

Parkside Community Primary School



News on the Ninth



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Message from the Headteacher:

Thank you to all of you for welcoming me to Parkside and giving me your support. The academic year has gone by so quickly. It has been great to see the progress made by the children. It was a pleasure to read and write in their reports. It was lovely to see so many of you attending the Parents' evening. Thank you for your appreciation of the hard work of the staff over the year.

The Parkside House System has been working well. The children are excited to find out which two teams will win.

In PSHE we have been looking at the topic 'Changes'. The stories and activities were aimed to help children face changes in a positive way.

Enjoy the summer holiday. Please try to get involved in the Summer Reading Challenge at the local library and encourage your child to read at home daily.

Please involve your child in getting their school uniform and bag ready for September!

An Interim Headteacher has been appointed for September. Lesley Spence is an experienced Headteacher and there will be a good handover from myself over the next few days. You will have the opportunity to meet her in the new academic year.

I will miss you all. I will treasure fond memories of my time at Parkside. From the bottom of my heart I wish all the children good luck: I want them to be happy and enjoy their childhood as well as get the best opportunities in life to be successful citizens.

Best Wishes,

Mrs. Sarkar

Attendance

Attendance is currently at 95.1% for the academic year. Please see below for class attendance figures in June. We must make a real effort to start with good attendance in the new school year: it has a direct impact on pupil progress.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Nursery	90.5%
Reception K	92.4%
Reception T	97.1%
Year 1L	91.3%
Year 1W	94.7%
Year 2B	95%
Year 2W	96.6%
Year 3M	92.4%
Year 3Z	95%
Year 4D	91.3%
Year 4P	94.9%
Year 5B	95.8%
Year 5P	96.4%
Year 6J	90.3%
Year 6K	93%

Choral Outreach Project

Year 4 and 5 collaborated with the Herts Music Service and two other schools this term to produce a fantastic concert at St Albans Abbey. The children sang traditional folk songs and world music accompanied by drums, flute and a grand piano. Parkside pupils also enjoyed a tour of the Abbey and an opportunity to re-enact the story of St Alban, England's first Christian martyr. Thank you to all the students, Mrs. Taha and to the many families and teachers who supported this exciting event.



Book Fair

The book fair sales came to £213. Look out for another sale in November.

Summer Reading Challenge at the library

During the summer holiday, the library is running a reading challenge. We had an assembly about it. This is a great way to keep your children reading during the holidays and there is a special reward for the children when they have completed the challenge. Please visit the library at 96 Shenley Road to register and find out more information.

Elstree and Borehamwood Film Festival

This year Year 6 were very lucky to take part in the Elstree and Borehamwood film festival. Children learnt about the different roles involved in making a film. Elstree studio staff came into school to help children film and edit their projects. Children were then invited to a celebration event where they were able to watch a trailer of their films.

Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip to Mill Rythe

Some of the children from year 5 and 6 went on a residential trip to Hampshire. The children took part in various activities including: wall climbing, swimming, snorkelling, high ropes and rocket launching. The children and staff had a great time and have brought back lots of special memories.

Schools online payment system

In September we will be accepting online payments through an app called School Gateway. A letter explaining how to set up an account will be sent out by email during the summer.

School dinners

The price of school meals is increasing to **£2.40** per day in September. This is applicable to children in years 3-6 only. You may qualify for free school meals if you are in receipt of certain benefits. Check online at

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx

Staffing Update

We say Goodbye and Thank you to Mr. Wharton. He has worked hard to raise standards in Year 2.

In September we welcome two new teachers, Miss Hogg and Mrs. Brendl-Otchere. We also welcome two new Teaching Assistants, Ms Kilgallon and Mr. Polat.

We will have names for classes! They will be based on trees as this is our school emblem. It will be great for the children to find out information about their class tree (or all the trees) over the summer holiday. These are the class names from September 2017.

Classes from September

Current class	Class and teacher from September 2017
	Nursery Hazel - Mrs. Mathews
Nursery	Reception Fir and Pine – Mrs. Riches & Mrs. Thompson
Reception	Year 1 Lime – Mrs. Laughton
	Year 1 Maple – Mrs. Weinstein
Year 1W	Year 2 Alder – Mrs. Bright
Year 1L	Year 2 Willow - Miss Wood
Year 2B	Year 3 Birch - Mrs Dyos
Year 2W	Year 3 Elm - Miss Hogg
Year 3Z	Year 4 Aspen – Mrs. Keegan & Mrs. Taha
Year 3M	Year 4 Rowan – Ms. Brendl-Otchere
Year 4D	Year 5 Ash - Miss Daghish
Year 4P	Year 5 Cedar - Miss James
Year 5P	Year 6 Cherry - Miss Patel
Year 5B	Year 6 Oak – Mrs. Zrihen

Bhaktidevanta Manor

Both Year 4 classes went to the Hindu temple on Monday 10th July to further their learning of Hinduism. The children listened to stories of Hindu gods and then they went on a bull ride. The children learnt about the importance of cows to Hindus and watched a cow being milked by hand.

The children dressed up in traditional Hindu attire and had their faces painted. Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed a lunch of rice, vegetarian curry and chips. Finally, the children visited the temple and watched the ceremony. The children were lucky and experienced a Hindu wedding whilst they were there.

Sports Day

Sports day was an enjoyable day with all children having a nice time. Foundation Stage sports day was in the morning and the Year 5 sports leaders were excellent ambassadors for the school.

In the afternoon, the KS1 and KS2 children took part in events in their houses followed by the fastest runners of the classes competing in the final running races.

A big thank you to parents, staff and Borehamwood Football club for supporting the children and encouraging good sportsmanship.

The winning house was Phoenix.

Football tournament at Hertswood

The boys football team went to Hertswood Academy on Friday 7th July to take part in the Borehamwood School Tournament. It was an incredibly hot day and the boys played very well. Although we were not the winners on this occasion, we are proud of their attitudes towards competing and representing the school very well.

Dates for your Diary

5th September – First Day of Term

23rd -27th October – Half Term

19th December – Last Day of Term

Year 6 Prom

The children in Year 6 enjoyed their prom this week and they all looked fantastic!!! A great time was had by all. We would like to say a special thank you to Carly Davis and Debbie Lunniss for taking the time to organise such a fabulous event for the children. We would also like to thank Abigail, Harry and Kathleen's parents for contributing delicious cakes.

Finally, we have two other donators which we would like to thank. Firstly, we had a very generous monetary donation of £250 from Borehamwood Spiritual Centre which allowed us to pay for our second donation of a photo booth. This service was offered to us at a discounted rate and the children all left with some great pictures as memories so a big thank you to the photo cabin.

borehamwoodspiritualcentre.com

thephotocabin.co.uk



GOODBYE and GOODLUCK to YEAR 6

The Year 6 children will be going off to their secondary schools in September. We wish them a brilliant start and a wonderful future.