



PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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FOOTBALL WIN.....AGAIN!



We had a very successful couple of 'home' matches here at Parklands on Wednesday when both our Y5 and our Y6 Boys won against Preston Hedge's! That's a win of both home and away games for Y5, and a home win for the Y6s! Amazing job - well done, boys!

WHOLE SCHOOL READERS

Thank you to everyone who managed to make our whole school Friday readers last week. The turnout was fantastic - it was lovely to see so many of you.

KS1 & Reception Friday Readers is finished now until we return after half term, and as the first Friday back coincides with the final Friday in the month (28th Feb), it will be another whole school event!



CONNECTING



We have been doing lots of 'connecting' with the community this term, both in our wellbeing sessions and through Reception's 'people that help us' focus.

Thank you to everyone who gave their time and 'connected' with our children!

PARENT WORKSHOPS

Just a reminder that if you have any children in Y2, Y4 or Y6, they are due to take statutory assessments later this year. We have our workshops on **Wednesday 12th February** to let you know all about what to expect.

Y2 SATs briefing starts at **6pm**; Y4 Times Tables is at **6.30pm**; Y6 SATS Briefing is at **7pm**.

If you missed any of the other sessions, we will be putting all of the PowerPoints up on the Parents – Correspondence page.

As always, if you have any questions, please pop in and see your class teacher or a member of the SLT.

ATTENDANCE & LATES

As you are all aware, we monitor both attendance and late arrivals at the school. Our average attendance falls between 96-97%, so if your child is below this, their attendance could impact on their learning and progress.

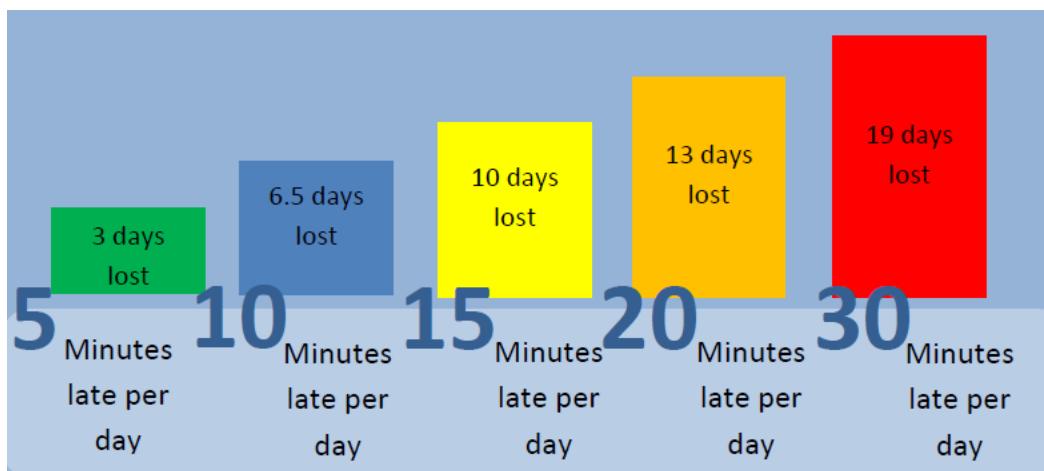


The table below shows, over a full academic year, how much learning can be missed:

Attendance %	Whole Days Absent	Approx weeks missed	Hours lost
98%	4 days	Almost a week	21 hours
95%	9.5 days	Almost 2 weeks	50 hrs
90%	19 days	Almost 4 weeks	About 100 hrs
85%	29 days	Almost 6 weeks	About 152 hrs
80%	38 days	Over 7 weeks	About 199 hrs.

As stated, this can have a huge impact on the progress that your child makes, but it can also have a negative impact in terms of children building and maintaining social relationships at school.

Equally important as attendance is arriving at school for the doors opening at 8.45am, as the first 15 minutes of the day is a morning learning session, where children recap on Spellings/Handwriting/ Maths or respond to marking in their books. Arriving late can impact not just on their chance to reinforce key knowledge, but also how well children are ready to launch into Maths or English sessions. The diagram below shows how even the smallest amount of late time impacts on your child's opportunity to learn:



Each term, we send notification letters home to alert you to your children's attendance or late hours, and, where this does not improve, we will invite you in for a meeting to create an improvement plan.

We want to support you in this, as your child is our priority too.



Dates for your diary:

Y2 SATS Briefing (this gives information about the statutory test in Summer for Y2) -
12th February – 6pm

Y4 Times Tables Test Briefing (this gives information about the statutory test in Summer for Y4) - **12th February – 6.30pm**

Y6 SATS Briefing (this gives information about the statutory test in Summer for Y6)-
12th February – 7pm

Friends of Parklands Film Night – **Thursday 13th February**

Y1 Victorian Celebration Day - **Friday 14th February**

Reception Superhero Celebration Day – **Friday 14th February**

School closes – Friday 14th February

School reopens – Monday 24th February

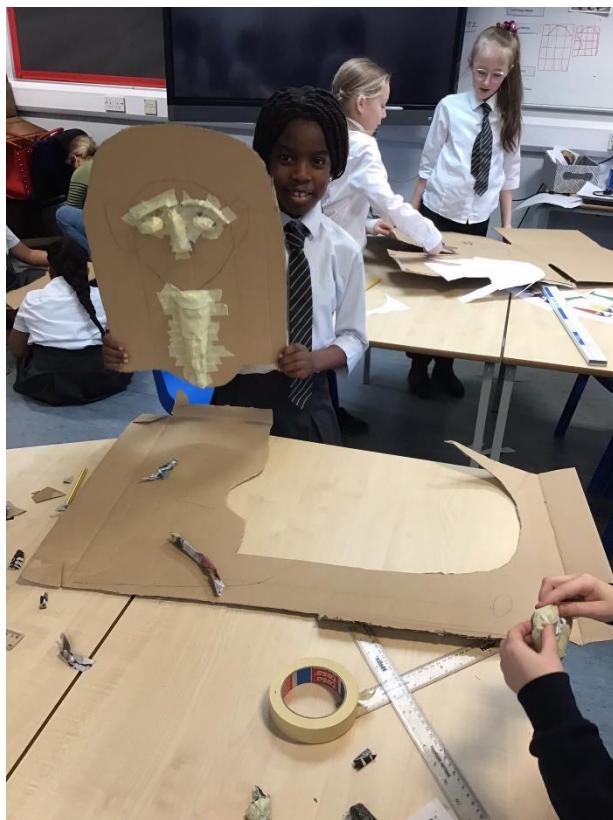
Y5 Class assembly – **Friday 20th March – 9.05am & 2.30pm**

Have a fantastic weekend!

Here are a few images from the last fortnight:



Working with an artist to create some Egyptian artefacts in Y4:



Tunneling through Vietnam in Y6:





A visit from a doctor from NGH in Y2:



Y4 beginning their Mandarin lessons:

