



Newsletter: 20th January 2017

This has been an exciting and busy week at Parkwood. Year 5 have begun their swimming lessons and represented the school very positively. A number of pupils across all year groups have been helping to build a Willow Dome, which will be a legacy left by our current Parkwood pupils to future pupils of the school. They have all very much enjoyed getting involved and trying new activities, despite the cold!



This coming week, Year 5 will be going to Chelmsford County High School for Girls to see a performance of Jesus Christ Super Star by the Sixth Form pupils. A letter will be sent on Monday outlining the information, although children will return to school in time for collection. This should serve as a great opportunity for the children to write critical reviews about the play.



This term, as part of our staff support, development and CPD, teachers will be working across a variety of year groups to share good practice and expertise. There may be different teachers working with your child to enhance their learning.

As always, we are keen to give our pupils a wide variety of learning experiences and value your support to make this happen. A reminder that our library is also open for refreshments and reading with your child or children from 8:15 am every Wednesday.



Mr Lucas (Headteacher)

Parent Workshops

We are offering a number of workshops this term to support parents and carers with supporting children with their learning at home. With the curriculum changes in recent years, there may be new ways and methods that we teach the children at school that parents and carers may not be aware of, even if they have older children that have been through primary school recently. We want to offer you the opportunity to come along and find out more about how your child is learning English, Maths and Phonics at school, so that you can work with them to help them to reach their full potential. Refreshments will be provided at each workshop. It would be lovely to see parents and carers at these workshops.

Early Years Phonics Letters and Sounds Workshop— Wednesday 25th January 2017, 9:00am

This will focus on how children in Reception learn Phonics and how you can work with them using their Phonics at home.

KS1 and 2 Maths—9th February 2017, 3:30pm—4:30 pm

This workshop will be looking at how maths is taught, what schemes we use to support learning, whilst also looking at the calculations that we use.

KS1 (Years 1 - 2) English—22nd February 2017; KS2 (Years 3 - 6) English 23rd February 2017, 3:30—4:30

These workshops are separated into KS1 and KS2 so that the information can be accurate for your child. This will include looking at the types of comprehension activities and the way that we teach reading.



**Well done to 6N class (Year 6)
for best attendance of the week 97.69%.**

**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

Riley C, Harrison E, Ronnie R,
Ella F, Lily G, Callum E

Well Done!!

Stars will attend a special free school lunch on Monday 23rd January. The children will also invite an adult to sit with them, who this week is Mrs Heather!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 25th Jan
Thurs 26th Jan

Fri 27th Jan
Thurs 9th Feb
Fri 10th Feb
Mon 20th Feb
Tues 21st Feb

Phonics Workshop (Reception class)
Years 2 & 6 - Forest School
(come to school with change of clothing)
Year 5 - Swimming
Storyteller session (Rec & Yr1)
Last day of half term
Non-pupil day
Children back to school

School Dinners

We will shortly be introducing a new lunch menu, where the children can choose a blue, green or yellow meal. The children say which meal they require in the morning which is recorded on the register. They will be given a coloured band relating to their choice before lunch and will hand it in on collection of their meal.

Please discuss the menu with your child each week so that they are aware of what choice they are requesting.

Blue—Normal meat option

Green—Normal vegetarian option

Yellow—Jacket or sub roll option (not available Wed or Fri)

Please look out for the colour coded menu coming soon.

Certificates

Writer of the Week

Levi B, Oliver E, Manaal I,
Chanelle B, Sasha P, Shannon C

Reader of the Week

Thomas R, Katie H, Joseph B,
Sashi L, Anna P, Muhammad O,
Georgie C

Maths Award of the Week

Summer H, Brooke R, Tyryse C,
Kieran S, Ellie B, Sinead C, Mia M

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Cheerleading will be commencing (for Years 3 - 6) on Tuesdays as of 24th January 3:15 - 4:15pm.

Please go to the office to sign your child up for this club. We ask for a £1 contribution each week. Thank you.

Monday	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Tuna or Sweetcorn Homemade Coleslaw Pasta Salad Salad Bar	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Vegetarian Bolognaise Homemade Coleslaw Pasta Salad Salad Bar	Chocolate Orange Zest Pudding & Custard, Fruit or Yoghurt
Tuesday	Homemade Meatballs in a Rich Tomato Sauce Pasta Spirals Salad Bar	Quorn Meatballs in a Rich Tomato Sauce Pasta Spirals Salad Bar	Homemade Shortbread, Fruit or Yoghurt
Wednesday	Roast Gammon Yorkshire Pudding Roast Potatoes Carrots Shredded Savoy Cabbage	Sage & Onion topped Quorn Yorkshire Pudding Roast Potatoes Carrots Shredded Savoy Cabbage	Iced Fruit Smoothie, Fruit or Yoghurt
Thursday	Homemade Puff Pastry topped Roast Chicken Pie Creamy Mashed Potato Carrots & Broccoli Florets	Cheese & Onion Pie Creamy Mashed Potato Carrots & Broccoli Florets	Fresh Fruit Pots, Fruit or Yoghurt
Friday	Chicken Balls Vegetable Noodles Chips Sweet and Sour Sauce	Quorn Chunks Vegetable Noodles Chips Sweet and Sour Sauce	Ice Cream, Fruit or Yoghurt