



# Parkside Community Primary School

## News on the Ninth



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### Welcome Back

As you all know Mrs Muncey has left Parkside to take on the role of Head Teacher at a new school and we wish her all the best. I have been appointed as the interim Head Teacher for this term. My name is Mr Perrin and I have been a Head Teacher and Deputy Head Teacher for 28 years. I am looking forward to working here at Parkside and meeting you and all of your children.

The School Governors are still in the process of appointing a permanent Head and we will keep you updated with their progress.

On behalf of everyone at the school I would like to wish you all a very happy New Year.

### Christmas Performances

2015 ended on a high with some amazing Christmas performances. All the children acted and sang brilliantly! Those with speaking parts were clear and confident and did extremely well to learn their lines. The singing was lovely to listen to, with the children doing a great job of learning the words to all the different songs.



Nursery performed the Nativity.



Reception Class performed Born in a Barn.



Year 1 and 2 performed Sugar Plum.



Year 3 and 4 Carol Concert.

My thanks to all staff for their hard work involved in preparing the children so well for the productions.

During the productions we collected money for BRAKE charity, in memory of Mairead Boucherat. We raised a total of £220! Thank you to all who donated.

## Attendance

December was a really good month for attendance with the overall percentage for the year rising to 95.5%, which is fantastic! Keep up the good work by making sure children are in school and on time every day. Monthly figures for December are below.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Nursery	87.7%
Reception K	91.3%
Reception T	94.5%
Year 1A	98.1%
Year 1W	98.6%
Year 2AB	96.1%
Year 2DB	94.7%
Year 3AM	96.6%
Year 3KM	98.4%
Year 4D	99.1%
Year 4Z	96.9%
Year 5J	97.9%
Year 5P	95.3%
Year 6K	96%

## Arriving late for school

Classroom doors open at **8.45am** and school begins at 8.55am. Please make sure your children arrive at school on time each day. Arriving late can be upsetting for your child and also disruptive for the other children in the class who have already started their work for the day. As of next week we will be sending a 'late' text to parents in an effort to improve punctuality. Parents of children who are regularly late to school will be asked to attend a meeting with the Head Teacher to discuss reasons for the lateness.

## Reminder for Nursery Parents

Applications for a Reception class place in September close on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January. You can apply through the Hertfordshire County Council website using the link below if you haven't already applied.

[www.hertsdirect.org/services/edlearn/admissions/september2016/primary1617/](http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/edlearn/admissions/september2016/primary1617/)

## Poppy Appeal

Parkside School raised a huge £277.83 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal! Thank you to everyone who bought a poppy or poppy merchandise from the office.



## Thank you

A big thank you to Mr Timms and Ms Warner for their very generous donation of 3 Tablets to Reception Kangaroo class. The children were so excited to unwrap them and could not believe their eyes!

## Second Hand Uniform Sale

There will be a second hand school uniform sale on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 2.45pm – 3.30pm in the Dining Room.

## Temporary Vacancy

We currently have a temporary vacancy for a Teaching Assistant position. The position is for afternoons 12 – 3.15pm and will run until the end of the summer term. If you are interested and would like to apply please collect an application form from the office. The closing date for applications is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

## Dates for your Diary

10<sup>th</sup> + 11<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evenings  
15<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term  
4<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Assembly  
4<sup>th</sup> March – Bring Mum to School Day  
11<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 Assembly  
25<sup>th</sup> March – **School Closed** (Good Friday)  
28<sup>th</sup> March – **School Closed** (Easter Monday)  
1<sup>st</sup> April – Last Day of Term, School closes at **1pm**