards:

Ash: Brodie

Beech: Kit

Chestnut: Safiya

Hazel: Benji

Rowan: Elijah

Sycamore: Micah

Willow: Boden



### 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:** Introduction to theme week

**Key Stage assembly:** How can we show we care about things we have lost?

#### 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:

**Hootie and the Blowfish**

### Quote of the week

I was in our Reception class on Thursday lunchtime covering the indoor break. I had a wonderful time doing some colouring in with some of the children. I was partway through colouring in the feet on my caterpillar picture when one of the children leant over and said,

“So, Mr Steele, tell me about your job.”

I'm not sure if it was the way they said it or the determined look in their eye, but I've prepared the office staff to be receiving a Headteacher application form at some point in the near future 😊

### Halloween Street Party:

We have been asked to make you aware of a street party which will be taking place on Halloween in Blackett Street, to which all members of the school community are invited. I hope all partygoers have a wonderful time!

**CALVERLEY HALLOWEEN STREET PARTY**

ROAD CLOSURE FOR SAFE FAMILY TRICK OR TREAT  
LIVE MUSIC  
FOOD + DRINKS  
DANCE PERFORMANCES  
+ LOTS OF SPOOKY FUN!

**BLACKETT STREET  
31st OCTOBER  
5PM TIL 9PM**

*Ready*

*Respectful*

*Responsible*

## Art Beyond A4...



This week, we have been taking part in the first of the year's Owlcotes Theme Weeks. The theme this time has been 'Art Beyond A4' and it has provided an opportunity for the children to explore work by a range of different artists and to use this work as inspiration for their own pieces. The theme was chosen as we have reflected on our Art and Design curriculum and realised that a lot of the work we do is in sketchbooks or on A4 paper and so we thought it would be nice for the children to experiment with creating work of different shapes and sizes! Our Early Years children have been creating some printed

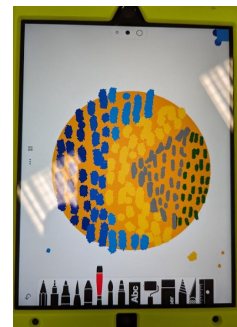
pieces, Year 1 have been painting pillowcases, Year 2 have been working a large scale creating collaborative pieces on rolls of wallpaper, Year 3 have been painting pebbles, Year 4 have been creating some digital art, Year 5 have been making models of Ndebele houses and Y6



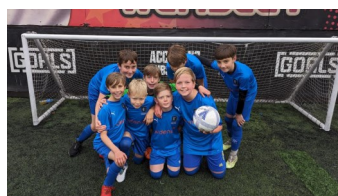
have been painting on A3 canvases. It has been lovely to see the range of activities going on through the week and the enjoyment that the children have been getting out of being able to let their creativity take over! A huge thanks goes to the Friends of Calverley Parkside for funding the supplies for the week.



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## Sporting Events...



On Tuesday, we took a team of footballers from Years 5 and 6 to Goals in Kirkstall to take part in the Premier League Primary Stars Tournament. In total, the children played 7 matches and did brilliantly, winning three, drawing three and losing just one.

It was a pleasure to be with them for the day as they were excellent ambassadors for our school, showing the perfect balance of competitiveness and sporting spirit.

On Thursday after school, some of our children from year 5 attended an Ultimate Frisbee event. Mr Cuthbert reported that they all really enjoyed taking part in this and a special mention goes to Jessica who was



awarded a wristband for the determination she demonstrated. Well done to everyone who took part and thanks to the parents who transported them and to Mr Cuthbert for organising it and for attending.

**GO WILD OUTDOORS**

**AUTUMN HALF TERM FOREST HOLIDAY CAMP 2023**

FROM: **£25 PER CHILD**

OUR FUN ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

- OUTDOOR PLAY
- SOFT ARCHERY
- WOODLAND CRAFTS
- DEN BUILDING
- SURVIVAL SKILLS
- WHITTLING
- CAMPFIRE TREATS + MANY MORE

**DATES + LOCATIONS**

**2ND-3RD NOVEMBER**

**CALVERLEY COFE PRIMARY**

**10-4PM**

WRAPAROUND CARE @ (CALVERLEY COFE DATES ONLY) + INDOOR FACILITIES AVAILABLE  
ALL CHILDREN IN RECEPTION (23/24) ONWARDS ACROSS DISTRICT ARE WELCOME

**BOOK YOUR CHILDS PLACES VIA-**

**WWW.GOWILDOUTDOORS.ORG.UK**

## 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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