

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.

2025

WELCOME BACK

Parkside would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and welcome back to school.

Snow, snow and then the dreaded ice, who would have thought it. What a first week back we have had!

Even with all the weather disruptions the children have settled back into routine really well and we've had a lovely, almost full week back. With the playground out of action all week the children have had to have their break times inside, which isn't ideal but they have coped really well; we've had some fantastic pictures drawn and it has been great listening to the children's wonderful Christmas holiday adventures.

We have to say a massive thank you to all our staff for their amazing team work clearing the paths for all of us. They were out very early Tuesday morning in the dark clearing and gritting making it as safe as possible and this has continued throughout the week. Thank you to our parent, carers and children who've kept to the cleared areas.

January sees a few new children joining the Parkside family, we would like to convey a very warm welcome to our new pupils who have started this term.

Please remember your child needs their book bag, reading record, PE kit, a suitable coat and a water bottle.

Please, please DO NOT put water bottles in book bags. Quite a few have damaged the book and we unfortunately have to ask you to replace it.

We recommend you bring your child's PE kit to school every Monday and then leave it to collect on a Friday. We will telephone and ask you to bring their PE kit to school if they do not have it on the correct day. Children should also be able to remove their own earrings for PE or take them out at home on PE days please.

It is essential that you clearly write your child's name on all their uniform, including PE kits, shoes and coats. It is almost impossible to match lost property without a name.

We are already collecting lost property!

- **Just a reminder that all Long hair has to be tied back in a plain dark, elastic bobble – no large hair clips/bands are to be worn.**



YEAR 4 SWIMMING LESSONS

Year 4 will begin their weekly swimming lesson in February. We will be sending out a form for you to complete next week. If it can be returned the following day it would be appreciated.

Swimming caps – although not essential, it is preferred that children wear swimming caps to avoid wet hair, the children are walking to and from the swimming baths in the cold. Long hair must be tied up. If you choose for your child not to wear a swimming cap they **MUST** bring a warm hat or have a coat with a hood for the walk to and from the swimming baths otherwise they will not be able to attend the lesson that week.

For speed and efficiency, in previous years, children have come to school in their swimwear underneath their school uniform as the swimming lesson is first thing in the morning. Please, please remember to put underwear in their swimming bag!



E-SAFETY

Talking to the children this week, Santa seems to have delivered quite a few electronic devices.

Please keep your children safe online by regularly checking their devices, place parental locks where necessary and speak to them regularly about the importance of keeping themselves safe.

We all have a duty of care to protect our children.



KINGSWOOD

Parkside's residential trip to Kingswood Dearne Valley will be taking place
10 February – 14 February 2025.

A Parents' Meeting has been arranged for **Tuesday 14 January 2025 at 3.15pm** in the school to discuss details, arrangements and behaviour requirements for the residential visit to Kingswood; which will hopefully reassure parent/carers if they have any concerns.

If you are unable to attend or require further information, please contact school on 01226722416



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.



CHOIR

And finally.....

A huge thank you to our wonderful, small but perfect Choir. The last week of our Christmas term they worked their socks off singing in the local community. It's my favourite part of the year and it fills us all with so much pride to see how the children have grown in confidence.

We still have places available in the choir if your child is interested, just ask at Reception. It's great fun!