



Parkside Community Primary School

News on the Ninth



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Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that we are already racing towards the half term break. The school has had a busy few weeks not least with the Ofsted visit on the 28th and 29th of September. The date of the availability of the final report depends on very strict Ofsted guidelines. However we are expecting that it will be released to the school either just before or just after half term. We do know that there was a great concern regarding the number, or percentage, of our children who are classed as persistent absentees. The figures were well above what would be expected in other similar schools.

Regular attendance at school is vital to help children achieve and get the best possible start in life. When they are not in school they miss the input of the teacher to new subjects and topics that their class mates enjoy. This can sometimes put them at a great disadvantage when trying to complete the academic tasks expected for their age group and can also cause issues and problems with friendships. In the absence of their friends other children move on to form strong relationships with children who are in school to play with and talk to every day. Please help Parkside in ensuring that your child has the opportunity to achieve the very best that they can by making sure they are in school every day unless they are genuinely unwell.

100% attendance is rewarded each month and term with a mini certificate, which the children enjoy collecting. We also have a raffle each term which all the children with 100% attendance are entered into. In addition we have 'Muffin Mondays', where the class with the best attendance for the week are rewarded with a muffin the following Monday.

URGENT - Secondary School Applications

Year 6 parents please remember to apply online through Hertfordshire County Council for a secondary school place. Applications close on 31st October 2016.

Playground Equipment

Can I please remind you that children are not allowed to use the playground equipment before or after school.

P.E. Kits

Children should have their P.E. kits in school at all times.

Flu Vaccination - Reminder

The Flu Vaccine is being offered to children in Reception, Years 1,2,3 and 4. The deadline for filling in the online consent form has been extended to 20th October. You need to visit <https://forms.hct.nhs.uk/form1> and use the unique code EE117562.

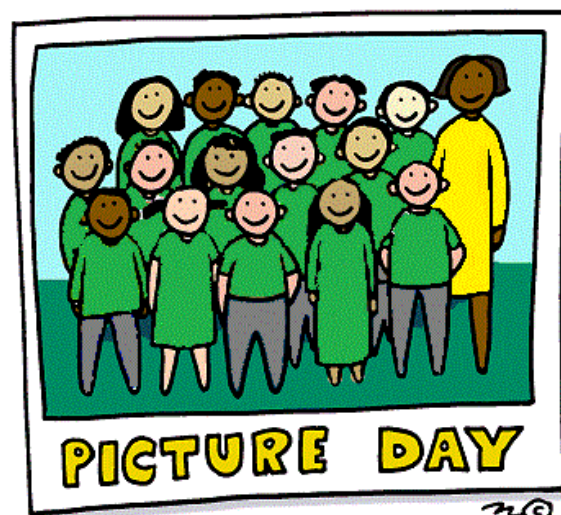
Head Teacher Coffee Afternoon

The next coffee afternoon will be on Thursday 19th October at 2.45pm. This is an opportunity to meet Mrs Spence and have an informal chat. There will also be a discussion about the possibility of setting up a PTA so if you are interested in helping please come along.



School Photos

Individual school photos will be taken on Thursday 12th October. If your child has a sibling at school they will also have their photos taken together.



Dates for your Diary

12th October – Individual School Photos
13th October – Year 3 Class Assembly
23rd October – Half term
30th October – School starts
1st November – Parents Evening
2nd November – Parents Evening
10th November – Year 5 Class Assembly
19th December – Last Day of School