



Parklands Weekly News 28/03/24

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week and are looking forward to the Easter Break.

Today the children have come into school in non-uniform as a reward for reading over 10 million words. Well done everyone, we are very impressed with your commitment and dedication to meet our goal!

Yesterday year 1 came to school dressed as a super hero. We had lots of different super heroes but also doctors, teachers, soldiers and many more... This was a great way to end the topic and think about all of those people who help us on a daily basis.

This week the PTA have been very busy organising an Easter Craft session for EYFS and KS1 and an Easter Bingo session for KS2. These were both wonderful events and the children had a great time. Thank you to all of the parent volunteers and the staff who gave up their time to make these events possible to raise much needed funds for the school.

Also this week, the children took place in an Easter hunt around the school with their reading buddies and the PTA have kindly provided every child with an Easter Egg as a reward. Thank you!

Last night, some children from years 5 and 6 completed the last run of the corporate challenge. The children were absolutely fantastic and our staff team also did very well. Congratulations everyone!

Today is Mrs Walker's last day before she starts her maternity leave. We are really looking forward to meeting the little one when he makes an arrival.

I wish you all an enjoyable spring break and we will see you all on Monday 15th April 2024 at 8:40am

Kind Regards,

Charlotte Angeli



Sporting News

The Girls Football Team had a superb afternoon at St Joseph's School.

The girls showed great determination, growing in confidence with every game! They finished the afternoon in 6th place and should be extremely proud of their performance and team spirit.

The girls were even credited by the organisers for the progress they had made as a team as the tournament progressed.

We would love more girls to get involved in football and join our team. Training for years 3, 4, 5 and 6 is every Thursday lunchtime on the field.





Cross Country County Finals

A huge well done to Grayson, Dexter and Alfie for running in the cross country county finals in Crawley yesterday. The course was incredibly muddy and the boys did extremely well against tough competition! Well done boys!!



Corporate Challenge

Yesterday was the third and final race of this year's corporate challenge.

It has been fantastic to see so many children enjoying running and representing our school.

Our primary boys team finished in an incredible 8th place, and our girls team finished in an amazing 14th out of 30!

A special well done to Grayson and Dexter, who despite running in the county cross country yesterday morning, managed to run superbly well to finish the series in 5th and 7th places overall.

Full results of the series can be found here:

<https://www.chichester-runners.org.uk/corporate-challenge>

Once again, well done to all of **Team Parklands**.

We are incredibly proud of you and we are already looking forward to next year!



School Uniform

This consists of:

- Red Parklands sweatshirt with crest.
- White polo shirt

- Grey trousers, skirt, pinafore dress, shorts or a red and white checked summer dress in the summer.

Long hair must be tied up and hair bands should be in school colours.

Shoes

A pair of flat black plain/sensible shoes.

These should be sturdy and enclosed.

Open-toe sandals are **NOT** permitted in the Summer.

Physical Education

Parklands PE shirt or white t-shirt

A change of shoes are needed for outdoor games.

Red shorts

Optional plain black tracksuit for outdoor games.

PE kit should be kept in a drawstring bag which is clearly named.

Children will still go outside in light rain.

Jewellery should not be worn in school (with the exception of stud earrings). Please provide tape to cover earrings in PE or remove them in advance. If watches are worn they are **NOT** the responsibility of the school. No Smart watches are allowed.

Please make sure that your child's clothing is **MARKED WITH THEIR NAME** either by using name tapes or permanent marker pen.

Uniform is available locally from ***Game, Set & Match***.

They can be found in the Beaver Trade Park, Quarry Lane, Chichester.

Uniform can also be purchased from our online supplier Your School Uniform.

Second-hand uniform is available from the Parklands School Association.



PTA Easter Egg Raffle Winners

Announcing the winners of the Easter Egg Raffle;

SSC - Zahir

Reception - Ash - Isabella

Year 1 - Birch - Ellis

Year 2 - Chestnut - Sofia

Year 3 - Hawthorn - Iris

Year 4 - Maple - Seren

Year 5 - Poplar - Jordy

Year 6 - Walnut - Eleanor

Congratulations and enjoy!

The PTA Team



Attendance Award

Our **Target** this year is **97%**

This week our attendance is:

Whole School: 94.07%

Apple: 92.92%

Ash: 93.53%

Beech: 96.25%

Birch: 95.83%

Cedar: 98.71%

Chestnut: 98.28%

Hawthorn: 89.52%

Hazel: 95.83%

Maple: 93.30%

Mulberry: 91.81%

Pear: 95.00%

Poplar: 93.33%

Walnut: 96.25%

Willow: 85.42%

Forest: 100%

Orchard: 94.44%



Congratulations Cedar, Walnut and Forest classes! You had the best attendance this week!

I wonder who will have the best attendance next term?

Improving School Attendance

Improving our School Attendance

Below are some useful reminders of what parents and carers must do to support the school and what we will do as a school.

What YOU must do:

Try to telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.

Tell the school in advance of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters/texts.

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.

Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.

If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What WE will do:

Check your child's attendance every day.

Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.



