

# Parent Newsletter

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## Parklands Newsletter 26.01.24

### From the Principal

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## Celebrating county success



We are delighted to share the success of two of our superb students who did themselves and the school proud at the County Cross's Country Championships at Corby on Saturday. They were up against over 100 boys from the county and they placed 12th and 16th. It was a really tough course, lots of hills, with very frozen ground but they were absolutely amazing! Well done, and thank you for representing the school so fantastically well!

## Show racism the red card



We were delighted to welcome members of Show racism the red card Charity to our school last week, who delivered fantastic workshops to our children in Years 4, 5 and 6. Through which they navigated through the intricacies of discrimination and racism, challenging stereotypes through the “culture shock” activity. Pupils examined the history of racism and the impact of discrimination. The team worked collaboratively with classes, instilling the values of active citizenship and empowering students to challenge discrimination and racism safely. The workshop not only equipped them with knowledge but

also empowered them to become advocates for change, it was wonderful to see the sessions ignite critical thinking, encouraging our children to challenge preconceived notions.

It was wonderful to hear fantastic feedback from the children, one child told me that they felt like the workshops had really changed them and was one of the best lessons they have ever had!

Show Racism the red card have even shared some of our superb work on their website, as they were equally impressed with our amazing children!

<https://www.theredcard.org/news/ontheground-srtrc-southern-region-preston-hedges-academy-trust/>

## Events this term

This term, we will once again have fire drills and lock down drills to ensure that everyone in school is as prepared in the event of an emergency. If you do have any concerns regarding this, please do speak with your child's class teacher.



NSPCC number day - on Friday 2nd February we invite the children to come into school in their own clothes (Number themed if they wish) where they will explore and celebrate everything number! This is in association with the NSPCC, who do such valuable work in supporting the most vulnerable children. If you wish to donate to the NSPCC, your child can bring a donation of £1 on Friday 2nd February or you can donate via the link below.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/charity-fundraising/schools-fundraising-ideas/number-day/>



PTA updates - On Friday 9th February the PTA have arranged for Bags2School for donations, please drop your bag off at the classroom or via the office.

Please can any Christmas jumper donations be made separately to the school office as they are not included in the Bags2school scheme.

Keep an eye on newsletters and on social pages for updates of more exciting events that are coming up in the Spring and Summer terms!

**Second Hand Uniform** - There will be a second hand uniform at the end of each term, a stall will be set out either outside the main entrance or in the school hall. If you do have any uniform you no longer need, please do drop this in the school office. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

Families in Partnership meeting - Thank you to everyone who our Families in Partnership meeting online last night, it really is a fantastic opportunity to get together and catch up! The next meeting will be in person in the summer term and there will be cake! So please do keep an eye out for the date of our next meeting!

### [Key dates](#)

Friday 2nd February - NSPPC number day - **Non uniform day**

Friday 2nd February - Reception and year 1 parent workshop - phonics - 2:30pm

Tuesday 6th February - Safer internet day

Friday 9th February - Bags2school donations - **non uniform day**

Wednesday 14th February - Yr 5/6 netball

Thursday 15th February - Year 2 class assembly

Friday 16th February - KS2 reading cafe

Friday 16th February - **Last day of term and second hand uniform sale**

Monday 26th February - **Children return to school**

Monday 26th February - Year 6 parents information evening about SATS - 5:00pm

Tuesday 5th March - PTA film night

Thursday March - World book day

Thursday 28th March - **Last day of term**

**Monday 22nd April** - Simon Aston Parents workshop about online safety - Time TBC