

# Parkside Primary School Newsletter



17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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## Weekly Update

We have had a lovely time welcoming the special ladies from our lives into school this week.

Over the last few days 240 ladies have joined us for lunch. It was amazing to see the children enjoying spending quality time, interacting with their visitor. Thank you for all the wonderful feedback and to our staff and kitchen team who facilitated such a fantastic event.

This week we have had a Design and Technology focus in Key Stage Two, with Year Three and Four creating healthy wraps and home made coleslaw. Year Five and Six have been using tools in woodwork to create a frame structure, whilst Key Stage One have been creating animations in their computing.

Have a fantastic weekend and we will see you on Monday.

Mrs Bell

## Attendance

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

Mrs Dawson's Wise Ones have won this weeks attendance for the third week running with 98%. 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 Pantry

The present energy crisis is making life difficult for a lot of us and our Parkside families, however this also means that our food bank is being heavily utilised.

Next week we will be having a Mufti day in aid of the Food bank, please see the special edition letters below from the Beach House with further details on how you can help or where to access support yourself

Thank you

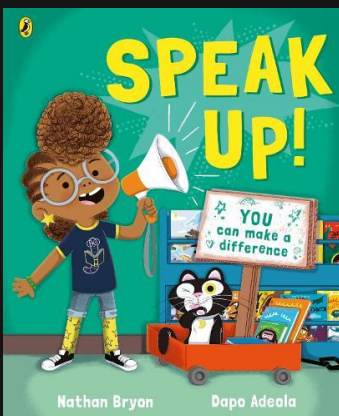
## Recommended Reads

Books are mirrors: You only see in them what you already have inside you." – Carlos Ruiz Zafón



A celebration of mums written by Simon Philip with joyful and traditional illustrations by Dawn Lo.

Mums are special. Mums are unique. They can play let's pretend.



Rocket returns in the third effervescent picture book from the Waterstones Children's Book Prize-winning team of Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adeola, in which our irrepressible heroine organises a peaceful protest against the closure of her local library.

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## Mufti day in aid of the Parkside Pantry

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March will be a non-school uniform day to raise awareness of our Parkside Pantry. The pantry is our school foodbank that can be accessed by any family at school for any reason. Our stocks are quite depleted due to the cost of living crisis so we are asking for voluntary contributions of non-perishable goods instead of the usual £1 donation. To try to restock the pantry with a broad range of products we are asking for each class to bring in a different type of product. Please make sure that the products are well within their expiry date.

Nursery: Treats (eg. sweets, biscuits, chocolates)

Rec: Rice / Pasta / Cereals (eg. flavoured microwave rice / pasta, dried rice, dried pasta, breakfast cereals, noodles)

Y1: Condiments (eg. ketchup, mayonnaise, BBQ sauce, herbs, spices)

Y2/1A: Sauces (eg. pasta sauce, curry sauce, cook in sauce, stir-in sauce)

Y2/1B: Drinks (eg. tea, coffee, squash, long-life milk / fruit juice)

Y3: Beans / spaghetti hoops / Soup

Y4/3A: Tinned veg / tinned meat / tinned tomatoes

Y4/3B: Tinned desserts (eg fruit / custard), steamed puddings / jelly

Y5: Toiletries (eg. shampoo, shower gel, bobbles, sponges, soap, hand soap, flannels, nail brushes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, conditioner)

Y6: Household products (eg. cloths, toilet rolls, all-purpose cleaners, laundry products, washing up liquid, cleaning sponges, polish)

Anything you can donate is greatly appreciated to help support our local community

# Letters from the Beach House

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Hi to all from the Beach House

Life is incredibly difficult at the moment and for some families, it seems nigh on impossible. Juggling whether we buy food or heat the home is a battle many of us are facing.

However there is support to help ease the burden of the cost of living:

Staffordshire County Council offers a heap of information to support with living costs – go to [www.Staffordshire.gov.uk/community/cost-of-living-support/here-to-help.asp](http://www.Staffordshire.gov.uk/community/cost-of-living-support/here-to-help.asp)



On these pages you'll find information, advice, and support to help you manage cost of living pressures.

 <b>Benefit checker</b> Check what benefits you could get	 <b>Businesses</b> Help and support for businesses.	 <b>Energy bills</b> Help with energy bills.
 <b>Food and essentials</b> Help with food and essentials.	 <b>Funded childcare</b> Help paying for childcare.	 <b>Helping others</b> How to help others.
 <b>Money and debt</b> Help with money and debt.	 <b>Staying warm</b> Help to stay warm and heat your home.	 <b>Staying well</b> Help to stay well.
 <b>Support in your local community</b> Help finding local support.		

