

Parkside Primary School Newsletter



17th February 2023

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Weekly Update

We have had a very busy week here at Parkside.

Year Three thoroughly enjoyed the STEM Lego trip that they attended. The playground rides that they made using motors and lights were very inventive. This has linked with their learning in computing.

Year Four had a busy day being nature rangers at Wolseley Nature Reserve. They made bug hotels, learnt about the site and enjoyed exploring the wildlife all linked to their science learning.

Year Two/One have been practising their circus skills today. It has been fantastic to see them master a range of different tricks and acts. This has been a super finish to Leon and the Place Between.

Wishing you all a restful half term and we shall see you back in school on Tuesday 27th February. Mrs Bell

Attendance

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

Mrs Clowes class remain top of the leader board for the second week running with 98% 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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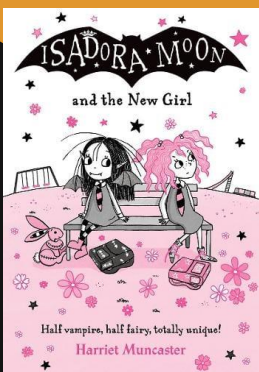
Parkside Pantry

We always welcome donations to our pantry. If anyone is able to make donations of tins of soup, tinned vegetables and pasta sauces this would be very much appreciated. Equally if you would like a bag making up just let us know. We also have lots of uniform stock available.

Thank you

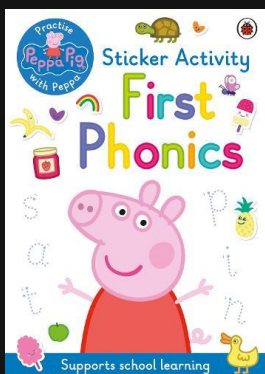
Recommended Reads

"A book is a garden, an orchard, a storehouse, a party, a company by the way, a counselor, a multitude of counselors." – Charles Baudelaire



Isadora Moon is special because she's different. Her mum is a fairy, her dad is a vampire, and she's a bit of both.

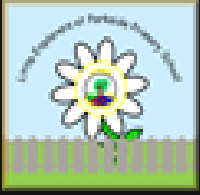
When a new girl, Ava, joins her class, Isadora is keen to make friends. But Ava's not interested. She'd much rather be back at her old school, with her old friends, who are much more fun to play with.



Learn at home by practising first phonics with Peppa and her friends in this colourful sticker activity book. Single letters and sounds are introduced in a systematic order, with fun activities to build confidence in reading and spelling.

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Early Years at Parkside Little Explorers Nursery and Reception

This week in Early Years has been a hive of activity. Many of our children have been immersed in all things musical; we have enjoyed hearing their musicality through songs and use of percussion instruments. Little Bears have enjoyed singing their Maths number rhymes in their key groups using puppets. Tiny Stars have been dancing, making musical instruments and performed in small groups to all of their friends using real instruments! Shooting Stars Reception have enjoyed learning about dynamics and applying this concept to the song "Jelly on a Plate" and then independently applying this skill to the percussion instruments on our outdoor stage.

TRY THIS AT HOME CARDBOARD BOX FUN

Find an empty cardboard box. What can you make from it? You might make a boat, a racing car or a house for toys. You could even make a maze! You might turn your box into something else the next day. Send your pictures into Family to let us know.

COMMUNICATION

Just to remind you that our doors are always open. We regularly update the Family app to showcase the learning in early years. You can also use the messaging feature to directly message your child's class teacher. Our Stay & Play sessions will be resuming after half term. If you require another copy of the curriculum for Spring Term then please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher who will be happy to provide you with a copy. Reception also update Google Classroom on a weekly basis to communicate Phonics teaching & learning as well as Homework activities.



FUN FACTS

Did you know?

When your child is active, they are learning about their bodies and what they can do. They are also learning about social rules and managing their feelings.

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

Mon 20th February

School Closed for Half Term

Mon 27th February

INSET Day – school closed to pupils

Tuesday 28th February

School and Little Explorers Open

Year 5/6 Electrify Dance Show

Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day

Wednesday 8th & Friday 10th
March

Year 5 trip to the Ancient High
House



**HALF TERM
SOCCER SCHOOLS**

WOLVES FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

Soccer School / Goalkeeper Soccer School

Venue: Stafford Town FC, Evans Park, Off Fairway, ST16 3TL

Dates: Wednesday 22nd - Friday 24th February 2023

Times: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Cost: £60

Scan the QR code for more information,
email footballdevelopment@wolves.co.uk
or to book visit tickets.wolves.co.uk



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PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2023

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ASDA CAFE

Kids eat for £1 all day, every day with no adult spend until the end of March 2023

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays. Then Tuesday to Friday between 3 – 5pm selected Kids' meals are £1 & larger meals are £1.50.

