

PARKSIDE PRIMARY ACADEMY



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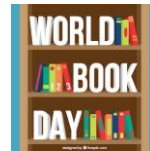
YEAR 3 100%

Congratulations to Year 3. They are our first class of 2025 to achieve 100% attendance and punctuality.

Their reward is non uniform day on the first Monday back to school, Monday 24 February 2025.

All they had to do as a whole class was come to school every day this week and on time, it's easy!

Let's see who the next class will be?



WORLD BOOK DAY AT PARKSIDE FRIDAY 7 MARCH 2025

World Book Day at Parkside will be held **FRIDAY 7 March 2025**. Therefore, we are inviting the children to dress as their favourite book character, for a suggested donation of £1.00, Which will help towards school funds. Your generosity is always appreciated.

Most schools will have their World Book Day on the Thursday. We want to be different. The real reason is Thursday is our Year 4 Swimming Day and its difficult enough for the children to change without them being dressed as the Tin Man from the Wizard of Oz or the Mad Hatter from Alice in Wonderland!

Be creative; do not feel the need to spend on costumes. Look online to get some fantastic ideas. Homemade is the future.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Our first events our coming next term, Birthday Parties after school. This will include music, party games, snacks and a drink, 3.10 - 4.10 pm, £3.00 per child.

Tuesday 25 February - F2, Year 1, 2 & 3

Wednesday 26 February – Years 4, 5 & 6

Booking can be made online or cash can be paid at the school Reception.

We want to make it a Birthday year to remember for everyone past and present.



KINGSWOOD 2025

Our Kingswood residential has once again been a great success.

The children have tried everything and we are so proud of them. They have been den building, they have been archers, building buggies, climbing really high walls, orienteering and much, much more. Toasting marshmallows on the camp fire and having a dilemma at the Tuck Shop, what to spend their money on!

As always, we have to say a massive thank you to the staff who were generous enough to give their time and energy. Without their generosity the residential would not happen. So, THANK YOU Mrs Mann, Mr Howden, Miss Sellars, Miss Crowther, Mrs McNally and Mr Bailey, we missed them all very much.



INTERNET SAFETY

The rise of the internet has meant we have access to information, gaming and social media at our finger tips. This can be great for connecting with people, having fun and learning new ideas.

Unfortunately, there can be some downsides to internet access too. Often young people can report bullying, harassment and feelings of low mood following use of social media. This has been happening more often here at Parkside.

When used in the right way the internet can really add value to our lives. We still need to keep ourselves safe online.

Popular sites such as Tiktok, Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram and WhatsApp have a restriction/minimum age of **13 years old**.

By the time your child leaves Parkside they will only be 11 years old.

Please bear this in mind when you are allowing your child access to these and other gaming sites.



REMINDERS

- A coat is required every day, preferably with a hood if it has no hood please provide a hat, woolly or Baseball.
- Water bottles should only have water in. No juice or flavoured water.
- If your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 they can bring a piece of fruit or small pack of prepared fruit for their morning break.
- Home provided lunch bags are getting increasingly larger. Your child then feels overwhelmed with the amount. No chocolate bars please.
- No nut products please. We have children and staff with severe allergies.
- Please, please, please supervise your child on school grounds and keep to the paths. We have had several accidents from children using the grass banking and slipping.
- Please inform school on 01226722416 if your child is ill and not coming to school.



That's it for this half term. We hope you all have a lovely week whatever you have planned.

School reopens Monday 24 February 2025. See you all then.