



Parkfield Primary School News

'Believe, Achieve, Succeed'



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Happy New Year to everyone. It's wonderful to have the children back in school and I'm sure you're happy to be back into the school routine! We're confident that 2019 is going to be another fabulous year at Parkfield.

Playtime Equipment

We'd like to thank the PTA for their donation of £210 towards sports equipment such as balls, bats and frisbees! The equipment will be used at break and dinner times by all the children in

reception, year 1 and year 2. It also means that our Y6 sports leaders can continue to deliver quality sports sessions for the younger children.



Parents Evening – Wednesday 30th January (3.30 – 7pm)

From Monday morning you'll be able to sign up to a 5 minute slot for parents evening. Sign up sheets will as per usual be placed in the school foyer. The focus of the meetings will be around your child's progress in reading, writing and maths

Learning Logs

New learning logs for all children in years 1 to 6 have been sent home. The learning log gives children the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and 'creative flair' in a variety of ways. Although they're not compulsory we do encourage children to complete them as they do support

learning by complement the curriculum and other homework set.



Curriculum Overviews

Last week, curriculum overviews were emailed to all parents. These give details about the learning that will take place in your child's class over the next half term. They're also available on the school website here:

<https://www.parkfieldprimary.co.uk/parkfield/parents-zone/>

School Trips

A number of trips have been planned for the Spring Term and they can be paid for on School Gateway or at the office. We are aware that the price of trips has increased over the past year and as a result have tried to spread out trips over the year to reduce the financial burden on families. If you are ever struggling to make payments for a trip please let us know as soon as possible.



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.



Litter on School Path

Some local residents have been complaining about the amount of litter being left on and around the footpath around the back of the schoolland even thrown over the fences. Please can you remind your children about taking litter home or placing it into a bin.

School Uniform

The school has an incredible amount of lost property each term which usually gets sent to the local charity shop or recycling centre. However, starting next week, every Friday between 3.00pm and 3.15pm parents will be able to purchase good quality recycled uniform for a small donation and all proceeds will go into the PTA funds.

Eco-Garden

Work on our brand new eco-garden will start in the next month. The garden will provide a myriad of opportunities for the pupils of Parkfield and we're excited about the improvements it will bring to both the school curriculum and the wider school community.



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.

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.

Internet Safety Invite

Tuesday 5th February is National Safer Internet Day and as a result Mr Houghton and the Parkfield Technology Team will be presenting to our friends and families at 9am in the school hall. They'll be talking about the ways you can help keep your child safe online. All are welcome to attend!

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.yourschoollottery.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.

School Choir

The School Choir will be performing at the Rochdale Music Festival on Monday 11th February between 10am and 12.30pm. The event will take place at Rochdale Town Hall. Friends and family are more than welcome to come along and watch the performance. Last year we came first place in the competition...can we do it again??

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*)

Communication



Email

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.

Class Assemblies



We have a couple of class assemblies this half term. Friends and families are more than

welcome to join us at 9am in the hall on the following dates:

Y5: Friday 1st February

Y4: Friday 8th February

Reception Parents

You'll be receiving an invitation by email soon with details about our reading event that's taking place on the afternoon of Friday 1st February. Please save the date.

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.

Polling Day

Although it's months away, it has been confirmed today that we'll be used as a Polling station on Thursday 2nd May. As a result the school will be closed. We hope this gives you plenty of time for alternative childcare arrangements.

And finally.....

Stay safe and warm this weekend, enjoy the snow (if it arrives) and we look forward to seeing you all Monday morning with or without your ski's!

Mrs C J Palfreyman
Headteacher