Instrument Lessons Available in School

Did you know at Parklands we offer instrumental lessons in a wide range of musical instruments including: baritone, cornet, euphonium, French horn, tenor horn, trumpet, trombone, violin, viola, guitar, ukulele, bass guitar, piano and keyboard?

A number of children have shown a great desire to learn an instrument. If you would like your child to receive individual or group lessons (within the school day), please follow the link provided and select Parklands Primary School to fill in the online form and to find out more about the cost of lessons. Some children are entitled to free instrumental lessons and information about this can be found within the link. If you would like more information, please contact Mrs Gray.

<https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/make-music/music-lessons/>



Super Star Corner





1 - Superstar Albert for receiving a medal at his Football tournament!



2 - Superstar Ollie received a medal in Rugby!



3 - Superstar Teddy for receiving a medal at his Football tournament!



4 - Superstar Felicity for receiving a medal at his Football tournament!



5 - Superstar Cameron for receiving a medal at his Football tournament!



6 - Superstar Dexter received a Football cup!



7 - Superstar Freddie received a Football trophy!



8 - Superstar Olivia received a rosette for her Gymnastics!



9 - Superstar Rizwan received a Football cup!



10 - Superstar Hamza received a Football cup!



11 - Superstar Henry received a Football cup!



12 - Superstar Thomas received a Football cup!



13 - Superstar Benji received a Football cup!



14 - Superstar Taylan received a Football cup!



15 - Superstar Bella received a certificate for her Gymnastics!



16 - Superstar Emily received a certificate for her Gymnastics!



17 - Superstar Teahmee for achieving Level 8 in Gymnastics!



18 - Superstar Hannah for achieving her Rainbow Award in Aerial Silks!



19 - Superstar Indie for receiving a medal at his Football Tournament!

Other Notices

Reminder

We have been approached by St Wilfred's Church regarding parking in their car park. Please can we ask members of the school community parking there to be respectful towards everyone and to vacate the spaces as soon as possible at each end of the school day.

Please do not park in the West Sussex Parking bays, these are for our organised transport only.

I also kindly ask you to use the parking bays for visitors when using the car park. Where possible, we expect families to park outside of the school and walk into the school grounds. This ensures that the children are safe at all times.

We would like to encourage parents not to enter the school building in the morning. If you have a message you would like to pass on, please speak to one of the members of staff on the gate. Thank you for helping us keep the school safe.



Coming Up Next

NEXT
WEEK

Monday

Headteacher's Tea Party

Brass Lessons

Thursday

Reception & Year 1 Forest School with Woodland Wonders

Year 2 Canal Trip

Year 5 College PE

Guitar Lesson

Violin Lesson

Friday

Disney Shooting Stars Football Festival

Piano Lessons

Dates for your Diary

Summer Term Dates

Thursday 18th April - Year 2 Chichester Canal trip

Friday 19th April - Disney shooting Stars Year 1 and 2

Tuesday 23rd April - St George's Day Celebrations

Tuesday 30th April - Year 4 Trip East Head

Friday 3rd May - PTA Event Dare to be Different

Thursday 9th May - Year 6 Residential Trip Meeting time TBC

Week Beginning 13th May - Year 6 SATS

Monday 20th May - Class Photos

Wednesday 22nd May - SSC Marwell Trip

Tuesday 4th June - Year 6 Residential

Tuesday 4th June - Little Sing Up at Parklands

Friday 7th June - PTA Event Non-Uniform Day

Tuesday 25th June - Big Sing at Parklands

Monday 1st July - Olympic Week at Parklands

Thursday 4th July - Sports Fun (Details to follow in the Summer term)

Monday 8th July - Chichester Harbour Trip

Tuesday 9th July - Lioness Legacy Tournament

Tuesday 16th July - PTA Event - School Disco

Tuesday 23rd July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9:30am

Tuesday 23rd July - Last Day of Term

Term Dates

Summer Term

Monday 15th April 2024 - Children return to school.

Monday 6th May 2024 - School closed for the May Bank Holiday.

Friday 24th May 2024 - Children break up for half term.

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024 - Half Term

Monday 3rd June 2024 - School closed for staff training.

Tuesday 4th June 2024 - Children return to school.

Tuesday 23rd July 2024 - Children break up for the holidays.

Autumn Term

Monday 2nd September 2024 - School closed for staff training.

Tuesday 3rd September 2024 - Children return to school.

Friday 25th October 2024 - Children break up for half term.

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024- Half Term

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Friday 20th December 2024 - Children break up for the holidays.



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Spring Term

Tuesday 6th January 2025 - School closed for staff training.

Wednesday 7th January 2025 - Children return to school.

Friday 14th February 2025 - Children break up for half term.

Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025 - Half Term

Monday 24th February 2025 - School closed for staff training.

Tuesday 25th February 2025 - Children return to school.

Friday 4th April 2025 - Children break up for the holidays.

Summer Term

Tuesday 22nd April 2025 - *School closed for staff training.*

Wednesday 23rd April 2025 - Children return to school.

Monday 5th May 2025 - School closed for the May Bank Holiday.

Friday 23rd May 2025 - Children break up for half term.

Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025 - Half Term

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Tuesday 3rd June 2025 - Children return to school.

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