



WEEKLY NEWS



For week beginning Monday 17th December 2018

December

Monday 17th:

Babybell Assembly EY, Year 1 and 2

Tuesday 18th:

Cowbell Assembly Year 3-6

Wednesday 19th:

Orchard and Forest Classes – Christmas Sharing Time – 2.15pm

Last Day of Term – Pupils may wear either a Christmas jumper or a jumper of their choice – see separate letter

2019 Spring Term

January

Thursday 3rd:

Return to School

No Sama Karate

No Brighton and Hove Football Club

Friday 4th:

No Swimming



It has been an incredibly busy term and the lead up to Christmas has once again been a magical time in school. We started celebrating at the beginning of the month at the PSA Christmas Fair. We would like to thank the PSA Committee, parents, pupils and members of the local community for supporting this event, raising money for the children at the school.

Over the past couple of weeks we have seen some amazing Christmas performances from all the children. All pupils should be congratulated for their excellent contributions as they have worked so hard. They have certainly entertained many parents and family members and we are very proud of them! I would like to thank all members of staff for supporting and organising the children so well.

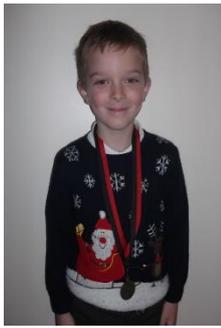
Attendance for this term is 96.8%. This is a good level of attendance and should be celebrated. Thank you to all parents for not taking holidays during term time and for arranging appointments outside of school hours. Unfortunately over the past few days we have had many pupils off school with a sickness bug. We hope that all the children recover quickly so that they can enjoy the Christmas break.

On behalf of all staff, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy, safe and healthy 2019. Enjoy the festive break and we look forward to seeing the pupils again on Thursday 3rd January 2019.

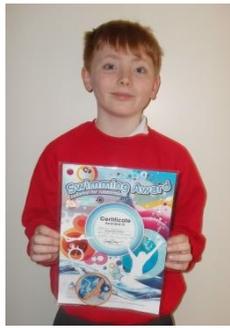
Alesia Henham

Superstar Corner

We have seven Superstars to celebrate this week:



Hayden – Hawthorn Class
Hayden won a medal with ARO Fitness Kickboxing after taking part in a competition at Selsey Championships



Alfie – Poplar Class
Alfie was awarded a swimming badge and certificate for achieving front crawl



Livia – Cedar Class
Livia was awarded a swimming certificate and badge for completing stages 1 to 10



Charlotte – Maple Class
Charlotte competed in Southbourne Gymnastics competition and was awarded a gold medal



Mia – Pear Class
Mia was awarded a swimming certificate and badge for completing Level 2



Lily – Chestnut Class
Lily competed in Southbourne Gymnastics competition and received a certificate for taking part



Sophie – Poplar Class
Sophie has received certificates for achieving her Level 2 and 3 gymnastics award and Level 4 trampolining award



Well done to Hayden, Alfie, Livia, Charlotte, Mia, Lily and Sophie!



Reminders for the New Year:

- **Pupils return to school on Thursday 3rd January 2019.**
- **Clubs do not automatically restart – a letter will be sent out in the Spring term.**

Thank you

Information

From January 2019 paper copies of school correspondence will only be available by request from the school office. If you have not already signed up to our ParentMail system please do so as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support.

AUTUMN TERM 2018

3rd September – 19th December 2018

SPRING TERM 2019

3rd January – 5th April 2019

Half Term

18th February – 22nd February 2019

Inset Day

15th February 2019

SUMMER TERM 2019

23rd April – 23rd July 2019

Half Term

27th May – 31st May 2019

Inset Day

3rd June 2019





Governor Update December 2018

As this Autumn term draws to a close we can look back on what has certainly been a very busy term for staff and children at the school. Year 6 enjoyed a week's residential in Kent, Year 5 visited the Chichester Festival Theatre and the whole school have been involved in fund raising for various good causes. This year's Christmas Performances were not only performed by the children with enormous enthusiasm and talent but were also the result of tremendous hard work and effort by all of the teaching staff and children, bravo! And we must not forget the wonderful Christmas parties for all the children and the PSA's Christmas Fair which was another great success; I would like to extend my thanks on behalf of the Governors to all the parents, staff and children who helped out making this such a great event.

This term the Governors have been reviewing last year's performance data with the School Leadership Team. The school's performance data is the result of several different ways that the teaching staff observe the children's learning and progress and the data is used by the school to identify areas to focus on as a school and by the Local Authority and Ofsted to monitor the effectiveness of learning.

The results are from the end of last term and they include the results of Year 6 SATs. Over the summer the Leadership Team collated the results and you can see a summary of them on the school's website.

I have to say that our school's results this year are absolutely fantastic, some key highlights are:

Early Years

Children achieving a Good Level of Development 79% (all of the results are measured against the National Average, for Early Years this was 72%)

Key Stage 1

77% of children achieved the expected standard in reading and maths.
(Reading National Average 75%. Maths National Average 76%)

Key Stage 2

77% of children achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths combined. This is 13% above the National Average.

We are very proud of how well the children performed last year and are grateful for the outstanding quality of teaching which we have at Parklands School.

I hope you and your children have enjoyed this term and on behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Gary Saych
Chair of Governors

