



**PARKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER**

Friday 26th March 2021



HAPPY EASTER!

What a term it has been! We are absolutely delighted to have the children back in, they have been amazing, settling so quickly back into school life! I would like to thank you all for your continued support through the ever-changing times and wish you all a very Happy Easter! I am sure we are all very ready for a well-deserved break!

PARENTS EVENING

We will be offering virtual Parents' Evening again after the Easter break. A letter will follow about how to book your slot. Once again, we will need to keep to a strict 10-minute slot, but if you need to have longer conversations with your child's teacher, you can let them know and they will book a telephone appointment with you at a mutually convenient time. The virtual evenings are: Tuesday 13th April and Thursday 15th April.

ROAD SAFETY



As many people return to school and work, the roads have once again become extremely busy during the time of the school run. We will be completing refresher sessions on road safety in class, we feel this will be a helpful reminder particularly for Year 5 and 6, especially for any children who walk home alone. A reminder of road safety tips for when walking to / from school:

- Do not listen to music with headphones/ ear phones in
 - Never cross in between parked cars
- Find a safe space to cross the road – a pedestrian crossing



- Also check several times before crossing the road
- Do not walk and text, as your mobile phone can distract you from your surroundings and checking carefully

Parking – A gentle reminder, once again, about parking. Please ensure you are not double parked or blocking any of the local residents' driveways. Several local residents have expressed concern about their driveways being blocked during drop off and pick up times.

We are working with residents and the local police to ensure that the road outside of school is as safe as possible. We appreciate your support on this matter.

MUSIC LESSONS

I know many of you have awaited news of when music lessons will be able to resume. As lockdown restrictions start to lift, we will be able to begin to offer music sessions. We need to make sure this is done so carefully. Following Government guidance we will not at this time be offering woodwind or brass lessons. The impact of airborne particles through these instruments is still unknown and it is recommended by the DFE that these lessons do not resume at this point. We will keep you informed of when such restrictions may be able to be lifted further.

String based music lessons will continue for those children who previously received them as a starting point for the reintroduction of music lessons.

KEY DATES

Last day of term – Friday 26th March
Training day – Monday 12th April
Children return to school – Tuesday 13th April
Parents evening – Tuesday 13th April
Parents evening – Thursday 15th April

Take care and have a wonderful half term!



A few highlights from the last few weeks!



Year 2 put their lab-coats on and became scientists. They were investigating the importance of the different food groups and used this information to design a healthy meal.

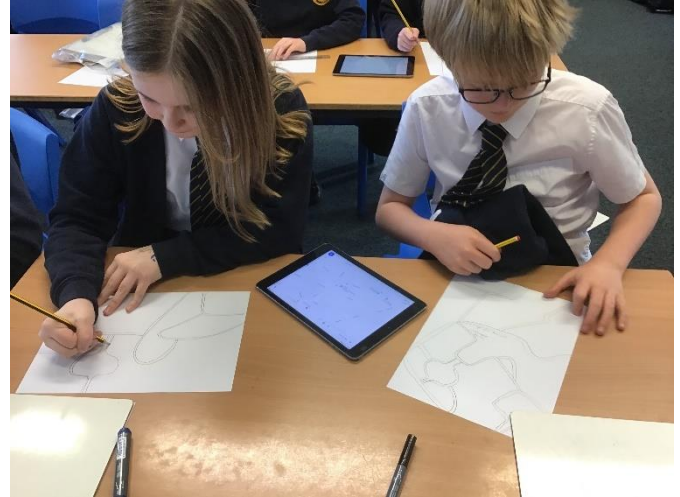


It has been great to see Year 5 working hard and enjoying their Bikeability sessions this week.





Year 6 have been getting to grips with computer mapping in order to create their own maps.



Receptions were extremely excited about their visit into the wonder dome this morning.



Afterwards, we went on a constellation hunt in the classroom using torches and then made some of our very own constellations.



Year 1 have had lots of fun being back at Forest School - carefully exploring some of the woodland residents up close, as well as enjoying the challenge of the new assault course.



It was fantastic to see the children dressed as Rockstars for Red Nose Day on Friday 19th. Thank you for your support.

