

# Parkside Primary School Newsletter



28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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## Weekly Update

We have had a fantastic week this week at Parkside. A special mention goes to our Year Six children who have completed their last mock SATS papers this week. They have continued to show determination and resilience whilst offering endless support and kindness towards their peers.

Mr Bennett has had the pleasure of carrying out pupil interviews today as the children have come to the end of their history block. He has been so impressed with how the children have spoken about their knowledge and they could link this to previous knowledge through the concepts.

I would also like to take the time to celebrate our staff achievements. Mrs Dennett has received fantastic news today. She has passed her National Professional Qualification in Leading Teaching and to Mrs Salter who was asked to deliver drama training at another local school this week. Preparations are underway for our Coronation Celebrations, we look forward to sharing these with you next week.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend and we will see you on Tuesday.  
Mrs Bell

## Attendance

Attendance across the school this week has been 97%, well done to Mrs Scott's class who have achieved 99% attendance this week.

Please ensure all children arrive to school prior to 8:55am. If they arrive after this time you will be asked to go to the school office for registration purposes.

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## Parkside's Big Breakfast

Parkside's Big Breakfast launched this week. We have seen a fantastic uptake. It has been lovely to see children of different year groups eating together. This is a universal offer which is open to every child with no cost attached.

Where: Children are to be dropped off at the main office at 8:30am, Early Years children will need to be accompanied by an adult. Children from Year One upwards can come, without an adult, and have breakfast with us after being dropped off at the main entrance.

When: Monday – Friday 8:30am (start)  
-8:45am (finish)



## Events Update

This week children from Year Three and Four, finally, after it being rained off previously, got to represent Parkside at a cross country event at Stafford Grammar.

The children battled the elements and the challenging course and gave it their very best! We were very Proud to be Parkside with so many children running for the first time.

We have a number of children who play football outside of school. It has been fantastic to hear that they have made it through to finals and national events.

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Shining a Light on....

## Buddies



In school we have a wonderful buddy system to help our reception children adjust to school life and have a positive role model in our Year 6 children. Buddies read to the children, have play time with them and help them into our Champion of the Week assemblies. Here's some lovely feedback we received off one parent recently...

\*\*\* often sees my daughter outside of school near the shop and always comes over and gives her a hug and took the time to play and look after \*\*\* and this made her feel so special.

Both of these girls parents should be so proud of them and I wanted to shine a light and notice this as I am so grateful for the positive impact they have had on my daughters first year of school so far. I will be very happy if \*\*\* grows up to be as wonderful as both \*\*\*\* are. #proudtobeparkside

Well done to all of our buddies, however a special mention this week goes out to Dulcie and to Cherry.

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# Parkside Pantry

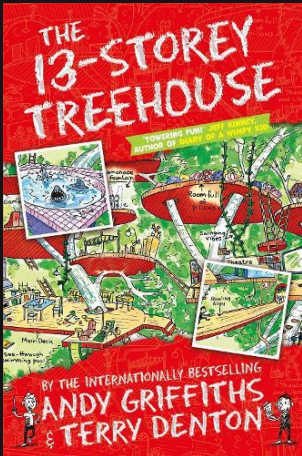
We are getting a little low on the following items if anyone is able to donate anything we would be grateful:

Household items such as toilet roll, cleaners etc. Sanitary products, tinned goods and rice.

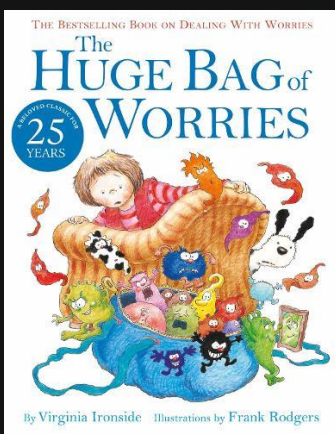
If you need a little extra help then either drop in for a browse or email [admin@parkside.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@parkside.staffs.sch.uk) and we can make you up a bag confidentially.

Thank you

## Recommended Reads



*The 13-Storey Treehouse* is the first book in Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton's wacky treehouse adventures, where the laugh-out-loud story is told through a combination of text and fantastic cartoon-style illustrations

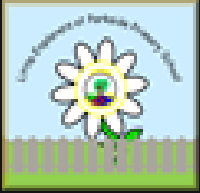


A reassuring picture book encouraging children to open up about their fears and anxieties to help manage their feelings.

Wherever Jenny goes, her worries follow her - in a big blue bag. They are with her all the time - at school, at home, when she is watching TV and even in the bathroom! Jenny decides they have to go, but who will help her get rid of them?

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## Early Years at Parkside

### Little Explorers Nursery and Reception

This week the children in Early Years have been enjoying exploring the season of Spring. We have made the most of our Forest School area. Shooting Stars have thoroughly enjoyed their Forest School session with Mr Sytton & Mrs Morrison to start creating their bug hotel. Little Bears have been exploring the skill of dabbing using cotton wool and spring colours to create blossom artwork. Tiny Stars have been planting strawberry plants on the balcony. The tadpoles in Tiny Stars are growing well and the children have all enjoyed observing the changes in their lifecycle. We are very much looking forwards to welcoming you into school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May for Coronation Crown workshop. Do let your child's class teacher know if you will be able to attend. Miss Bills

#### TRY THIS AT HOME

Birthday cake playdoh

- 2 cups [plain flour](#) (all purpose)
- 2 tablespoons [vegetable oil](#) ([baby oil](#) and [coconut oil](#) work too)
- 1/2 cup [salt](#)
- 2 tablespoons [cream of tartar](#)
- 1 to 1.5 cups boiling water (adding in increments until it feels just right)
- [gel food colouring](#) (optional)
- few drops [glycerine](#) (my secret ingredient for stretch and shine!)

Add lots of vanilla essence to really smell like birthday cake and when it is dry, roll it in glitter. Add candles and count the amounts.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Up to 75% of each meal goes to building your baby's brain.

What to Expect in the EYFS:  
A Guide for Parents

#### USEFUL WEBSITES

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>



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JOIN US FOR A PARENT'S WORKSHOP  
KING CHARLES III



## CORONATION CROWN

WEDNESDAY 3RD MAY 2023

9:00AM - 10:00AM

NURSERY & SCHOOL WILL PROVIDE THE CRAFT MATERIALS IN ORDER FOR YOUR CHILD TO MAKE A CROWN, BUT IF YOU WISH TO BRING IN SOMETHING SPECIFIC THEN PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DO SO. PLEASE LET YOUR CHILD'S CLASS TEACHER KNOW IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND THE WORKSHOP.

## Dates for your Diary

Mondays/Wednesdays	Year 6 Early morning Boosters
Tuesdays	Stay and Solve
Monday	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holidays – School and Nursery Closed
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Polling Day – School and Nursery Closed. On-line Learning available
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Coronation Day Celebrations
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS Week



We are excited to be holding whole school celebrations on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May for the King's Coronation. There will be a full day of activities ending with a School (Rec-Yr6) Parkside Parade just outside of the school grounds – if you would like to discuss this please call the office.

If you order a school dinner this will be replaced with a special Coronation picnic with both meat and vegetarian options that the children can choose from.

Children are welcome to come dressed in red, white and/or blue and bring a red/white or blue accessory for the parade

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# Proud to be Parkside Champion Moments....



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