



Parklands Weekly News 19.04.24

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break.

This week I have sent home two letters updating you on some curriculum developments and changes this term. One letter shared how we now teach spelling at Parklands and the other letter was about our new reading records. Both of these letters can be found on our website if you would like to refer to them again in the future.

Year 2 were wonderfully well behaved on their school trip to Chichester Canal. They had an opportunity to ride on a canal boat, sketch pictures and complete some art work on paper plates. Thank you to the parents for giving up their time to make this trip possible.

Also today some year 2 pupils took part in the Disney Shooting Stars Football Festival. The children all had a wonderful time and we will include some photos in the newsletter next week.

This week we have been marking 100 days until the Olympics as we get ready for our own very special Olympic Week.

Have a great weekend.

Kind Regards,

Charlotte Angeli



School Uniform

This consists of:

- Red Parklands sweatshirt with crest.
- White polo shirt
- Grey trousers, skirt, pinafore dress, shorts or a red and white checked summer dress in the summer.

Long hair must be tied up and hair bands should be in school colours.

Shoes

A pair of flat black plain/sensible shoes.

These should be sturdy and enclosed.

Open-toe sandals are **NOT** permitted in the Summer.

Physical Education

Parklands PE shirt or white t-shirt

A change of shoes are needed for outdoor games.

Red shorts

Optional plain black tracksuit for outdoor games.

PE kit should be kept in a drawstring bag which is clearly named.

Children will still go outside in light rain.

Jewellery should not be worn in school (with the exception of stud earrings). Please provide tape to cover earrings in PE or remove them in advance. If watches are worn they are **NOT** the responsibility of the school. No Smart watches are allowed.

Please make sure that your child's clothing is **MARKED WITH THEIR NAME** either by using name tapes or permanent marker pen.

Uniform is available locally from **Game, Set & Match**.

They can be found in the Beaver Trade Park, Quarry Lane, Chichester.

Uniform can also be purchased from our online supplier Your School Uniform.

Second-hand uniform is available from the Parklands School Association.

Snack Time

We would like to encourage all children to have a snack at school during playtime. We strongly encourage the children to have a piece of fruit or some vegetables as a midmorning snack.

Reception to Year 2 are provided with some fruit or vegetables as part of the primary school fruit scheme.



PE Kit Days Summer Term

Indoor and Outdoor PE days for each year group

Reception

Monday - Indoor

Year 1

Wednesday - Outdoor

Thursday - Indoor

Year 2

Tuesday - Outdoor

Friday - Indoor

Year 3

Monday - Outdoor

Wednesday - Indoor

Year 4

Monday - Indoor

Friday – Outdoor

Year 5

Thursday - Outdoor

Friday - Swimming

Year 6

Tuesday and Friday - Outdoor

SSC

Tuesday and Friday - Outdoor

We do encourage all children to have their PE kit in school every day in case we need to make changes to the timetable. The children are welcome to leave this on their peg.



100 days till the Olympics



This week we have started our countdown to the Olympic games!

Each class created their own 100 challenge to mark being only 100 days away from the start of the games! It was fantastic to see such a variety of ideas across the school.



1 - Year 6 - 100 long strides



2 - Chestnut class - 100 metres





3 - Birch Class



4 - SSC



Attendance Award

Our **Target** this year is **97%**

This week our attendance is:

Whole School: 95.48%

Apple: 97.01%

Ash: 96.43%

Beech: 93.75%

Birch: 95.83%

Cedar: 99.14%

Chestnut: 98.28%

Hawthorn: 90.13%

Hazel: 96.67%

Maple: 98.21%

Mulberry: 96.02%

Pear: 93.75%

Poplar: 94.58%

Walnut: 96.67%

Willow: 90.83%

Forest: 95.83%

Orchard: 94.44%



Congratulations Cedar and Maple classes! You had the best attendance this week!

I wonder who will have the best attendance next week?

Improving School Attendance

Improving our School Attendance

Below are some useful reminders of what parents and carers must do to support the school and what we will do as a school.

What YOU must do:

Try to telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.

Tell the school in advance of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters/texts.

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.

Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.

If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What WE will do:

Check your child's attendance every day.

Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.



Reading at Home

This week we have launched our new reading diaries with the children.

Please read with your child for 10 minutes a day and record this in the diary.

We are looking forward to seeing how many children read at least 5 days a week.



Grub Club

We are excited to inform you that starting next Friday (26th April) Parklands is going to be supporting UKHarvest with their Rescue Mission to fight food waste!

UKHarvest is a local environmental charity that is working with schools to prevent food waste and food insecurity.

Local supermarkets are giving the charity the food they are about to throw away because it is past its 'best before date'.

Ten schools in the Chichester District have been selected to be given some of this produce that we can pass on to our families to support our weekly shop!

The produce will differ from fortnight to fortnight, whilst it may not be the prettiest it is perfectly edible and delicious, and so, on Friday 26th April at pick up time (3pm onwards), and for every other Friday for a year, please bring a shopping bag and fill it with delicious - and free - groceries!



Instagram

We are on Instagram!

So our families can keep up to date with what our children are learning about and join in with the celebrations across each class, we have a new page on Instagram.

@ParklandsPrimaryChichester

Please follow us and give us a like!



Instrument Lessons Available in School

Did you know at Parklands we offer instrumental lessons in a wide range of musical instruments including: baritone, cornet, euphonium, French horn, tenor horn, trumpet, trombone, violin, viola, guitar, ukulele, bass guitar, piano and keyboard?

