



# Parklands Weekly News 12/01/2024

## Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely week. The temperature has certainly dropped this week, it was so wonderful watching the children play outside in the snow we had earlier on in the week.

This week the children have been focused on being determined and thinking about their goals and dreams for the future as part of their PSCH work.

We also welcomed Woodland Wonders back to Parklands for our Forest School sessions. The children really enjoyed working together, problem solving and exploring the great outdoors.

Year 6 also went on a school trip to Dell Quay and Chichester Council offices. The teachers were very impressed with their debating skills, perhaps we have some future politicians in our class.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards,

Charlotte Angeli

## Attendance Award

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

This week our attendance is:

Whole School: 96.83%

Apple: 98.73%

Ash: 96.55%

Beech: 96.25%

Birch: 95.26%

**Cedar: 99.58%**

Chestnut: 93.75%

Hawthorn: 96.25%

**Hazel: 100%**

Maple: 97.7%

Mulberry: 95.26%

Pear: 95.83%

Poplar: 98.33.%

Walnut: 97.50%

Willow: 94.17%

**Forest: 100%**

Orchard: 95.83%



**Congratulations Cedar, Hazel and Forest class! You had the best attendance this week!**

I wonder who will have the best attendance next week?

## Parklands Friend

Earlier on this year we launched our NEW Parklands values.

In assembly on Wednesday, we reminded the children of the six values that we want all of our children to develop across their time here at Parklands.

We want all children to 'Be the Best they can Be!' and 'Be a Parklands Friend.'

**Focus**

**Respect**

**Integrity**

**Excellence**

**Nurturing**

**Determined**

## Parent Workshop - Thought-full Programme

Parklands School are now working with the West Sussex and NHS 'Thought-full' team to support our children and families. We are delighted to inform you that the team will be hosting a parent's course here at Parklands.

This 5 week course aims to support parents with understanding their child's anxiety, developing emotion coaching skills and developing resilience strategies.

Parents need to be able to attend all five sessions, which run from 9.00am until 10.15am in our community room.

The dates are as follows:

- Thursday 22nd February
- Thursday 29th February
- Thursday 7th March
- Thursday 14th March
- Thursday 21st March

There are 15 places on the course, which will be offered on a first come, first serve basis.

If you would like to attend this course, please contact the office.



## Parklands Breakfast Club

This week we launched our own Parklands Breakfast Club.

Sessions are £5 a day and there are 30 spaces available. Our breakfast club is very competitively priced and not designed to make a profit. The cost ensures we cover our own costs of staffing and food.

To book a space onto the breakfast club we will be using an app called 'My Child at School.' The information has been sent to you all.

Breakfast Club enter the school by the side entrance leading into the studio.



## Headteacher's Tea Party

The following children really impressed their teacher and attended the Headteacher's Tea Party this week.

**Well done everyone!**

Apple Class: Orla

Ash Class: Louis

Beech : Maxwell

Birch Class: Zuma

Cedar Class: Paisley

Chestnut Class: Oliver

Hawthorn Class: Iris

Hazel Class: Otis

Maple Class: Thea

Mulberry : Henry

Pear Class: Isla

Poplar Class: Phoenix

Walnut Class: Reuben

Willow Class: Eliza

I wonder who will come next week?



## Family Assembly

Our family assemblies will be continuing next term.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to share their learning with you.

They will start at **2:45pm in the hall.**

- Hawthorn Class - 1st February 2024
- Hazel Class - 8th February 2024
- Chestnut Class - 29th February 2024
- Cedar Class - 14th March 2024

We look forward to seeing you there.

## Other Notices

Please remember we are a nut free school. The children should not have nutella, peanut butter or anything containing nuts in their packed lunches.

Thank for your support with this.

Reminder

***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.

As it's getting colder and wetter, I am noticing more families are becoming late to school. Please make sure you arrive with plenty of time so that all lessons can start promptly.

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

### **Monday**

Early Bird Parent Workshop Meeting held at Parklands

Headteacher's Tea Party

Year 3 Outdoor Sports

### **Tuesday**

Orchard Class Trip to Pallant Gallery

Year 3 to Festival Theatre

Year 4 and Year 6 PE with the Sports Coach

### **Wednesday**

Year 1 Outdoor Sports

Chichester symphony orchestra in school - Year 2 - 6 assembly

### **Thursday**

Year 5 Forest School with Woodland Wonders

Year 2 Outdoor Sports

Year 4 Music Lessons

Guitar Lessons

### **Friday**

Year 4 Outdoor Sports

Year 5 Swimming

Piano Lessons



## Dates for your Diary

### ***Spring Term Dates***

Monday 5th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 20th February - PTA Event Movie Night

Tuesday 27th February - Parents Evening

Wednesday 28th February - Parents Evening

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Friday 15th March - Sports Relief Day

Monday 25th March - PTA Event Easter Crafts

Tuesday 26th March - PTA Event Easter Bingo

Thursday 28th March - PTA Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday 28th March - Last Day of Term

### ***Summer Term Dates***

Tuesday 23rd April - St George's Day Celebrations

Friday 3rd May - PTA Event Dare to be Different

Week Beginning 13th May - Year 6 SATS



Monday 20th May - Class Photos

Tuesday 4th June - Year 6 Residential

Friday 7th June - PTA Event Non-Uniform Day

Monday 1st July - Olympic Week at Parklands

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

Tuesday 16th July - PTA Event - School Disco

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

Tuesday 23rd July - Last Day of Term

## Online Safety - Parental Controls

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to keep an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [nationalonlinesafety.com](https://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, tips and tips for adults.

### Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort these out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose age controls later. Here's our roundup of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be turning under the tree at this time of year.

#### IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to Screen Time. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

#### ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link might be your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link for your own device, select 'Add child' and enter their account details. This lets you easily impose on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block specific content and more.

#### PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unboxed. At my account Sony.com, create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add family member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS4, you can make exceptions for any games you think are appropriate despite their high age rating.

#### IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (Under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

#### XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your Microsoft account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password is protected, so your child can't enter your choice later. You'll be walked through the functions of what you can also restrict them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

#### NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. They'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

#### WINDOWS 11 PCs

On Windows 11, account management is key, but on this device, with your own account as the admin, then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other users and create your child's account. (If you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details.) Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

#### CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike on Android devices, however, you need to set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

#### MACS

Use iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the trick here is to set yourself up on the computer before setting up a child's account. In the settings, click on Users & Devices to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the Screen Time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

#### SMART TVs

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content accessible to your child. In the settings menu, under Broadcasting, you can lock content and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however: some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

**Meet Our Expert**  
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## Term Dates

Spring Term

Friday 9th February 2024 - Children break up for half term.

**Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2024 - Half Term**

*Monday 19th February 2024 - School closed for staff training.*

Tuesday 20th February 2024 - Children return to school.

Thursday 28th March 2024 - Children break up for the holidays.

**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.



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