

Parkside Primary School Newsletter



Friday 6th January 2023

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Weekly Update

It has been fabulous to welcome the children back into school this week. We have been so impressed with how they have settled back into school.

The children have been introduced to their text for this term, please ask them about the text and the immersion that has taken place this week to enable them to be ready to write.

This week our afternoons have been focused around PSHCE. The children have been extremely reflective in their response when discussing goals and aspirations for the future. On Wednesday the children took part in a World Braille Day assembly with a representative from the visual impairment team. The children very maturely linked this to our value of determination.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday.

Attendance

Across the school attendance this week has been 96.9%, what a super start to the term!

Please remember the school register closes at 8:55am. Please help us to ensure that children are in their classrooms prior to this time.

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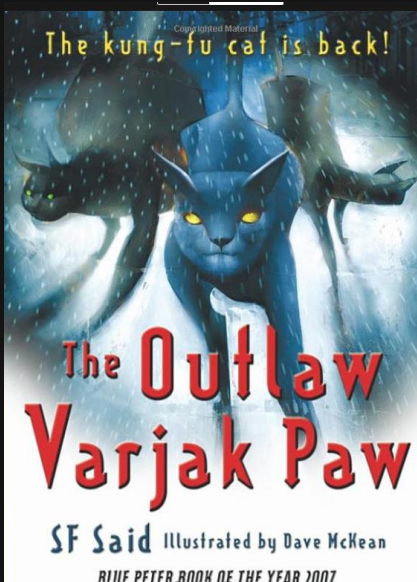
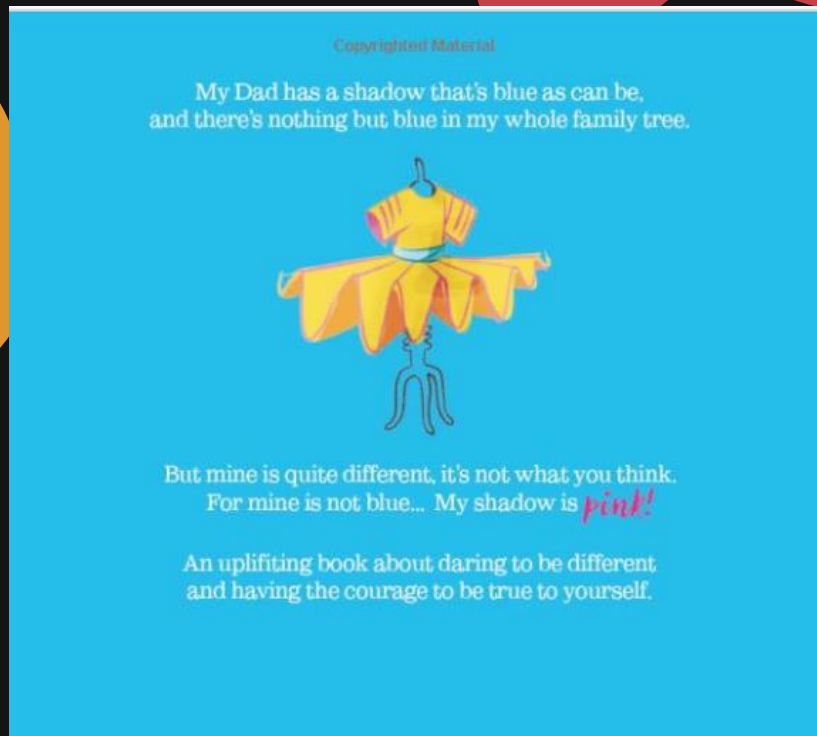
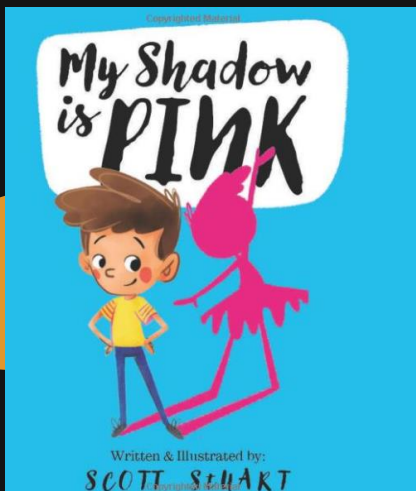
Parkside Pantry

Thank you for all the donations in the lead up to Christmas, they were greatly received by a number of families across our community.

Our stocks are now looking a little low. If anyone is able to make donations of tins of soup, tinned vegetables and pasta sauces this would be very much appreciated.

Thank you

Recommended Reads



This is the sequel to Varjak Paw, the class text for Year Four/Three last term. We know that a number of children are very eager to read it!

Dates for your Diary

W/C 9th January

Mon 9th Jan

Clubs and swimming start

Choir performs at Young

Voices Birmingham

10th and 11th January

Bikeability

Primary School Applications Reminder!



The deadline for getting in your Primary School applications is fast approaching! We would be more than happy to show you around the school or support you with completing the application process. Just give us a call on 01785 450145.

You can find more info below and the link of how to apply....

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PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSION SEPTEMBER 2023

If your child is due to start school next September you will need to submit an **online** application. The application process opens on **1 November 2022**.

Applications can be submitted at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions and the deadline is **15 January 2023**.

The online system will ask for a UID number—please click ‘No UID’, this will allow you to continue with your application. You will receive the outcome of your application on 17 April 2023. Please make your neighbours and friends aware if they have children due to start school.

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Letters from the Beach House

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Happy New Year and welcome back to all from the Beach House.

Before Christmas there were a lot of issues coming up around the subject of friendships:

The angst over friendships and friendship groups is an age old issue in all children's lives – from early years to teenagers and beyond, even into adulthood. As parents, we put a lot of emphasis on having friends and spend time encouraging our children to play nicely and include everyone in their games. There are scientifically proven health benefits to strong friendships, not to mention the value of good social skills. However if we reflect on our own childhood experiences of friendships we will find that they are all very different. So how do we help our children when they are struggling with friendships.

Acknowledge the emotion they are feeling when it goes wrong – “I see that this is upsetting you and I know it is hard, but you are not alone – every child feel this way sometimes.

Acknowledge when friendships are going right – this affirms that the child is experiencing a healthy relationship and can develop those skills further.

Provide some strategies to expand their circle of friends – suggest that they might watch to see what other games are being played and which ones they might want to join in with. Be OK with a knockback – we can't make children be friends, we can only encourage them to be kind and inclusive.

Be OK with your child spending time on their own – this allows them to learn more about themselves (what they like or don't like, who they might have a connection with), be more reflective and encourage self-reliance.

Model being a good friend with your own friends – children pick up on the examples set by the adults around them. Use these skills when playing games – turn taking, good sportsmanship, listening, respecting each other, sharing; are all skills needed to form strong friendships.

Strong friendships are made by connections, as children grow and learn more about the world, experience different things, their connections will change and friendships may fall apart as children realise that they no longer share the same interest or views as another – this is all part of normal development and is OK. It feels like the children are always falling out with each other, but they are just testing those connections and forming new ones with others.