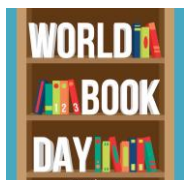


PARKSIDE PRIMARY ACADEMY



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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.



WORLD BOOK DAY AT PARKSIDE FRIDAY 6 MARCH 2026

Hopefully we are giving you plenty of time to sort something out for World Book Day. Parkside will be celebrating on **FRIDAY 6 March 2026**. 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. Our Year 4 Swimming Day is Thursday and its difficult enough for the children to change back into their uniform 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.

Please think about the type of costume you get your child. Buttons and fastenings can be really tricky for all of us. We have had some all-in-one; gloved superhero outfits the children find extremely difficult to go to the bathroom in and wash their hands.



Have a great weekend.

THANK YOU

Better late than never. We would like to say a huge thank you to our Parkside family. At the end of last year, we held our Children in Need non uniform day and also our sponsored 'Elf Run' for Barnsley Hospice. Your generosity as always is very gratefully received.

You have helped to raise:



£175.50
For Children in Need



£1175.15
For Barnsley
Hospice

THANK YOU



BREAK TIME SNACKS

Just to remind everyone again about our breaktime snacks. Snacks should not include chocolate, sweets or crisps.

If your child has grapes, please cut them in half. They are a choking hazard for some children when whole.

Please check all labels on breakfast bars and any other snack you send with your child, remember we are a NUT free school. We have several children and staff with allergies.



YEAR 4 SWIMMING LESSONS

Year 4 will begin their weekly swimming lesson in next week.

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!



HEAD LICE

We have had a small number of cases of head lice reported in school.

We kindly ask parent/carers to check your child's hair regularly.

Children do not need to be kept off school if lice are found. Early detection and treatment help prevent further spread. Please also check other family members.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us manage this common issue and keep disruption to learning to a minimum.



REMINDERS

- A coat is required every day, preferably with a hood.
- Our P.E. kit is a white t-shirt, navy shorts and pumps/trainers. Dark coloured jogging bottoms and a hoodie can be worn during the colder months. **Children cannot wear the same polo shirt and school shoes from their school uniform. For hygiene reasons they must have a change of clothing and footwear.**
- Long hair should be tied back completely with no long strands of hair covering the face.
- Water bottles should only have water in. No juice or flavoured water and not carried in your child's book bag. Any damaged books will have to be replaced.
- No large 'Stanley' type water bottles. A 500 ml water bottle with a screw top is plenty. There are water fountains around the school to refill.
- 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.
- Please inform school on 01226722416 if your child is ill and not coming to school.