A number of children have shown a great desire to learn an instrument. If you would like your child to receive individual or group lessons (within the school day), please follow the link provided and select Parklands Primary School to fill in the online form and to find out more about the cost of lessons. Some children are entitled to free instrumental lessons and information about this can be found within the link. If you would like more information, please contact Mrs Gray.

<https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/make-music/music-lessons/>



Headteacher's Tea Party

The following children really impressed their teacher and attended the Headteacher's Tea Party this week.

Well done everyone!

Ash Class: Daisy

Beech: Elodie

Birch: Aaron

Cedar: Poppy

Chestnut: Sofia

Hawthorn: Albie

Hazel: Ella

Maple: Albie

Pear: Elena

Poplar: Charlie

Walnut: Lillian

Willow: Amalie

Orchard: Harry

I wonder who will come next week?



Super Star Corner



5 - Superstar Lizzie for completing Level 7 in Gymnastics



6 - Superstar Alfie for receiving a medal at Rugby!



7 - Superstar Artie for coming 1st and 2nd at Chichester Tennis Academy!



8 - Superstar Beauden for receiving the Golden Boot!



9 - Superstar Hannah for swimming 25 metres!



10 - Superstar Mahira for completing Level 7 in Gymnastics



11 - Superstar Sophie for completing Level 7 in Gymnastics

Other Notices

Reminder

We have been approached by St Wilfred's Church regarding parking in their car park. Please can we ask members of the school community parking there to be respectful towards everyone and to vacate the spaces as soon as possible at each end of the school day.

Please do not park in the West Sussex Parking bays, these are for our organised transport only.

I also kindly ask you to use the parking bays for visitors when using the car park. Where possible, we expect families to park outside of the school and walk into the school grounds. This ensures that the children are safe at all times.

Message from Chartwells

June 6th 2024 marks a very important date in history, the 80th Anniversary of D-Day.

To support this event, we will simply swap the menu on Friday 7th with Thursday 6th so that we can also have Fish and Chip Day but with the additional children's favourite: Chocolate Brownie

Please do not park on the yellow lines or disabled spaces outside of the school and surrounding roads.



Coming Up Next

NEXT
WEEK

Monday

Headteacher's Tea Party

Tuesday

Year 6 and Year 2 PE with Ben

Year 1 College PE

Thursday

Reception & Year 1 Forest School with Woodland Wonders

Final Future Flyers

Year 5 College PE

Guitar Lesson

Violin Lesson

Friday

Year 6 College PE

Piano Lessons

Dates for your Diary

Summer Term Dates

Thursday 25th April - Year 5 Future Flyers (Invitation Only)

Monday 29th April - Year 3 Trip to Fishbourne Palace

Tuesday 30th April - Reception Measurements with School Nursing Team

Tuesday 30th April - Year 4 Trip East Head

Friday 3rd May - PTA Event Dare to be Different

Wednesday 8th May - Year 5 Baseball Workshop

Thursday 9th May - Year 6 Residential Trip Meeting time 3:20pm

Friday 10th May - Year 3 Roman Day

Week Beginning 13th May - Year 6 SATS

Friday 17th May Year 1 Mr Bones

Monday 20th May - Class Photos

Wednesday 22nd May - SSC Marwell Trip

Wednesday 22nd May - Year 5 Greek Day

Thursday 23rd May - University Student Performances

Tuesday 4th June - Year 6 Residential

Tuesday 4th June - Little Sing Up at Parklands

Friday 7th June - PTA Event Non-Uniform Day

Wednesday 12th June - Language Enrichment Day

Week Beginning 17th June - Science Week

Tuesday 25th June - Big Sing at Parklands

Tuesday 25th June - SEN coffee Morning

Wednesday 26th June - Mini Olympics Year 1 and 2 led by Bronze Ambassadors

Monday 1st July - Olympic Week at Parklands

Tuesday 2nd July - Culture Day

Thursday 4th July - Sports Fun Parklands Pentathlon (Details to follow in the Summer term)

Friday 5th July - Olympic Workshops

Monday 8th July - Chichester Harbour Trip

Tuesday 9th July - Lioness Legacy Tournament

Thursday 11th July - Move Up Day TBC

Tuesday 16th July - PTA Event - School Disco

Thursday 18th July - Year 6 Production at 2:15pm

Tuesday 23rd July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9:30am

Tuesday 23rd July - Last Day of Term

Term Dates

Summer Term

Monday 6th May 2024 - School closed for the May Bank Holiday.

Friday 24th May 2024 - Children break up for half term.

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024 - Half Term

Monday 3rd June 2024 - School closed for staff training.

Tuesday 4th June 2024 - Children return to school.

Tuesday 23rd July 2024 - Children break up for the holidays.

Autumn Term

Monday 2nd September 2024 - School closed for staff training.

Tuesday 3rd September 2024 - Children return to school.

Friday 25th October 2024 - Children break up for half term.

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024- Half Term

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Friday 20th December 2024 - Children break up for the holidays.

Spring Term

Tuesday 6th January 2025 - School closed for staff training.

Wednesday 7th January 2025 - Children return to school.

Friday 14th February 2025 - Children break up for half term.

Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025 - Half Term

Monday 24th February 2025 - School closed for staff training.

Tuesday 25th February 2025 - Children return to school.

Friday 4th April 2025 - Children break up for the holidays.

Summer Term

Tuesday 22nd April 2025 - *School closed for staff training.*

Wednesday 23rd April 2025 - Children return to school.

Monday 5th May 2025 - School closed for the May Bank Holiday.

Friday 23rd May 2025 - Children break up for half term.

Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025 - Half Term

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