



Parkside Community Primary School

News on the Ninth



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Attendance

The overall percentage for this academic year is still 95.6%! Keep up the good work and make sure your children are in school every day. 188 children received a 100% attendance certificate for February. Monthly figures for February are below.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Nursery	86.5%
Reception RK	88.9%
Reception RT	92.4%
Year 1A	95.9%
Year 1W	96%
Year 2AB	95.1%
Year 2DB	97.7%
Year 3AM	96%
Year 3KM	91%
Year 4D	97%
Year 4Z	96.9%
Year 5J	95.5%
Year 5P	96.5%
Year 6K	96.5%

Unauthorised Absences

Hertfordshire County Council have amended their policy regarding Fixed Penalty Notices for unauthorised absences. The number of unauthorised absences has been reduced from 21 to 15 sessions. This means if your child has more than 15 sessions of unauthorised absence (one day is two sessions) in the current and/or previous term you could be issued with a penalty notice from the local Education Authority for failing to ensure regular attendance for your child. Last month there were 64 sessions of unauthorised absence recorded at Parkside. It is important to remember to inform us of reasons for your child's absence and that children should only be absent from school for unavoidable reasons.

Second Hand Book Sale

The Book Sale which we held on World Book Day was a great success! We raised £95.40 which will go towards new equipment for the school. Thank you to everyone who donated books. There will be another Book Sale on Friday 1st April at 1pm in the school hall.

Bring Mum to School Day

It was lovely to see so many of you with your children on Friday. There was huge variety of craft activities taking place throughout the day. Thank you to all those who came to share the day with us!



P.E. Kits

Please ensure children have their P.E. kits in school at all times. School P.E. kit consists of a white t-shirt, black shorts and plimsolls. During cold weather KS2 children are advised to bring tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt.

Class of the week and Muffin Monday winners

Week commencing	Class of the Week	Muffin Winners
8 th February	5J	2DB
15 th February	HALF	TERM
22 nd February	5J	3AM
29 th February	4Z	4D

Congratulations to these classes whose attendance, behaviour and attitudes to work have been exceptional.

Easter Break – School Closure information

Our last day of term is **Friday 1st April** and school will close at **1pm** on this day. We re-open for children on Tuesday 19th April.

School is also closed on Friday 25th March and Monday 28th March for Good Friday and Easter Monday. **Children should attend school as usual on Tuesday 29th March, Wednesday 30th March and Thursday 31st March.**

Sports Relief

To raise money for Sports Relief we will be having a Non-School Uniform Day on **Friday 18th March**. The theme is Sportswear and we are asking for a £1 donation.

Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We are looking to appoint a full time teaching assistant to join us from April 2016. The role will involve the successful applicant working within KS1 and KS2 classes. There is also a requirement to cover lunch duties on these days. The role will be paid at H2. Full details and an application form can be found at the link below.

www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,teaching-assistant_32388.htm

Nursery Applications

The closing date for Nursery applications is Friday 18th March. This is for children who were born between 1/9/12 –and 31/8/13.

Dates for your Diary

11th March – Year 3 Assembly
18th March – Non-School Uniform Day
25th March – **School Closed** (Good Friday)
28th March – **School Closed** (Easter Monday)
1st April – Last Day of Term, School closes at **1pm**
18th April – **School Closed** Staff Training Day
19th April – First Day of Summer Term