



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 7th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Autumn 2, I hope you all had an enjoyable half-term break.

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at our parent consultations this week. We hope you found the meetings with teachers a positive opportunity to ask questions about your child's learning and to review the fantastic work they have been doing this term in their books. Your ongoing support and engagement make such a difference to our children's progress and confidence - thank you for taking the time to come in.



This week also saw the election of our new School Council representatives. Mr Ed Sullivan-Pond spoke to the children about the British Value of democracy and each class held their own election to select a representative. We were so impressed by the enthusiasm, speeches and sense of responsibility shown by all candidates - well done to everyone who took part!

Our Key Stage 2 School Council members will soon embark on their first official task next week - joining the Mayor of Hertsmere, Councillor Alpha Collins, on a Peace Walk around the religious venues of Borehamwood. This wonderful community event forms part of Hertsmere's Inter Faith Week and we are proud that our pupils will be representing Parkside in promoting peace, respect and understanding. The School Council will be sharing what they have learned in next week's assembly.



In addition to their new duties, the School Council have been busy selling poppies in support of the Royal British Legion. A special thank you to Mrs Thompson, one of our teaching assistants and a committee member for the RBL, who has been helping the children understand the importance of remembrance and what the poppy represents.

On Thursday, pupils took part in a wonderful Diwali workshop, where they learned about the Festival of Light and how it can be celebrated through dance and music. It was a joyous experience.

In this week's assembly, we also talked about firework safety. Many of our families attended the beautiful local display on Wednesday and I know others may be celebrating over the weekend. I hope everyone enjoys the festivities safely.

Thank you once again for your continued support and encouragement - it is always greatly appreciated.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Kind Regards,

Mrs May-Finnegan
Headteacher



Upcoming Events

November

10th-14th: Anti-bullying week
11th Therapeutic Behaviour Policy Parent Workshop 9:00 - 9:30am
11th: Reception Tour 1:30pm
13th: Peace Walk for KS2 School Council - 10:00am - 12:30pm
14th: Flu Vaccinations
25th: Year 6 Class Assembly
27th: Reception Tour 3:30pm
28th: Occasional Day

December

2nd: SEND Parents Meetings - 3:30pm - 4:40pm
9th: Early Years and Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance to parents - 9:00am
10th: Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance to parents - 9:00am
17th: School Christmas Lunch
18th: IRock Christmas concert 10:45am - 11:45am
19th: End of Term - 1:15pm



Year 2 Swimming

Year 2 attend swimming lessons every Tuesday 9:05 - 11:00. Pupils may arrive at school with their swimming kit underneath their uniform for ease of changing.

P.E.

Pupils should bring their P.E. Kit into school in a bag and this will be stored in the cloakroom until the end of half-term. Kits will then be sent home to be washed.

