



PARKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER
Friday 25th September

KEEPING SAFE!

We just wanted to say a big thank you for adhering to our socially distancing protocols. Thank you again for supporting us in ensuring the site and school is as safe for our community as possible, and please do keep up the 2m social distancing when you are walking around the school site. Please remember to stick to your year groups drop off times unless dropping off an older sibling. We know a few of you are wondering what to do if anyone in your household has symptoms so we have attached some additional guidance.

<http://www.dwmh.nhs.uk/coronavirus-2/self-isolating-guidance>

CORONA VIRUS Q & A



Just a reminder that we have a Coronavirus Q & A on the website:

We will be updating whenever new guidance comes out, so please keep checking in there regularly. We have been asked about our policy if we ever have a positive case of a staff member or pupil. In such a situation, the school must immediately inform the DfE on a hotline, and they would advise on actions for us to follow. Our focus, however, is in keeping the bubbles as healthy and safe as possible, so thank you again for working with us in this.

<http://parklands.northants.sch.uk/coronavirus-q-a>

MUSIC LESSONS



We are currently in discussions with NPAT to look at how and when we may be able to offer music lessons again safely. As soon as we have any further information on this, we will let you know!



WELCOME TO YEAR GROUP MEETINGS AND PARENT WORKSHOPS.

Unfortunately, we are not able to invite you in for your usual 'Welcome to year group' meetings, and so we are going virtual! We will shortly be uploading a video and PowerPoint onto our website, which will include helpful information for all year groups! We will let you know once this has been uploaded onto our website.

At this point in the year, we would usually hold Parent workshops, covering key information about Phonics, Handwriting, Maths and SPAG. As with our welcome to year group meetings, we are going virtual. We are currently working on videos for these key areas, which will be uploaded onto a 'Parent support' page on our website. As soon as we have those ready, we will let you know!

SEESAW AND HOMEWORK



Weekly homework has resumed as normal, children will have their homework books and any printed work, you will notice that children will have a SEESAW QR code in their homework books. Instead of copies of the homework being loaded onto the website each week, it will be uploaded onto your child's individual SEESAW account. Children will complete their homework as always in their homework books, so there is no need for you to upload anything from home! For KS1 SEESAW QR codes can be found in your child's reading records. Reception will continue to use Tapestry in place of SEESAW.

Hopefully, we will not need to return to remote home learning, however, in the event that we do, SEESAW is set up and ready to go at any point! We are preparing for every possibility! It will be used much in the same way as it was summer term, with videos and tasks uploading rather than live lessons.

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We have recently had some changes to our local Governing body. After serving as a Governor for many years, Tracey Padley-Smith will be stepping down. She has many new exciting commitments in her life, including starting a Masters and feels this is the right time for someone else to be part of our LGB. We wish Tracey the best of luck with all of her new and exciting endeavours! Thank you for the many years you have given to the school Tracey!

Unfortunately, due to changes in Trust policy, we will no longer be able to have school Governors who hold senior leaders positions in other schools. Sadly, this means that Jo Hatt will no longer be part of our Local Governing body. Jo became a Governor in 2018, and was extremely passionate about the journey Parklands has been on since joining the Trust. Thank you to Jo for her wonderful contribution to Parklands.

I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to both Tracey and Jo for all of their hard work, dedication and kindness. Their enthusiasm, positivity and support will always be appreciated by the Parklands community.

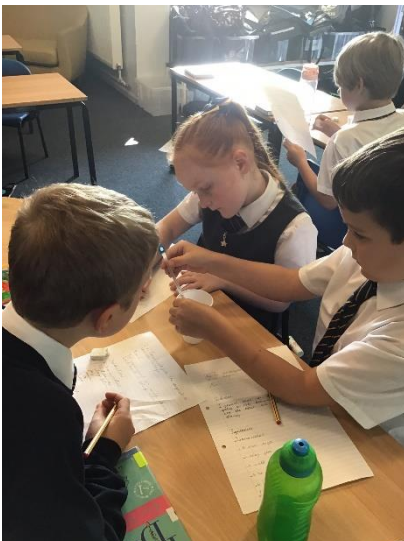
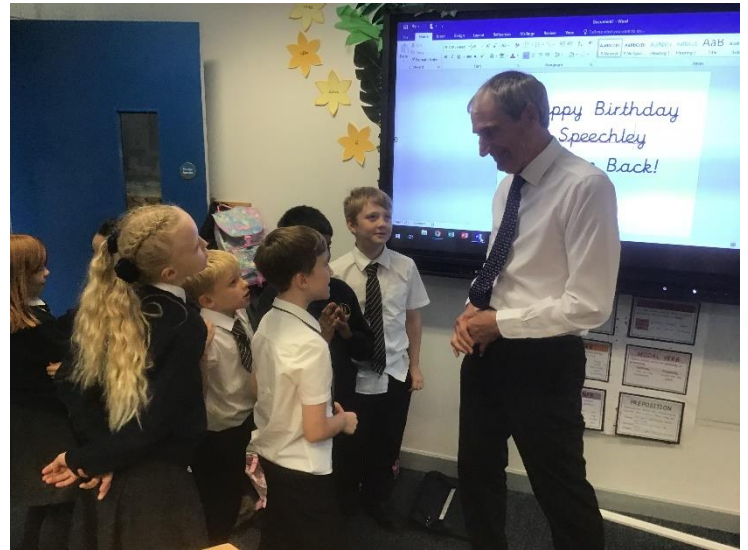
LISA WRIGHT

It is with great sadness that I share the news that our former Lunch time supervisor, Lisa Wright sadly passed away after a short illness. Lisa was a popular, kind and caring member of the community, who worked in our school and nursery for many years. Our deepest sympathies go out to Lisa's loved ones, who have requested privacy during this difficult time. Lisa will forever be loved and remembered by all who knew her.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST FEW WEEKS!

Year 4 were delighted to celebrate Mr Speechley's birthday with him! He is really enjoying his retirement but hopes to come back into school to see us all again soon!





Some of our activities from National Fitness Day!

