

# Parkside Primary School Newsletter



31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

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## Weekly Update

What a fantastic week we have had to end our spring term in school. This week we have had, a trip to the farm for our Nursery children, Reception sang their hearts out for the residents at Crispin Court, Key Stage One have had a visit from Rev. Elaine, The Y6 football team went to Huddersfield, representing Stoke City, Y6 have competed in a football tournament and Lower Key Stage Two performed an amazing Easter Extravaganza!

This term we have continued to develop our writing journey, from learning walks, book sharing and pupil and staff interview the children and staff are really enjoying the change and the benefits are seen in the writing that is being produced. We have continued to look at our lunchtime provision, using pupil voice, and will be introducing new resources onto our playground after Easter. Our Early Years practise has continued to grow and develop as we embed high quality environments and interactions whilst ensuring that our children are fully equipped for the next stage in their educational journey. In maths we have really explored those opportunities for deeper thinking and reasoning and how our teaching promotes these skills. We look forward to embedding these focus areas further over the next term.

It has been lovely to welcome back Mrs Jones to our staffing team. Mrs Jones will be working across Key Stage One to support the teaching of maths and English in the morning and teaching in Year 2/1 three afternoons a week.

May I take this opportunity to wish all of our Parkside family a well deserved break.

We will look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April

Mrs Bell

## Attendance

Attendance across the school this week has been 96%. We are working to raise this above 97%.

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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**Dear Staff, Parents and Children,**

I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with an update at the end of the Easter Term 2023 as the Chief Executive Officer of the Creative Learning Partnership Trust which your child's school is part of.

At present we are delighted to announce we now have 9 schools as part of our Trust. These are either a Special School, First Schools, Primary and a Middle School that geographically covers from Stafford in the south to Biddulph in the north. In total we have 2250 children, with our youngest children at 3 months of age to our eldest children who are 13 years old. We have 448 staff across the Trust, meeting the children's needs.

We are delighted to announce that the 8th school to join us is Green Lea First School. This school meets the needs of Milwich and its surrounding areas in Stone and Stafford offering an education for children from the age of 2 to 9 years old. The Trust has been supporting Green Lea with providing an acting headteacher, Mrs Harris, from January 2023. The 9th school to join the Trust will be opening in September 2024 and we are working on delivering this as we speak. This school is named Beaconfields Primary School and this will be built in Stafford on the new housing estate development just off the A34 approaching the North of Stafford and directly opposite the Parkside Estate. The marketing campaign of Beaconfields Primary School is being launched over the next couple of weeks and information will be available at both Greenhall Nursery and Parkside Primary School.

The Trust and its schools have been a real hive of activity through the Spring term. As the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), the key priority over this term was to continue to implement the next stage of Vision 2026. To achieve this, the central team has been expanded this academic year to meet the needs of a growing Trust.

***There are 5 areas, that continue to be the main focus at present for the Trust.***

1. Growth
2. Financial management of schools and the Trust
3. IT strategy
4. Workforce- wellbeing and training support
5. Teaching and learning/School improvement focus

One of the priorities for our schools is the communication around champion opportunities and moments that all children will participate in. This is an exciting venture where all school communities and schools decide on the opportunities they will provide for the children. The Trustees have been visiting schools alongside the Local Governing Board and have seen that the collective vision of the Trust is known by all stakeholders. The champion moments and opportunities are being brought to life with a clear commitment from staff, children and leaders. This is the touchpoints within the schools, as our Trust grows in size. This does make us stand out as different to other schools within your locality and something that is unique for our Trust.

The Trust and schools have been working on some exciting other projects including developing teaching and learning further, following Rosenshine Principles. The schools have been training staff on developing more opportunities to capture assessment for learning- what the children have learnt. Across the schools, peer to peer support has been developed with teachers having the opportunity to learn from each other and observe each other teach.

To support the Trust schools, we have found finances for a number of building projects. There has been a significant build within Greenhall with a larger classroom created and a new outdoor area attached. We have supported the modernizing of the roof at Hempstalls, with a new outdoor Reception area at Langdale with new Wi-Fi and switches capability. At Thursfield and Manor Hill we are supporting the schools with more staff to support their growth as schools. We are supporting James Bateman with a repair of the dining room floor and we have bid for a new heating system within the school.

We are also working with an organisation around providing solar panels and support for our schools in meeting the rising costs of electricity. I will keep you updated about this exciting project in the future. Governance is a real strength of our trust and we are delighted that so many volunteers at all levels are working hard to provide your children with the best education possible, from parents through to members of the Local Governing Boards and also the Trust Board.

Finally, I want to wish you all a Happy Easter and I look forward to the term ahead and to see the achievements of your children and see the positive impact that Trust schools can make upon their local communities. Our vision as a Trust is to support our pupils in living champion lives through providing day after day champion moments for all our children, all the time so that they can 'Come as you are and leave as a champion.'

