



PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

No 10– 25th January 2019

NEW PHASES

As part of my work here at Parklands, one of the targets that Ofsted left was to build capacity within the leadership of the school.

We have now restructured the school into phases (rather than the old key stages) as we feel that this will help to create a better, and smoother, transition for the children as they move from one year into another. Each of the phases has a Phase Leader who deals with any behaviour or learning and support needs, and the Phase Leaders are another port of contact for you if your child is in their phase and you have any questions or concerns.

Phase 1 covers Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The Phase Leader for this phase is Miss Carmilla Cassidy.

Phase 2 covers Year 3 and Year 4. The Phase Leader for this phase is Mrs Caroline Rees

Phase 3 covers Year 5 and Year 6. The Phase Leader for this phase is Miss Georgie Lewis.

I know that the Phase Leaders are already planning whole phase celebration days, which should be really exciting and give the children opportunity to work with different children and teachers!

If you have any questions at all about this, please do get in touch.

ONE-STOP WORKSHOPS



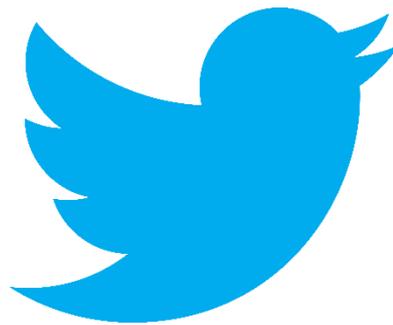


We have the dates for our Phase 1 and Phase 2 & 3 'One-Stop Workshops' on the last week of this term. Our Phase 2 & 3 (for Years 3-6) evening is on Tuesday 12th February, and our Phase 1 workshop is on Wednesday 13th February.

The workshops will start at 6.30pm, and give a 25-30 min burst of the Maths calculations covered in the phase and a couple of key English areas (depending on the phase). Each workshop will be repeated 3 times throughout the evening – the first at 6.30pm, the second at 7pm and the final workshop at 7.30pm, so you can start at any subject you like and then move onto the next one.

Hopefully, this will give you all an overview of key areas of learning that your children are covering, and the expectations of the curriculum that they are learning.

TWITTER



By popular demand.... We have now embedded our Twitter feed in our 'News' area on our 'Welcome' page of the website! Now you should all be able to see the fantastic things on offer in the school!

SNOW





We have already had a few very frosty (and slightly snowy) days this week. We will always try to keep the school open, but in the event that we have to close, we would update you in the following ways:

- The 'ticker tape' message that would run across the 'Welcome Page' screen on the website.
- On Twitter.

The council website is no longer giving this information out, so please do not try to find out this way. We also won't be able to text out, as we will not have the access to that information if we are not on site – so please stay tuned to our website.

I will endeavour to make any decisions as early as possible, but by 8am at the latest.

Roll on Spring!

A NEW LEASE OF LIFE FOR THE OLD UNIFORMS



Thank you for donating your old uniforms! They are finally in their new home in Malawi in at the Home of Hope Orphanage. The children there were thrilled to get them!

SCOOTERS

After a couple of near misses, could I ask that if your children are riding scooters or bikes, they walk them as soon as they get on site? Thank you – your support is much appreciated!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 30th January - Y4 Snowzone Trip

Tuesday 12th February – 6.30pm – One-Stop Workshop for Phase 2 & 3 (Years 3, 4,5 & 6) concentrating on Maths calculations, SPAG (spelling and grammar) and Reading Comprehension

Wednesday 13th February – 6.30pm – One-Stop Workshop for Phase 1 (Years R, 1 & 2) concentrating on Maths calculations, Phonics & Handwriting

Have a wonderful weekend!

Some images from the curriculum:

Reception exploring the nature area in the snow...





Then warming up with hot chocolate...



Creating potions to inspire writing in Year 1



Year 2 starting their 'Blue Planet' topic by making turtles from recycled newspapers...





Fantastic art skills in Year 4

