



The Parkside Weekly



Friday 6th September 2024

Mon 9th Sep–	Y6 Residential– Robin Wood
Wed 18th Sep	Meet the Teacher meetings– 3.30pm-4.15pm
W/B Mon 30th	Y6 Bikeability
Wed 9th Oct	Individual school photos
Fri 11th Oct	School closed– training day
Mon 14th Oct	Parents’ evening 3.30pm-7.00pm
Wed 16th Oct	Parents’ evening 3.30pm-5.30pm
W/B Mon 21st Oct	Owlcotes theme week Break up– Fri 25th Oct

Good afternoon and welcome to the first newsletter of the new academic year. It has been wonderful to welcome everybody back to school after the summer break and to hear about the brilliant adventures the children have been on. It has also been a pleasure to greet our new Reception intake– some of whom we already knew from Nursery and others who are joining us for the first time. We are all looking forward to the year ahead.

I am delighted to announce that over the holiday, Mrs Parker welcomed a new addition to their family. Joseph was born on 24th August and both mum and baby are doing well!



Attendance Information

Our school attendance target: 97%

Last week’s attendance: 96.3%

This year’s attendance: 96.3%

The class with the **highest** attendance last week was: Y3—Hazel

The class with the **best punctuality** last week was: Y4—Rowan and Y6—Willow

The class with the **most improved** attendance last week was: N/A



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

Attendance

As we start the new school year, I would like to remind everyone about the importance of having good attendance and punctuality. This will continue to be a focus for us this year as we look to continue to improve our whole-school attendance. This is also a focus for the new Government, with additional guidance being brought out for schools to support them in improving attendance.

Please also remember that holidays in term time will not be authorised as they do not generally fit into the category of exceptional circumstances. It is likely that fines will be administered by the Local Authority for these absences. More information is on page 3.

Meet the Teacher meetings

On Wednesday 18th September, we are inviting you into school between 3.30pm and 4.15pm to visit your child’s classroom and meet their teacher. In the classrooms you will find information about what your child will be learning about this year along with other relevant information for the year ahead. This is an informal meeting; there will not be the opportunity to have in-depth discussions about individual children. These will be taking place during parents’ evenings which have been arranged for Monday 14th and Wednesday 16th October. More details about these, including how to book your time slots, will be sent closer to the time.

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:

Active listener: Isla

Maths: Tabi

Reading: Rose

Independent learner: Flynn

Handwriting: Alby

Writing: Aaryen



Year 4:

Active listener: Emellie

Maths: Leo

Reading: Edward

Independent learner: Jenson

Handwriting: Elliot

Writing: Zakariya



Year 5:

Active listener: Esmee

Maths: Finn

Reading: Avneet

Independent learner: Charlie

Handwriting: Charlotte

Writing: Arjun



Year 6:

Active listener: Phoebe

Maths: Kendall

Reading: Ben

Independent learner: Seb

Handwriting: Verity

Writing: Isla



School Uniform

It is our opinion at Calverley Parkside that it is important for the school's uniform policy to be followed and that doing so supports the ethos and values of the school and helps to ensure that children are ready to learn. For this reason, we will be monitoring this more closely this half term. Detailed below are the main areas which we noticed were not being fully followed at the end of last year:

Footwear: It is fine for children to be wearing trainers for school but these do need to be **plain** and **dark-coloured**. We had an increase in the number of children wearing brightly coloured trainers at the end of last term.

Jumpers/ cardigans/ fleeces: Our uniform policy states that children can wear a school jumper or cardigan (which don't need to have a school badge- a plain dark blue sweatshirt or cardigan is fine) or school fleece. Please do not send children to school in other jumpers, such as sports or football sweatshirts or hooded tops as these are not part of our uniform policy.

PE Kits: When it is their PE day, children need to come to school dressed in their PE kits. This includes a plain white T-shirt, plain dark shorts or tracksuit bottoms and a plain sweatshirt or jumper. Please do not send children to school in football kits or similar on their PE days.

Key Dates:

Please note that school will be closed on Friday 11th October for a training day. Each year, schools in Leeds have 5 training days which they can allocate in a way which is most appropriate for individual settings. In addition to the 11th October (and the one we have already had on Monday 2nd September), other training days for Parkside will be on Monday 6th January, Monday 21st July and Tuesday 22nd July.

Ready

Respectful

Responsible

Arrears and outstanding payments:

This is a reminder to please clear any outstanding payments owed to school.

Safeguarding:

A few updates and reminders:

- Any safeguarding concerns can be reported to safeguarding@cps.owlcotesmat.org
- Our safeguarding teams comprises of: Mr Jolley, Mrs Larkin, Mrs Sherwin, Mrs Stark
- The school gate and all external doors around school will have its locks updates next Monday—you may have noticed the padlock being used in the interim on the front gate.

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: We did this on Tuesday this week, and our assembly was about colouring the world with kindness. We looked at how kindness can cost no money, but effort!

Key Stage assembly: There were no key stage assemblies for this first week.

Our assembly music...

Each week, we choose a different musician/band 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 music.

This week's chosen artist was: Aerosmith

Quote of the week

One of our Y6 pupils came to see me about their new Reception buddy.

“They are not listening, they just run off and do what they want to do.”

I am not sure what they were expecting of their new buddy, but what a welcome to the world of caring for a 4 year old!

Attendance– updates on fines:

We have a strong commitment to ensuring excellent attendance for pupils at school. The government also share a strong view on the importance of attending school everyday—as a result, they are focusing hugely on improving attendance across the country. From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days. This rate is in line with inflation and is the first increase since 2012. In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160. Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

If you're prosecuted and attend court because your child hasn't been attending school, you could get a fine of up to **£2,500**.



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Parent Carer Support Coffee Mornings Leeds Library

Our parent coffee morning sessions are for parents and carers of children who display traits associated with, or have a diagnosis of, a neurodevelopmental condition including: autism, sensory processing, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), or Foetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD). A diagnosis is not needed.

These free drop-in sessions will provide a safe space for parents and carers to meet others in a similar situation and provide the opportunity for peer support, enabling parents to support each other, share experiences and ideas. These groups are facilitated by a member of the Autism Central team. The aim is to provide a supportive and empowering environment for our parents and carers.

Autism Central is a free programme commissioned by the NHS which provides high quality and accessible autism information, education and coaching for families and carers.

Daisy Chain is the charity delivering this service in the North East and Yorkshire.

As well as group and individual coaching and support, we provide regular online and in-person learning opportunities and support sessions covering a variety of topics relating to autism.

Upcoming Sessions:

Wednesday 11th September 10.30am-12.30pm

Wednesday 9th October 10.30am-12.30pm

Thursday 14th November 10.30am-12.30pm

Thursday 12th December 10.30am-12.30pm



**Leeds Central Library, 3rd Floor, Sanderson Room, Municipal
Buildings, Calverley Street, Leeds, LS13AB**

<https://daisychainproject.co.uk/ac-coffee-mornings-leeds/>