



# Parkside Community Primary School

## News on the Ninth



9<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### Welcome back.

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

The School Governors are still in the process of appointing a permanent Head and we will keep you updated with their progress. Mrs Spence continues to lead the school. We welcome back Mrs Mather, our Deputy Head who returns from maternity leave.

We also welcome back Mrs Kontopygou, who returns from maternity leave to teach Reception Pine.

We would also like to say a warm welcome to Mrs Parmar and Ms Hutchinson who have both joined us as Teaching Assistants and Miss Cussell, Miss Payne and Miss Legate who have joined us as Midday Supervisory Assistants.

### Christmas Performances

We ended 2017 on a high with some amazing Christmas performances.

Nursery and Reception performed 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel' The children did a brilliant job with beautiful singing and clear narration.

Year 1 and 2 performed 'Christmas Rhyme'. Their speaking was amazing and every word could be heard. Their singing was very tuneful and energetic. A very professional performance!

Year 3 & 4 performed a carol concert with a blend of traditional carols and Christmas songs. There was some very impressive singing and it was a lovely way to end the year.

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

### Reminder for Nursery Parents

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

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/school-admissions-and-transport.aspx>

### School Disco

Following feedback from parents, we introduced the School Disco last term. This was a huge success and fun was had by children and staff!



## Year 2 and Year 6 parents

We will be holding parent information sessions this term, if your child is currently in Year 2 or 6, to explain the upcoming SATs testing your child will have in the Summer Term. We urge all parents to attend these meetings, to see how the test papers look, and the standards expected for these tests. We will also explain how to support your child at home.

Year 2: 18<sup>th</sup> January 9am

Year 6: 25<sup>th</sup> January 2:45pm

## Attendance

Monthly figures for December are below.

<i>Class</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
<i>Nursery</i>	<i>77.9%</i>
<i>Reception F</i>	<i>87.7%</i>
<i>Reception P</i>	<i>94.2%</i>
<i>Year 1L</i>	<i>93.8%</i>
<i>Year 1M</i>	<i>86.2%</i>
<i>Year 2A</i>	<i>96.5%</i>
<i>Year 2W</i>	<i>93%</i>
<i>Year 3B</i>	<i>94.4%</i>
<i>Year 3E</i>	<i>95.7%</i>
<i>Year 4A</i>	<i>95.5%</i>
<i>Year 4R</i>	<i>88.6%</i>
<i>Year 5A</i>	<i>90.5%</i>
<i>Year 5C</i>	<i>94.8%</i>
<i>Year 6C</i>	<i>94.2%</i>
<i>Year 6O</i>	<i>96.4%</i>

The attendance for the whole school is currently 94.3% which is lower than the national average of 96%

**Attendance tip :** Don't let your child stay home unless they are truly sick. Keep in mind that complaints about tummy ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home. Check with your child that they have no worries about school and let us know as soon as possible if you think there might be a problem.

## 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.

## Lost Property

Please ensure all uniform, including PE kits are named. We have a collection of goods in the lost property box in the entrance to the KS2 building.

## Non Uniform Days

We will be holding two non uniforms days this term. The first will be on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January and the theme is wear your pyjamas with a £1 donation to raise funds for the PTA. The second is on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March for World Book Day and we will be asking children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

## Head Teacher Coffee Afternoon

The next coffee afternoon will be on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 3pm. This is an opportunity to meet Mrs Spence and have an informal chat.

## Raising Confident Kids Workshop

Hertsmere Schools Partnership Family Support Workers will be holding the workshop here at Parkside on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February from 9.15am – 11.15am. A leaflet providing more details will be sent out closer to the date.

## Dates for your Diary

12<sup>th</sup> January – Non Uniform Reading Day – PJs  
18<sup>th</sup> January - Year 2 Parent Session – SATs 9am  
18<sup>th</sup> January – 3pm – Coffee Session – Mrs Spence  
25<sup>th</sup> January – Year 6 Parent Session – SATs 2.45pm  
7<sup>th</sup> February – Raising Confident Kids Workshop  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evening  
8<sup>th</sup> February – Year 1 Class Trip  
12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> February -Half Term  
1<sup>st</sup> March – Non Uniform Day – Book Character  
2<sup>nd</sup> March – Year 4 Assembly  
9<sup>th</sup> March – Bring Mum to School Day  
16<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 Assembly  
29<sup>th</sup> March – Last Day of Term, Close at **1pm**

## Term Dates 2017/18 and 2018/19

<b>Spring Term 2017/18</b>	<b>Summer Term 2017/18</b>
Thursday 4th January – Friday 9th February Monday 19th February – Thursday 29th March	Tuesday 17th April – Friday 25th May Monday 4th June – Friday 20th July School Test Week 2018 is 7 – 11 May