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

One free children's meal per paid adult meal 12-5pm daily throughout the holidays

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

MORRISONS

Spend £4.99 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto during Half Terms

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

YO! SUSHI

From February half term, kids eat free all day at YO! Sushi with any adult £10 spend

SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

IKEA

Kids get a meal for 95p or £1.50 from 11am - All day, every day.

FARMHOUSE INNS

Kids eat for £1 is currently on until Jan 31st but expected to be extended

TESCO CAFES

Likely but not yet announced

Letters from the Beach House



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Happy Friday and happy half term from the Beach House!

It has been Children's Mental Health week in the UK this week, and children at Parkside have had lots of opportunities to experience different things to help their mental health and wellbeing – from Forest school, to STEM visits, even circus skills!

All of these activities are good for our children's mental health as it reconnects us with friends, with nature and with new people / experiences. However, with half term next week, we may fall into the trap of trying to fit in so much, that our children don't actually get a chance to reflect, relax and reconnect with family or to recharge their own mental and emotional batteries.

A recent report from the Office of National Statistics looking at children's views on wellbeing and what makes a happy life, writes that children expressed a desire to spend quality time with family in relation to everyday things such as having dinner together. This sentiment was also connected to parents paying attention to their children and 'spending less time on their phones'.

The chance to reflect and relax when not at school is also incredibly important and having downtime is a key element (not doing clubs or rushing off to an event or an activity) – downtime is a blank canvas for creativity and imagination.

Downtime also prepares children for life – giving children time to play on their own or with friends can develop skills of negotiation, collaboration and problem solving – great assets for the future.

Downtime helps our children get much needed rest – they are constantly on the go, in school and often out of school – giving rise to scheduling fatigue and can lead to apathy towards learning – sleep is a big part of this, but also giving them a chance to wind down, to chill allows them to recharge their batteries and make sense of the world.

Downtime is good for us parents too – when our children play on their own and learn ways to entertain themselves, we get a chance to recharge and reconnect with adult relationships. Life does not have to revolve around the children and as long as they are safe, then give yourself some time too.

So, try not to get too busy this half term – your children won't mind if you don't have something planned everyday and this is good for them!

Ref: www.ons.gov.uk, www.family.org.sg

Proud to be Parkside Champion Moments....



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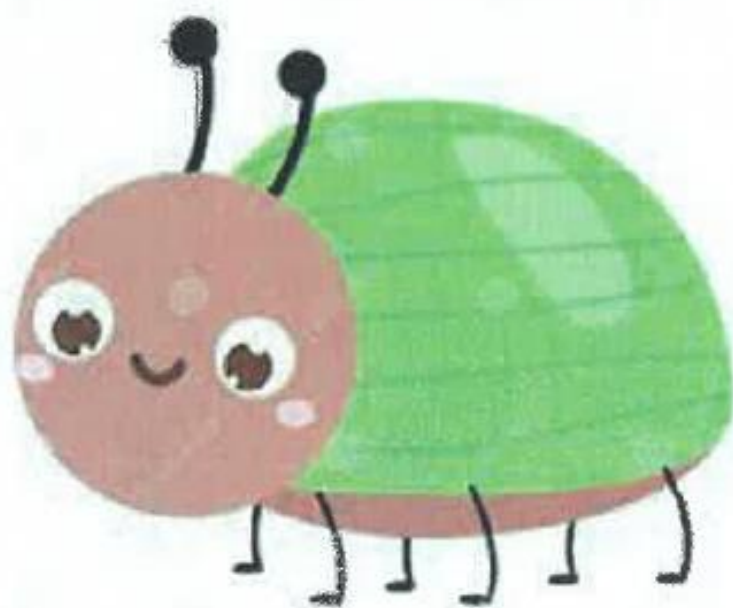
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St. Leonard's Church, Marston

BEEBLE DRIVE

In aid of Church funds.



Saturday 11th March, 7.30 to 9:30 p.m.

The North End Community Centre, Holmcroft Road.

Light refreshments.

Raffle (prize donations welcome)

Admission:

Adults £6.00, Children (U16) £3.00

Queries? Phone 01889 271176