



# Parkside Community Primary School

## News on the Ninth



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### *Message from the Headteacher:*

The weather is changing and the school grounds are looking beautiful. The children are hoping to use the meadow soon.

This half term for PSHE we are looking at the topic 'Good to be me'. We are encouraging the children to feel good about their talents, interests and strengths. We are praising them for recognising and respecting the strengths of others.

It was great to see children coming into school on World Book Day in their pyjamas with a book. Thanks to Mrs Keegan for working with all the staff to organise a range of reading activities.

Please read with your children every day. Reading opens the doors to experiences and opportunities.

Thanks to all who were able to see the Parkside display at the local library last weekend. We will recreate the display in the school hall. Thanks to Ms Moon and Ms Lunniss for putting up the display. Thanks to all the children and staff for the amazing work they created linked to the book 'The Promise'.

Please read on for updates on lots of other things that are happening at school.

Best Wishes,

Mrs. Sarkar

### **In Remembrance**

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March a number of staff, governors and I attended the funeral of Linda Appleford, the school cook. It was a very touching service at the West Herts Crematorium.

We are making a collection in her memory to send to Harefield Hospital. If you wish to make a donation please send your contribution to the school office by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Staffing Changes**

I am pleased to inform you that Ms Thompson has joined us as the Class Teacher for Reception Kangaroo class.

Our office manager Mrs Blackwell is retiring at the end of term. Mrs Blackwell has worked for Parkside for over 27 years and will be missed dearly by all of us. We are in the process of recruiting a School Business Manager.

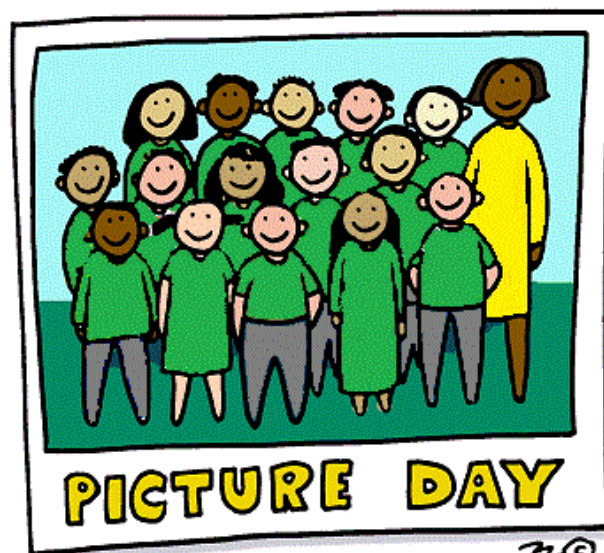
### **Class of the week and Muffin Monday winners**

Week commencing	Class of the Week	Muffin Winners
6 <sup>th</sup> February	2W + 6K	5P
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Half	Term
20 <sup>th</sup> February	6J	4D
27 <sup>th</sup> February	3Z	3Z

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

### **Class Photos**

Big smiles at the ready! Class photos will be taken on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.



## Attendance

Attendance is currently at 95.4% for the academic year. Please see below for class attendance figures in February. 209 children received a 100% certificate for February.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Nursery	92.8%
Reception K	88.%
Reception T	93.6%
Year 1L	94.7%
Year 1W	94.4%
Year 2B	95.2%
Year 2W	94.3%
Year 3M	93.5%
Year 3Z	95.9%
Year 4D	94.2%
Year 4P	92.8%
Year 5B	96.2%
Year 5P	97.1%
Year 6J	95%
Year 6K	95%

## Girls Football

The girls' football team played away against Kenilworth on Wednesday. They won with a brilliant final score of 4-0! The conditions were less than favourable with rain just before the match and the girls got extremely muddy! A huge well done to the team who all had a great time, as you can see from the photo below;



## Nursery Applications

Applications will close on **17<sup>th</sup> March**. If you have a child whose date of birth falls between 1/9/2013 and 31/8/2014 you must apply online through Hertfordshire County Council.

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk)

## Milk Orders

If you would like your child to have school milk next term we must have your order form by **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March**. Order forms were emailed to parents on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March and are also available from the school office.

## Red Nose Day

We are raising money for Comic Relief this year by having a non-school uniform day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. The theme is "Wear Red" and children are asked to bring a donation of £1. Red noses are also on sale from the school office. They are £1 each and are available after school only.



## Bring Mum to School Day

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March is also our annual Bring Mum to School Day event. Each class organises different activities and will set their own timings for the day so keep a lookout for more information closer to the day.

## Nursery Closure

There will be no Nursery session on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May** due to Local Elections. The rest of the school will be open as usual.

## Dates for your Diary

- 10<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 Class Assembly
- 14<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Class Trip
- 24<sup>th</sup> March – Bring Mum to School Day
- 24<sup>th</sup> March – Wear Red for Red Nose Day
- 31<sup>st</sup> March – Last Day of Term – School Closes at 1pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> April – Inset Day – School Closed to Pupils
- 19<sup>th</sup> April – First Day of Summer Term
- 26<sup>th</sup> April – Class photos
- 1<sup>st</sup> May – Bank Holiday – School Closed to Pupils
- 4<sup>th</sup> May – Nursery closed due to election
- 29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Half Term Holiday