



Parkfield Primary School News

'Believe, Achieve, Succeed'



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Christmas is here and what an incredibly busy term we have had at Parkfield. As always, our children have been incredibly excited over the past few weeks and their behaviour has been exemplary. After a week of parties, Christmas card making and plenty of carols we're all ready for a well deserved break.

Proud of our Parkfield Performances

It's been a truly hectic couple of weeks in terms of performances. However, our children have performed brilliantly and really showed off their talents. The Parkfield Performers sang some great songs a few weeks ago and this week we've had some memorable nativity performances from reception, year 1 and year 2. Today's service at church was a fabulously festive end to another busy term at Parkfield.

Thanks for your Support

I'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge thanks to everyone for their support over the past few weeks. From forfeit days to the Christmas Fair and then the number of families attending nativities – your support has been amazing. Thank you.

Scott Hetherington and Lee Rigby Memorial Assembly

A variety of dignitaries visited school this week to take part in

a memorial service and bless a plaque to remember Lee Rigby and former Parkfielder, Scott Hetherington. Both soldiers grew up on Langley and KS2 children were reminded of the importance of caring for each other and fulfilling their dreams. The plaque and a poppy will soon be placed on a wall beside the entrance to the school.

Extra Curricular Clubs

Thanks to those parents that have been able to sign up to the extra curricular clubs next term. We have had over 100 children sign up for a range of different clubs including a range of sports, music and drama, cookery, lego, choir and arts. We hope that there's a club for everyone. Clubs will start as soon as we are back on Monday January 7th.

Fundraising

If you didn't see our tweet, we made a total of £1012 at the Christmas Fair and £140 on the raffle during the Nativities. The money was spent on subsidising the pantomime for the whole school and the remaining amount will be spent on some exciting things for the children in the new year.

If you're interested in the money the PTA have been raising, please see their dedicated page on the website which details all their income and spending.

<https://www.parkfieldprimary.com/parkfield/p-t-a.html>

Poor Weather

Please note that in the event of extreme weather, such as snow, we will do our very best to keep school open. However, we will use Twitter, email and text messages to let parents know if school is ever closed due to bad weather.



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.

Uniform

A few children have not been wearing the correct uniform over the past week or two. Please help us keep up our high standards and provide your children with the correct uniform. Please note that ties can be bought from the school office and uniform is available from Broadbents.

PE Kit

PE starts straight away when we get back after Christmas. 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.

School Lottery

A huge thanks to those parents that are already part of the School Lottery. It's helping the school raise a couple of

thousand of pounds each year. However, if you've not signed up yet and are interested please click here:

<https://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/lottery/school/parkfield-primary-school> We have a weekly winner from the school and everyone has the opportunity to win a national prize of £25,000.

KS2 SATS (Year 6) Parent Meetings

Advanced notice to parents in Y6 that we have a special meeting where Mr Barnes will be telling you all about the KS2 SATS tests that your child will be sitting in May. Please join us for one of the meetings taking place on Monday 14th January at 9am or 5pm in the school hall.

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.



Early Birds and Busy Bees

Places are available at our before and after school club. Please contact the school office if you'd like your child to attend.

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)*

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' on Wednesday 9th Jan at 9.30am.

Communication

We like to keep our paper usage to a minimum at Parkfield (we're very eco-friendly!) and as a result use email and Twitter as our main methods of communication. If you are receiving this letter on paper –

please contact the school office with your email address. If you're not on Twitter, sign up and follow @Parkfield. We regularly send updates and pictures from all the classes. Alternatively, keep your eye on www.parkfieldprimary.com as we regularly update our website and you can find a range of information on here.

Dates for your diary

Please note that all important events for the school year are placed on our website under the 'calendar' section. <https://www.parkfieldprimary.com/parkfield/calendar.html>

We plan events as far in advance as possible but I'm sure you can appreciate that these plans sometimes change.

And finally, from all at Parkfield, we wish you a merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.

We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 7th January 2018.

Mrs C J Palfreyman
Headteacher