

Parent Newsletter



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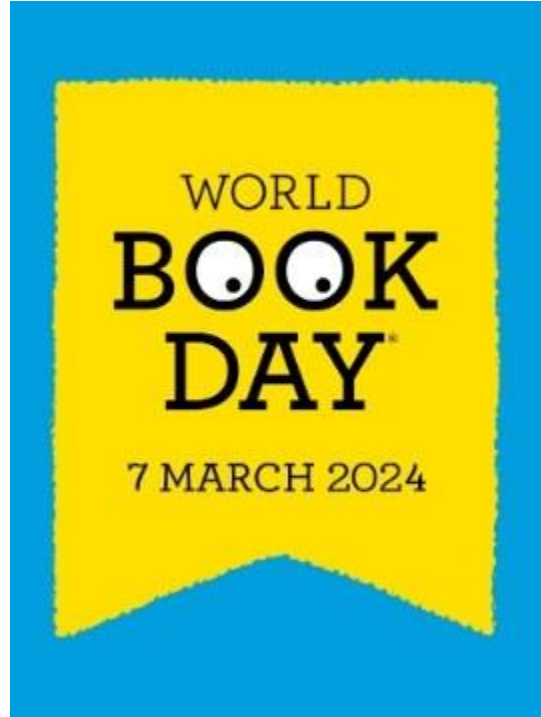
Parklands Newsletter 9.2.24

From the Principal

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World book day



World Book Day (WBD) takes place on Thursday 7 March, 2024 and a separate letter will share all our exciting plans for the day!

Costume swap

We are hosting a free costume swap to make sure that our WBD is fun and inclusive for all. We would love any outgrown costumes to be dropped to the office in the coming weeks, so we can prepare for the swap ahead of WBD! Further details on the costume swap will follow in the WBD letter.

Book swap

We'll also be hosting a very **special book swap**. We'd be really appreciative of any books being dropped into the office in the coming weeks as classes will then visit throughout WBD, so we can share our love of reading!

Worldly Wise week - Gender



Last week, we celebrated gender in our worldly wise week! We challenged gender stereotypes and encouraged children to strive to meet their aspirations, regardless of their gender. We were incredibly privileged to have RAF officer virtually visit who is a aeronautical engineer leading a team of technicians nationally. The children were inspired by her career in engineering and hearing how our armed forces celebrate women and equal rights.

Safer internet day



As part of our learning on safer internet day, Year 5 and 6 enjoyed watching the BBC's live lesson around the benefits and dangers of AI and created posters to spread awareness of how we can stay safe when using artificial intelligence.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Children's mental health week



This week we have been exploring children's mental health through this Years Theme 'My voice matters'. We have used some amazing texts to find out more about our feelings and mental health, as well as what we can do to look after it! Remember to follow our social media pages to follow all the amazing learning that takes place in school.

Facebook - Parklands Primary School

Instagram - Parklandsprimary

Preston Hedges Trust Dergate Performance



Some of our very talented Year 5 children are performing Shakespeare's Macbeth at the Dergate Theatre at 7pm on Tuesday 7th May, tickets to watch our talented children are on sale with this link-

<https://www.royalanddergate.co.uk/whats-on/silhouette-youth-theatre-macbeth/>

All members of the Parklands community are very welcome to come and watch this performance. It would be a great experience for Year 3 and 4 children, who themselves will have the opportunity to perform on stage in a year or 2's time!

Families in Partnership



A huge thank you to everyone who attended our families in Partnership meeting, last week, which took place online.

You may have also noticed a letter was sent out this week, with a link to a very short survey regarding our Families in Partnership. We would love for more of you to be involved so your feedback would be hugely appreciated! If you have not yet had a chance to complete the survey, please see the link below! It will really help us to ensure we provide the opportunity to hear from you and make the meetings as beneficial as possible!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SXCXBF5>

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.

Parents evening and reports

Next term you will have the opportunity to attend parents evening as well as receiving a termly report. This is a great way to find out more about your child's learning! Information about booking onto parents evening will follow

Staff Update

Our very Talented and fabulous Mrs Wilkins has been offered an incredible job opportunity at Moulton community Library, overseeing children's literary provision, planning library events and activities. For anyone who knows Mrs Wilkins, she is perfect for this role! Mrs Wilkins has been part of the Parklands community for an incredible 10 years and I am sure that you will miss her as much as we will! I would like to take this opportunity, to thank Mrs Wilkins for all of her hard work and dedication to our children and school community over the last decade, and wish her the absolute best of luck in this new and exciting chapter of her career.

Sickness

A polite reminder that children should not return to school until 48 hours AFTER their last sickness / diarrhea. This is following NHS guidance and school policy. This is to stop the spread of infection and other children and staff becoming ill.

If a staff members speaks to you regarding this, please treat them with respect, as this is in place to keep everybody as safe and healthy as possible.

We have had a number of sickness and diarrhea bugs spreading through the school due to children returning to school before they are well enough to do so.

Key dates

Friday 9th February - Final KS 1 Friday reading cafe

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 7th March - World book day

Friday 22nd March - Reports sent out

Tuesday 26th March - Parents evening

Wednesday 27th March - Parents evening

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

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