



# Parkfield Primary School News

'Believe, Achieve, Succeed'



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## Dear Parents & Carers,

Busy, busy start to the second half of Autumn term 2018. I met with Governors last night and informed them that after eleven amazing years at Parkfield I shall be resigning as Headteacher in 2019. Over the years there have been millions of moments of happiness & shall miss everyone dearly. But time for a change after 30 years in the profession & I have every confidence that Governors will find an amazing replacement for September 2019.

## Lest we forget

This Wednesday children from across the school took part in a special day of activities linked to Armistice Day. They learnt lots of information about World War 1 and you can see lots of the learning that took place on our Twitter feed. We have donated to the Middleton in Bloom group who have been responsible for the amazing poppies we have been seeing all around in our community. This will be proudly displayed outside the school entrance.



## Child Protection and Safeguarding Matters

For the information of our new parents, I am the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for the school (Deputised by Miss Steele & Mrs Whalen in my absence). Which means I often see some of our families, through difficult times. Please

be aware that home visits are entirely common place in my working week as are 'child in need' & 'team around the family' meetings in school. Please be reassured that ALL information shared by other agencies is treated in the strictest confidence.

## Children in Need – Wear your Spots for a £1

Next Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November, all children are invited to wear something spotty in aid of the wonderful charity Children in



Need. The school council will continue to sell Pudsey bangles for £1 and spotty cakes for 20p until the day. On the day Mr Barnes has agreed to raise even more money by doing something even dafter than last year! For only 50p your child will have the opportunity to cover Mr Barnes with a shaving foam pie!! It's going to get messy!

## PTFA Events

On the run up to Christmas the PTFA are going to be organising lots of fundraising events.

Upcoming events include:

- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November: Movie Night (Y2-6)
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Fair
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Tea with Santa

The money raised over the events will go towards subsidising the whole school Pantomime. .

## Special Pupil Voice Raffle

On 14<sup>th</sup> December after Christmas lunch we will be drawing a special raffle for the children. It is being run by the children for the children...look out for more details. The money raised from the special raffle will be used on something the children choose. All prizes (over 100) are being donated by our suppliers and work contractors. Thank you for all your amazing support



## Pantomime

The whole school will be visiting Middleton Arena to see Aladdin on the 11<sup>th</sup> December. Thanks to the fundraising efforts of the PTA the cost to parents will only be £5 per child. Tickets can be paid for using School Gateway or at the office.

## PTFA Model Making

Huge thanks go to those that attended the event this Wednesday. The children made some fantastic models of tanks and there are some great pictures available on the school twitter feed.

## Forfeit Days

In the run up to the Christmas Fair we are going to be having three consecutive 'Forfeit Friday's'. In return for a small donation, children are able to wear non-school uniform. The donations will be used as prizes at the Christmas Fair.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov:** KS1-£1 toy / KS2 –donation of toiletries / costume jewellery, ornaments etc for the children's Secret Santa room.

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Bottles

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec:** KS1 Christmas cupcakes / KS2 chocolate.

### Learning Logs

This half term's learning logs have been sent out for Y1-6. Please encourage your child to complete some, if not all, of the tasks as they link to what they are learning in class. If you'd like any help, there are some useful links on the school website here:

<https://www.parkfieldprimary.co.uk/parkfield/learning-logs/>

### Sports

Good luck to the netball and football teams that have a number of games to be played over the coming weeks.

### 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:

- 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 Reminder

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.

### Harvest Service

A huge thanks for the kind donations towards Harvest a couple of weeks ago. We received a special thanks from the Lighthouse Project this week who told us that we provided enough food for 271 meals.

### 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.

### Baby news

Although many of the children know, we would like to 'officially' congratulate Miss McCall and Miss Byrne on their baby news and look forward to meeting our new Parkfielders next year. In the meantime we await Mr Shearman's new arrival...any time now!!



### 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.



### 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*)

A reminder that even if your child doesn't attend a session that they are booked onto, you will still be charged.

### Payments

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.



### 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.co.uk/parkfield/calendar.html>

### Miss Steele

Miss Steele will sadly be away from school for the foreseeable future due to treatment for Thyroid cancer. I am sure you will join me in sending her all our love & wishing her a speedy recovery.

Miss Wild is staying in Y4 to cover Miss Steele's absence and I am certain she will be a great member of team Parkfield.

### And Finally ....

Thank you to Graces mum for letting us know about the 'glitch' when reading newsletters on mobile phones, we really can spell! And most of you know my passion for football...whether you're going to be cheering for blue or red this Sunday in the great Manchester Derby, enjoy your weekend and may the best team win!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C J Palfreyman'.

Mrs C J Palfreyman  
Headteacher