

PARKSIDE PRIMARY ACADEMY



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Please note: the dates and events listed below are correct at the time of printing. You will be notified of any changes.



PARKSIDE BIRTHDAY



**LIKE ITS
1955!**

February 19 2025 is Parkside's 70th Birthday!

It's Parkside's birthday, unfortunately for us this is during the February half term holiday. We are not going to let this spoil our celebrations. Just one day celebrating is not enough for such a big birthday so, throughout this year we have lots of exciting things planned. Disco's, parties, non-uniform days going way back to the 50's and much, much more.

To help us make it a bigger and better celebration we need your help. Did you or someone you know come to Parkside? We know that there are plenty of parents and grandparents that came, are there any great grandparents? Can you spread the word on social media, there may be some retired staff who you know?

We want to make it a year to remember. We would love to add to our photograph collection. Have you any old Parkside photographs or stories about your time in our school? Call in and we will copy any photographs or email them along with your stories to parkside@pioneeract.org.uk .

Our first events will be 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

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



IT'S A BOY!

We are extremely pleased to announce Miss Chappell has become a mummy. Their beautiful baby boy was born this week. Mummy and baby are doing brilliant. We can't wait to see them both, very soon we hope. Parkside wish the new family all the love in the world.



COFFEE MORNING
FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY
9 – 10 AM

Parkside would like to invite you to a coffee and chat, Friday 14 February 2025
9.00 – 10.00 am.

This will be your chance to let us know what's on your mind, good or bad regarding Parkside, hopefully more positive!! We will also be chatting about the next school years choice of photography company, it's your choice and our exciting plans for our birthday celebrations. We would like to hear your ideas.

We appreciate not everyone will be available on this day so, if you have any questions or birthday ideas, anything at all please either telephone 01226722416 or email parkside@pioneeract.org.uk
We will make sure all your thoughts are taken into account.



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.



ONLINE BOOKING

Just a reminder about our online booking system for our Breakfast and After school Clubs. **You must first book a place and then make the payment.** Making the payment alone unfortunately doesn't add your child to the required club register.

If you experience any difficulties with the booking app you can either:

Find further guidance on making bookings and payments by visiting https://parent-support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/article_attachments/16321421714321

Or contact school on 01226722416, we are more than happy to help.



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.
- 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.