



## Newsletter: 3rd November 2017

This week's newsletter takes the form of an overview of the school's recent OFSTED inspection outcomes. Although every parent/carer has now received a paper copy of the report, which was published on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October, we thought it would be useful to condense the findings into a few bullet points. Not only is this easier than reading the entire report but it will also allow parents/carers to sit and discuss the points with their children.

The first thing to say is that Parkwood Academy is now a **GOOD** school, which is a huge achievement. The school has never been graded so highly before in its history. The school has improved by two Ofsted grades to now be judged as GOOD. This reflects the genuine, robust and continuing improvement that has been taking place over the past two years, leading to a better education for the children.

### So, what does the report say? We are a GOOD school because:

- ◆ The quality of teaching in every class is good.
- ◆ Children are enthusiastic about learning.
- ◆ Early Years provides a strong start to our Nursery and Reception children, especially supporting their speaking skills.
- ◆ Pupil behaviour at playtime/lunchtime is superb and learning behaviours in class are very good.
- ◆ Children are well looked after in school and they feel safe.
- ◆ Bullying is not tolerated and any issues are dealt with quickly when they do arise.
- ◆ Leaders have taken clear steps to improve the school.
- ◆ Staff and pupils work well together and teachers understand the gaps each child needs to close.
- ◆ Attendance is improving with new ideas, like the minibus and new rewards.
- ◆ Support staff are very skilled.
- ◆ Children with Special Educational Needs are well supported and given the right provision.
- ◆ Safeguarding is effective – the children are kept safe in school.
- ◆ Trust Directors are very experienced at supporting school improvement.
- ◆ Parents are supportive of the school.

### So, what do we still need to get better at?

- \* Reading is not as strong as writing and mathematics so we need to find better ways to encourage children to read more often at home and understand what they read.
- \* We need to offer more frequent lessons in art, science and other foundation subjects.

Parkwood Academy will continue to improve. Your children deserve the best and we will keep doing everything we can to give them the very highest quality of education, year on year. The community deserves to have a good primary school for its children and Parkwood Academy is now a **GOOD** school. Your children go to a **GOOD** school and we are very proud of all of them.

For more information, please read the full report that was sent home and speak to the Main Office if you have any questions about it. Best wishes.

**We are kind and caring, We respect others, We are sensible,  
We include everyone, We look after school property, We listen carefully.**



## Star of the Week



Su C, Maya Q, Tia B, Whole of year 5, Alfie P, Kacper N, Jordan W, Molly K, Sera C, Kai W.

### **Well Done!!**

Stars will attend a special free school lunch on the Monday after the certificates have been awarded. The children will have an adult sitting with them.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Friday 3rd November** - School Disco. Nursery and KS1 - 2:00pm - 3:30 pm. KS2 - 4:00pm - 5:30pm.

**Tuesday 7th November** - Year 1 Teddy Lympics

**Friday 17th November** - Children In Need and spot themed dress up. Further details to follow.

**Wednesday 22nd November** - Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight

**Friday 1st December** - Christmas Fete (1:30 pm start)

**Monday 18th December** - School Christmas Dinner

**Wednesday 20th December** - School break up for Christmas

### **Certificates**

#### **Reader of the Week**

Jimmy L, Evie S, Connor T, Yasmin C, Sera C, Sasha P, Demi B, Sarah B, Alfie M, Kieran S, Chanelle B, Alfie T.

#### **Writer of the Week**

Brooke R, Precious H, Tommy-lee BS, Lily B, Lucas H, Daisy J, Selin C, Maryam O, Sai A, Sasha P.

#### **Maths Award of the Week**

Mikey M, Moqadas F, James G, Harvey G, Charlie F, Bradley W, Jorgie R, Jack B, Leiyton-Jay R, Tommy L, Michael A, Oliver J.

### **A BIG Thank You!**

We have counted all of your donations for our Macmillan Coffee Morning, held on Friday 29th September, and the total amount of money raised is...

**£228.53!**

Many thanks for your donations.

***Well done* to these classes  
for best attendance of the week.**

**Week ending 13/10/17 Year 2 with 96.09%**

**Week ending 03/11/17 Year 2 97.69%**

### **Menu**

**Week beginning 6/11/17—Menu week 2**

**Week beginning 13/11/17— Menu week 3**