



## PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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### WELCOME BACK

I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year! The children have come back full of energy and drive, and had a fantastic first week back.

### ASPIRATION & BUTTERFLIES



This term's value is 'Aspiration' and to launch it, we are sending the children home with a paper butterfly. We would like the children to write an aspiration on the butterfly and bring it back in to school to their teacher. The aspiration should be something that is achievable this academic year that the children can work towards achieving by July. It can be an in school or out of school aspiration.

Periodically, the teachers will catch up with the children to see how they are going towards their aspiration. Once they have achieved it, we will celebrate this through a values badge (Year 3 and above) or Aspiration sticker.

### ONE-STOP WORKSHOPS – A SNEAK PREVIEW

On the last week of the term, we will be holding a KS1 evening and a KS2 evening that gives you some insight into the curriculum areas that your children are learning.

The one stop workshops will cover key curriculum areas in short bursts, and you will be able to attend one curriculum area (eg Maths calculations) straight after another, thus covering all that you need to know about the curriculum in one evening session!



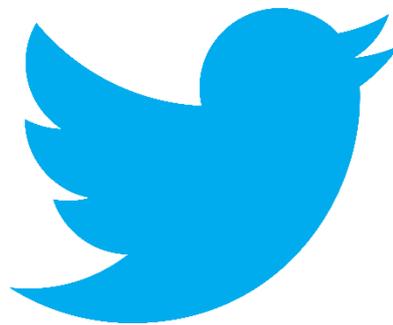
We are still organising the exact dates, but once these are confirmed, we will send a letter home, and the date's will all go on the website.

### SPELLING PATTERNS Y3-6

Over the next week or two, we will be moving on to spelling patterns in Years 3 and above. Instead of your child coming home with a list of spellings to learn, they will come home with spelling patterns to investigate. This methodology helps children to spell any word, rather than ones that they have memorised.

There is a letter coming home tonight with more detail on how it works, and at the end of this term, we will have a spelling workshop as part of our KS2 'One Stop Workshop' which will give you a chance to learn about the spelling curriculum further. If you have any questions prior to this, please don't hesitate to pop in and see your child's teacher.

### TWITTER



We have had a number of queries from parents about whether they can access Twitter without registering for a Twitter account, and we are pleased to say – yes, you can! The easiest way to do this is to click on the Twitter symbol  on the website and it takes you straight to the Parklands Twitter feed (it is now available on both the desktop and mobile website versions).

Any problems, please just pop in and let us know.

### HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT TRIP

Our Year Fives were incredibly fortunate to be able to take a trip to Parliament on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January.



We were given a tour of the House of Commons, where we sat in the upper benches and watched a debate on Brexit, and we also got a chance to see the same topic debated in the House of Lords.

We ended the day in a workshop, carrying out our own debate and then had a visit and a Q & A chat with our local MP, Michael Ellis! It was a truly memorable experience for the children and the adults!



### PARKING

The local PCSO has been in touch with us and other local schools following complaints from both residents and parents regarding parking issues on the streets surrounding these schools.

They have informed us that they plan to patrol local schools at drop off and pick up times to help with this, and also plan on sending letters out with advice and recommendations. They have asked us to make parents aware that they may issue fines if anyone is found to be parking illegally.

### AND FINALLY...

Welcome to Mrs Sarah Burdett, who is joining us for the remainder of the academic year to provide PPA cover for children in Reception, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5. Mrs Burdett has spent many years working within the Preston Hedge's Academy Trust, and it is lovely to welcome her to Parklands.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January** – Friday Readers for Reception, Y1, and Y2 begins again.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 4 Swimming begins

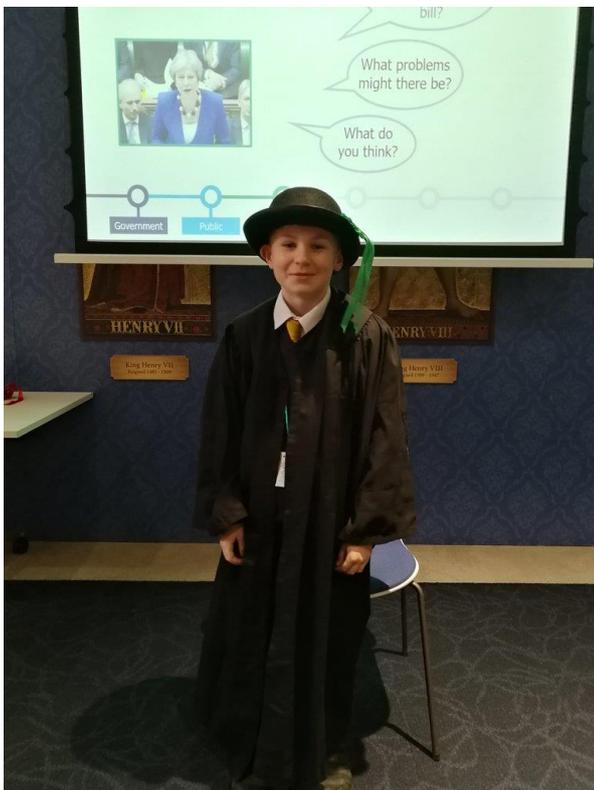
**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January** - Y4 Snozone Trip



Have a wonderful weekend!

Some images from the week:

New Speakers at the Commons...





## Year 5 Brass Project (they had a busy week!...)



## Yoga in Y6



