



# Parkfield Primary School News

'Believe, Achieve, Succeed'



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Dear Parents / Carers,

What a fantastic couple of months it has been back in school for both children and teachers. It's been busy and the weeks have flown by! We finished this half term with a wonderful Science Showcase assembly this afternoon where the children across the school demonstrated to the rest of the school what they've been learning. Pictures and videos are now available on the school's Twitter feed.

### **Sporting Achievements**

Congratulations to the netball, football and girls football teams that have played over the past few weeks. There have been some great performances and the children have looked incredibly smart and professional in their new football kits paid for by the PTA.

### **Harvest Donations**

A huge thanks to those that donated food towards the Harvest celebrations. All the food was picked up and taken to an incredibly thankful and appreciative Middleton Food Bank.

### **Parents Questionnaire**

We had over 120 responses throughout parent's evening and the vast majority were incredibly positive. A full break down of the responses is available on the school website under the parents section. Your comments and feedback help us

to improve Parkfield as we continually strive for excellence.

### **School Gates Opening at the End of the Day**

Thanks for your understanding about the later than normal opening time. A reminder that we have had to alter this after a review of our safeguarding. We appreciate that this does mean some parents and carers waiting outside the gates at the end of the day and appreciate you understand the importance of keeping your children safe.

### **PTA 'Airfix' Model Building Event**

A limited number of tickets are now available for our Model Building taking place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets are £10 for a parent and a child and this includes refreshments, a model to take home and expert model building tuition! The event will take place between 3.30 and 6pm in the school hall. Tickets can be purchased through the school gateway or at the school office

### **Poppies for Sale**

School council will be selling poppies for a small donation when we get back after half term.

### **Prospective Parents**

Do you have a child or do you know someone that has a child that is due to start school in September 2019? If so, they can call school and book onto a 'walk around'. Instead of the

usual Open Afternoon we're hoping that the different timings give prospective parents more flexibility. The dates and times available are as follows:

- Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Nov @ 1.30pm
- Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Nov @ 9.30am
- Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Nov @ 1.30pm
- Weds 9<sup>th</sup> Jan @ 9.30am

### **Middleton Rotary Shoebox Appeal**

Like in previous years, we are supporting the Middleton Rotary Showbox Appeal. Details have been sent via an email requesting donations. During Monday's assembly a member of the rotary came into school and showed the children a range of images showing some of the homes and orphanages in Romania where the shoeboxes are sent. We'd appreciate any support you can offer.

### **PE Kit**

It is important that every child has their PE kit in school every day. This is because the day your child may have PE can change from one week to the next.



### **Twitter**

If you don't already, please follow us on Twitter. We post daily and include lots of information about what's happening at school.

### **Punctuality**

We've noticed a number of pupils come into school



after 9am. Doors open at 8.45am and children are learning from the minute they walk into the class as they complete the start of day activity. Please ensure you're child arrives to school in time – just 15 minutes late a day means they miss over an hours worth of learning in one week! Lessons begin at 9.00am prompt so if your child arrives at 9.01am they are missing at least 5 minutes and day and disrupting others learning. Thank you

### Earrings

It is incredibly important that your child is able to remove their own earrings. This is particularly important for PE lessons where we don't want any injuries! If your child is unable to take out their earrings please take them out for them on the days they have PE. Unfortunately, staff are unable to take earrings out.

### Early Birds and Busy Bees

The before and after school club has been incredibly successful this last half term with an increasing number of pupils attending each week. We do have a few spaces available. If you're interested in your child attending please contact the school office.



A reminder that the fees are as follows:

#### Early Birds Breakfast School Club

7.30am - 8.45am - £2 per day (£10 per week)

8.15am - 8.45am - £1 per day (£5 per week)

#### Busy Bees After School Club

3.15pm - 5.30pm - £8 per day (£40 per week) *(Places must be pre-booked)*

### Early Birds (from 7.30am) and Busy Bees Payments

A reminder that even if your child doesn't attend a session that they are booked onto, you will still be charged. If you need to make a change to any bookings, 2 weeks notice must be given. To make any changes you must contact the school office.

### PTA Meeting

Are interested in helping raise much needed funds for the school? If so, please join us on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 9am in the Blue room. Alternatively, you can come along to 'The Archers' at the bottom of Kemp Street at 6pm on the same date. All friends and family are more than welcome to join.

### Payments

Thanks to those parents that have already made payments online using School Gateway. If you require any help in logging in or signing up please contact the school office. Please also note that once a payment has been made it can take a couple of days before it leaves your bank account.



### Parking Issues

We have had a number of complaints from local residents on Harold Street about people parking outside houses and blocking the road at the beginning and end of the day. Please be mindful of our neighbours and park further down the hill so that there's less congestion outside of school. We need to keep the children safe – and the fewer parked cars – the safer it is for our pupils.

### Calendar Dates for 2018-19

Dates are in the diary for all the main events for the rest of the year. Please take a look here: <http://www.parkfieldprimary.com/parkfield/calendar.html>

### Reception Class Parents

You're invited to join us on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 1.45pm in the school hall for an afternoon of learning alongside your child. More information will follow.

### Children in Need – Wear your Spots!

It's just under a month away so we'd like to give you advanced warning that we'll be asking children to wear something spotty in return for a small donation on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. In addition, the school council will be selling Pudsey keyrings for £2 and bangles for £1 from the first week back after half term.

### And Finally ....

Wishing all our friends and families a wonderful half term holiday. Whatever you are doing or wherever you're going – stay safe and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

Yours sincerely

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