***Thank you for your ongoing support***

Samuel Compton  
CEO

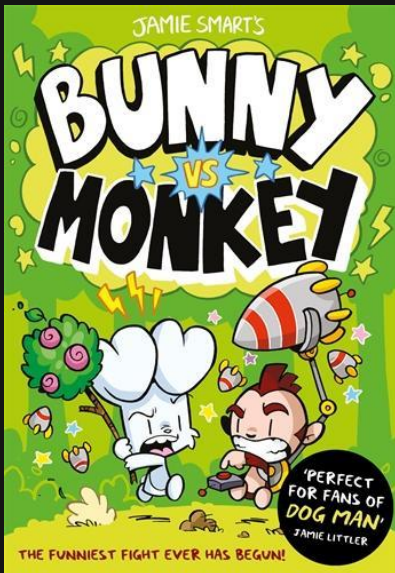
# Parkside Pantry

Our Pantry is now full to the brim with all sorts of food and household goods thanks to your fantastic generosity, thank you Parkside – you're truly amazing!

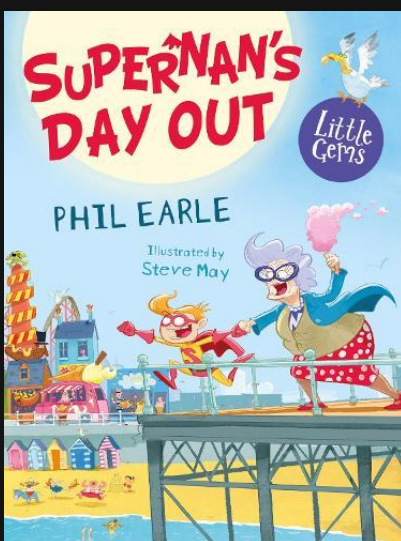
Please do not let any of this go to waste now – if you need a little extra help then either drop in for a browse or email [admin@parkside.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@parkside.staffs.sch.uk) and we can make you up a bag confidentially.

Thank you

## Recommended Reads



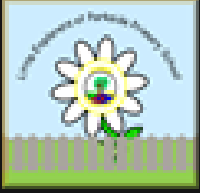
Fast-paced, freewheeling and very funny, the first two volumes of Smart's wildly popular graphic series are collected in this unmissable book, which chronicles the chaos that ensues when Monkey crash-lands in the woods.



An unexpected family secret has hilarious consequences in this action-packed story from Phil Earle and illustrator Steve May - perfect for superhero fans.

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## Early Years at Parkside

### Little Explorers Nursery and Reception

The children in Early Years have had a superb last week of the Spring term. Tiny Stars and some of the Little Bears thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Lower Drayton Farm on Thursday where they saw a five-week-old donkey and met a one-day old baby lamb. The Little Bears even had the privilege of naming the lamb, Jacob. Despite the showers, Reception walked to Crispin Court on Thursday and performed Easter and Spring songs for the residents. It was heart-warming for all, especially when the children handed out Easter cards that they had made and wished the residents a Happy Easter. Crispin Court have asked us if we will return and sing more songs for them in the future. It was a true Proud to be Parkside moment! Meanwhile, back at school, our youngest children in Little Bears enjoyed creating Easter collages supported by Mrs Pearce and Miss Downes. Wishing you all a Happy Easter and restful break. Miss Bills

#### Salt Dough Easter Eggs

- 4 cups all purpose flour (Note: you want regular all purpose flour, not self-rising)
- 1 cup salt
- 1.5 cups warm water



1. Combine all of your ingredients (flour, salt, warm water) and mix well until it starts to form a dough.
2. Take the dough out of the bowl and knead for at least 10 minutes.
3. Use an egg shaped cutter to cut out your eggs
4. Using a straw, make a hole in the top of the ornament.

Bake at 250 degrees Fahrenheit for 1-2 hours. Once the top of the ornaments look dry and solid, flip over and bake on the other side.

Decorate

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## Dates for your Diary

**Mondays/Wednesdays**

**Year 6 Early morning Boosters**

**Tuesdays**

**Stay and Solve**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

**School and Nursery Opens**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

**Academy Photography – School Photos**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

**Polling Day – School and Nursery Closed**



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## FREE Easter Holiday Sports\*



Monday 3rd April - Thursday 6th April 10am-4pm  
Tuesday 11th April - Friday 14th April 10am-4pm

At Blessed William Howard Catholic High School Stafford

Staff are NGB qualified, DBS Checked and First Aid Trained.  
Staff employed by the Stafford Sports and Performance Academy

The days will be filled with sporting fun including football, rounders, dance, cricket, badminton, table tennis and MORE. Sessions are perfect for boys and girls.

**FREE HOT MEAL INCLUDED**

\*Free spaces available to children on  
**FREE SCHOOL MEALS Programme**



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# Proud to be Parkside Champion Moments....



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