



# Parkfield Primary School News

'Believe, Achieve, Succeed'



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## Dear Parents & Carers,

This is quite a full newsletter with the reverse given over to Christmas.



## Children in Need

Thank you so much for your support last week. We raised a total of £456.80 for the fabulous charity.



## Maths Drop Ins

It was wonderful to see so many friends and family members able to drop in this week to join in a Maths lesson. We hope you enjoyed the experience and hope that you have a greater understanding on how you can support your child at home. For those unable to attend, please have a look at our Maths Passports which give details of the end of year expectations for mental calculation strategies.  
<https://www.parkfieldprimary.com/parkfield/maths-passports.html>

## Sports

Congratulations to the girls football team, netballers and the football team that have had a number of good results over the past few weeks. We have a number of competitions coming up in the next few weeks including football, netball, athletics and dodgeball! Good luck to all involved, we are forever proud of our teams.

## Lego Club

Good Luck to the members of the Lego club that have entered the 'Monkey Bricks' competition. The club had to build an alternative vehicle and will be competing against other schools in the borough. The winner will be announced at this Sunday's Lego event taking place at Heywood Civic Centre between 10am and 4pm.



## 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 26<sup>th</sup> Nov @ 1.30pm
- Weds 9<sup>th</sup> Jan @ 9.30am

## 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.

## Home Time Arrangements

For the safety of all pupils, please can you let school know if someone different is picking up your child. Staff will question anybody that they don't recognise at home time.

## Online Safety

Keeping your child safe whilst they're online is incredibly important. Although we teach e-safety regularly across the school, with the increased use of social media and online gaming it's vital that parents and carers have the knowledge and understanding to help keep their children safe. Here's a great site from the NSPCC which has some very sensible advice.  
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/prev-enting-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>

## Parking on Zig Zags

It was brought to our attention again this week that some parents are still parking on the yellow zig-zags outside school when dropping off or picking up children - **please don't**. Parking here puts our children in great danger, inconsiderate drivers parking on zig zags mean children cannot see when crossing the road and also blocks up the road for other users.

## Musical Parkfielders

Good luck to the Parkfielders that will be taking part in Rochdale Music Service's 'Christmas Cracker' on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Many children will be singing or playing an instrument in front of a large audience at Gracie Fields Theatre. Good Luck!



# Christmas is coming.....



Forfeit Days - Thanks for your kind donations today. For the next two weeks children are able to wear non-school uniform for a donation. Next forfeit days are:

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Bottles, any kind, wine, juice, beer, bubble bath, champagne!!

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec:** KS1 Christmas cupcakes, home baked or shop bought / KS2 chocolate, any kind.

## Movie Night

Children in Years 2 – 6 enjoyed a fabulous movie night on Tuesday with plenty of laughter and singing! Thanks to the PTA for organising and to all staff that helped on the night. We made a total of £480 which will go towards subsidising the pantomime trip.

## Christmas Fair **7<sup>th</sup> December 3.15pm**

Please put Friday December 7<sup>th</sup> 3.15pm in your diary! There are going to be a range of stalls on the day, all raising money for the PTA. We will have refreshments, hook a cracker, tombolas, photo booth, games, stalls, raffle and our ever popular 'Secret Santa Room' where only children are allowed, they can buy a present for mum or dad, grandma or grandad and staff will wrap it for them to take away and give to Santa until Christmas Day.

## Pantomime **11<sup>th</sup> December**

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.

## Tea with Santa **13<sup>th</sup> December**

Reception Class and Year 1 are invited to Tea with Santa on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 3.15 – 4.30pm. Children attending Busy Bees will be taken through to Busy Bees afterwards. Children will enjoy a small tea of sandwiches, snacks and a drink before Santa arrives, they then sit around the fireplace while he reads us a story and gives every child a present and a goodie bag to take home. Tickets are available from the school office and are £5 each.

## Special Pupil Voice Raffle **14<sup>th</sup> December 2pm**

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. 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. All children who do not win on the day will take home a little surprise too. Tickets are 20p and will be sold on the run up to the 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Traditional Christmas Dinner **14<sup>th</sup> December**

Our traditional Christmas lunch is very popular, if your child has a packed lunch and wants a dinner, then please pop into the office and let them know, KS1 children it's free and KS2 it is £2.15 same as a school dinner. It's great fun, staff join in and we have crackers, music and treats too.



## Nativity Year 1 and Year 2 **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2pm**

Year 1 and 2 will be performing their nativity on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Fortunately, because of the separate performances, we're able to offer 4 tickets to each family. Year 1 and 2 are able to collect tickets for their selected performance at the office. Tickets are free, however, numbers do need to be monitored to keep us all safe.

## Nativity Reception Class **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2pm**

Reception will be performing their very own nativity on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 4 tickets per family. Again tickets are free.

## Christmas Party Day **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

All parties take place today, Santa will be visiting Reception, Year1 and Year 2. Children can wear party clothes.

## Christmas Carol Service **10am at All Saints and Martyrs Church**

All parents are invited to our Christmas Carol Service where we will also be drawing the winner of our Twitter advent quiz!

