



Parkside Community Primary School

News on the Ninth



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Welcome back

I am delighted to join Parkside as the new Head Teacher. My name is Mrs. Sarkar and I am looking forward to working with all members of my new family! It has been a pleasure to get to know the staff and children; I have begun to meet some of the families. I am sending a separate letter with more information about myself and my dreams for the school. I hope to meet you soon at one of the Coffee Mornings.

I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday. Welcome back to what promises to be a busy Autumn Term! The children have returned with positive attitudes to learning and behaviour and looking very smart in their uniform. We are very fortunate to have a dedicated staff team who do their best to support the children to do their BEST! I would like to welcome all new children and staff joining us this term. I know that you will do all that you can to make them feel a part of the school community.

Meet the New Teachers

Miss Wood has been appointed as an Assistant Head Teacher and is a member of the School Leadership Team. She was an Assistant Head in Enfield and has been teaching for 15 years. She is passionate about cross curricular learning and using books as a stimulus for topic work. Miss Wood is the Year 2W Class Teacher and Key Stage 1 Leader.

Mrs Bright is the Year 5B Class Teacher. She has experience of teaching in both primary and secondary schools in Brent and Ealing. She is passionate about enabling children to learn, grow and be the very best they can be.

Mr Wilkinson is the Year 4W Class Teacher. He has been teaching primary and secondary school

children for more than 30 years in a variety of roles. He has a special interest in history.

Miss Baldwin has been teaching for 20 years and her university background is in linguistics and literature. Miss Baldwin will be working in various classes as a Cover Teacher.

Ms Taha will be the Class Teacher for Year 2 on Thursday and Friday. She has been teaching since 1992, both in the UK and abroad. She has taught in Year 2 for several years. She is particularly interested in teaching music and art.

Class Assemblies

Once each year we invite parents in to class assemblies. This is an opportunity for you to see what your child has been learning about as well as an opportunity for children to develop their confidence by speaking in public. Please look out for your child's class assembly in the diary dates each term and come along to these special assemblies – your child would love you to be there! The next class assembly is for Year 6 on the 7th October and will start at 9.00am. Assemblies usually last between 15-20 minutes and refreshments are served at the end.

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.

The application will need to be completed on a desk top or laptop computer as users have reported problems when using a phone or tablet. The library at 96 Shenley Road has computers which can be used free of charge.

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is vital to help children achieve and get the best possible start in life. Children should be in school every day unless they are genuinely unwell.

100% attendance is rewarded each month and half 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.

Appointments/Absences

Please try and make appointments outside of the school day. When any appointments are booked during school hours, please advise the office as soon as possible and bring in with you an appointment letter or card stating the time and date. Also can I remind you that if your child is unable to attend school you must inform the office on the first day of absence, this can be by text, phone or email. Without reasons for absence we are unable to determine whether or not the absence will be authorised. (All absences are unauthorised if no reason is given).

More than 15 sessions (7.5 days) of unauthorised absence may incur a fixed penalty notice being issued by the Local Education Authority.

School Council

Each year, children from Y1 - 6 are elected to represent their class. They will be involved with driving forward initiatives for the school as well as being the pupil voice to improve Parkside even further.

This year our School Council members are: Chloe, Michael, Kieron, Hayden, Vinnie, Sophie, Kristine, Sudenaz, Ben, Alexandra, Lucie and Kathleen. I am confident that they will be excellent representatives for the school.



The School Council

Go Green for the NSPCC

On Tuesday 20th September we will be raising money for the NSPCC and are asking children to come to school wearing the colour green! We are also asking that each child brings a £1 donation for the NSPCC. There will be a special assembly on this day and Buddy, the NSPCC mascot, will be visiting us! Year 5 and 6 children will also be taking part in a workshop.

We're supporting

NSPCC

Second Hand Uniform Sale

We will be holding a sale of second hand uniform on Wednesday 14th September at 3.15pm in the dining hall.

Parking

Please be considerate when parking near the school to drop off and collect your children. You should only park in the allocated bays and not on grass verges, zig zag lines, in front of our school gates or over residents drive ways. There is ample parking a short walk away in surrounding roads.

Safety Notice

For the safety and security of all we request that people do not bring dogs to school at any time. They are not allowed on our grounds and should not be left unattended near the school gates.



School Photos

The school photographer will be taking individual and family photos of the children on Thursday 29th September. Individual photos will be taken during the normal school day. If you would like sibling/family photos (which can include adults and siblings not at Parkside) please come to the school hall at 8am.

Office Opening Times

The school office is open for parents at the following times;

8.45 – 9.15am and 3pm-3.30pm

Please could you avoid coming to the office outside these times wherever possible, thank you.

Also please could I remind you all **not to walk through the school** after you drop children off in the mornings. If you need to go to the office please walk around the outside of the building. This is for the safety and security of all the children in the school.

Super Sibs

Super Sibs is a group for siblings (aged 5-11) of children with additional needs. The next session is on Sunday 25th September 10am – 12pm at St Teresa's School. All places must be booked in advance and are limited. To book places please email: cheryl.mence@thewroxham.net

Flu Vaccination

School Health will be coming in to school on Monday 17th October to administer the flu vaccine to children in years 1, 2 and 3. Parents will receive more information along with a consent form closer to the date of the vaccination. The method of vaccination is a nasal spray and not an injection.

The School Website

Last term the school website was updated to make it fully responsive when used on a tablet or mobile phone. This means it is much easier to view the content of our website on your device. You can also save the page as an icon on the home screen of your device to save having to run a google search for it each time.

Another great feature which has been added is the ability to sync your device's diary with the school calendar on the website. This means any dates in the school calendar will automatically be added to the calendar on your phone or tablet. To set this up just go to our website and click Parents then Calendar and follow the instructions!

Dates for your Diary

14th September – Second Hand Uniform Sale
20th September – Non-School Uniform Day
29th September – Individual school photos
7th October- Year 6 class assembly
14th October – Year 2 assembly – Harvest
17th October – Y1,2,3 Flu Immunisations
19th/20th October – Parents evenings
24th October – Half term
31st October – School starts
11th November – Year 5 assembly
7th December – KS1 Christmas Performance
13th December – Reception Class Performance
15th December – Christmas Lunch Day
16th December – Christmas Jumper Day
16th December – Nursery Performance
19th December – Y 3 and 4 Carol concert
21st December – last day of school. School closes at 1.00pm