Food banks are a good way to save money with your food bills and there are a few in the Stafford area:

**Holmcroft Community Centre** on Newlands Avenue have a foodbank of non-perishable goods open twice a week - Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10am – 11am

**Christian foodbank** (St Austin's church, Stafford) email Peter Haddock for support @ [Cfoodhelp25@aol.com](mailto:Cfoodhelp25@aol.com)

**Hearts and Hands** offer a food rescue service (food from supermarkets) see their Facebook page for details of collection points

**House of Bread's Cafe43** offers a foodbank and access to advice. Open 3 days a week (see [hobstafford.co.uk](http://hobstafford.co.uk) for opening times) @ 43 Browning Street

**Rising Brook foodbank** is open weekday mornings, but also offers warm spaces until 3pm ([www.risingbrook.org](http://www.risingbrook.org))

**Salvation Army** on Faraday Road offer a foodbank and a weekly lunch club ([www.salvationarmy.org.uk/Stafford](http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/Stafford))

**The Trussel Trust** ([www.trusseltrust.org](http://www.trusseltrust.org)) offers food vouchers for emergency food that can be used in the Stafford foodbank on Bellasis Street, off Marston Road

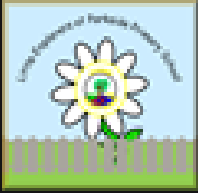
Other support:

**Signposts Services** offer support with a range of needs and issues. See a Community Worker at their drop-in centre at Rising Brook Baptist Church (call for additional information 01785 223860)

[www.gov.uk/get-help-energy-bills](http://www.gov.uk/get-help-energy-bills) - make sure you are getting the right amount of financial support to help with energy bills.

**Citizens Advice Bureau Staffordshire South West** – offices on Martin Street, Stafford or call 0800 278 7874

**Parkside Primary School** – You don't have to go through this alone, we are here for you too! We offer a friendly face, a cup of tea and a chat as well as our own foodbank (no restrictions) and a well stocked, used uniform store.



## Early Years at Parkside

### Little Explorers Nursery and Reception

This week in Early Years we have been noticing signs of Spring. Little Bears have been very busy developing their Expressive Arts skills to create cards for their Special Ladies. Tiny Stars have been enthused about their Maths learning this week, using the Numberblocks as a hook to understand how number two is represented and composed. They have also been busy planting seeds linked to Eric Carle's book The Tiny Seed. Shooting Stars Reception have been learning about height. They used cubes to measure how tall different objects were as well as the mathematical vocabulary 'taller' and 'shorter' to make comparisons between two objects. Despite the wet weather this week, all the children have had opportunity to take their learning outside. Shooting Stars worked collaboratively to build an obstacle course, taking risks by balancing on blocks through a water tray whilst Little Bears.

### Try this at home

#### Pebble Easter Egg craft



Use chalk pens or paint sticks to decorate a pebble.



#### Did you know?

There are many everyday moments like bath time and dinner that you can make playful. Help your child to learn in a fun and relaxed way.

What to expect in the EYFS: A Guide for

Parents

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## Dates for your Diary

Thursdays	Stay and Solve Sessions
Mondays/Wednesdays	Year 6 Early morning Boosters
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5B trip to the Ancient High House
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening for school and nursery
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Last day of term for both school and nursery



[www.staffordsport.co.uk](http://www.staffordsport.co.uk)



## 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



IDEAL FOR AGES 5-13

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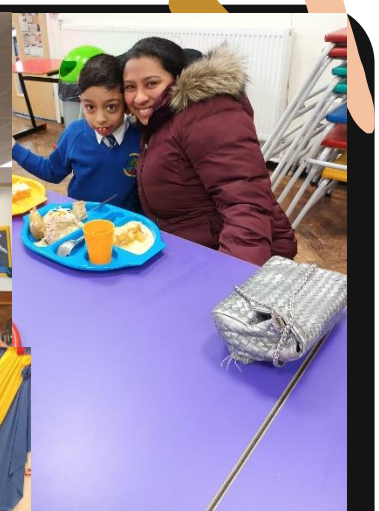
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# Proud to be Parkside Champion Moments....



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