



## Newsletter: 21st July 2017

The end of the school year is upon us again and the summer holidays lie ahead. It was lovely to be able to read all of the wonderful reports this year and they truly reflect the hard work that the children have put in. The school has appointed excellent new teachers and retained the fantastic staff we already have; building a superb teaching team to ensure that every child reaches their full potential.

I want to wish everyone a relaxing, enjoyable, safe and happy holiday. All the staff at Parkwood Academy are looking forward to welcoming the children back in September.



*Mr A. Lucas*



### Uniform Expectations

We are receiving a big uniform order during the holiday. Please come to the office on Friday 1st September 10:00am—2:00pm to buy your uniform so that the children are fully in uniform on the first day back, on 4th September 2017. Uniform can also be ordered online via Parent Mail.

We expect every child to come to school in the correct uniform, including smart school shoes (not trainers) and wearing a tie (Years 3-6). We also expect every child to have a named PE kit in school every day. If you have any problems concerning uniform, please speak to the office staff who will be happy to help you.

### Attendance

Attendance remains a key area of development for the school. We have been disappointed to see the volume of term-time holidays taken this year. Term-time holidays count as unauthorised absences on your child's school record and parents risk being issued with penalty notices if they take their children out of school. There is ample opportunity for parents to take holidays throughout the school year and we now have an additional week in October. Holidays should be restricted to the agreed school holiday weeks to ensure that children's learning is not hindered and we welcome your support in this area.

Children should be in school every day to ensure that they make the most progress with their studies. Even a single day off represents several lost hours of teaching time which sets children back and creates gaps in knowledge that then need to be filled. These gaps multiply with every day a child is away from school, potentially slowing their progress as they attempt to learn new skills whilst also having to make up for lost learning time. If you need any support with your child's attendance, please contact Mrs Heather (Home Liaison Officer) at the school, who will be very happy to help.

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

## FAREWELL and Thank you!

Two long-standing members of staff are moving on to new challenges next year. The staff, and children, would like to thank them for their dedication and hard work during their time at Parkwood Academy. Both will be missed and we wish them every success for the future.

Firstly, goodbye and good luck to Mrs Mander. She has worked tirelessly in the Reception class and always focused upon the needs of the children. Mrs Mander has also supported our nursery provision in her role of Early Years Leader. We know she will be hugely successful in her new role.

We also have to say a fond farewell to Miss Buckley, who has worked at Parkwood Academy for 12 years, as a cleaner and also as a welcoming face in our Breakfast Club. She is moving on to a completely new challenge which we know she will enjoy. Good luck!



### Gold Award! Stars of the Year!

*Alfie, Yasmin, Mercedes,  
Lilly-May, Summer,  
Devanshi, Joshua, Bradley*

**Well Done!!**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 21st July      Last day of term (finish at 1:30pm)  
Mon 4th Sept      Children return to school for 08:30 a.m.

**Mon 16th—Fri 27th October    Half Term**

**Mon 30th October** Children return to school

Every Wednesday 8:15am parents are welcome to attend our open library with their children. Refreshments are provided.



### Crossing Patrol Changes to Times

Due to the changes in Parkwood's school day times next year, the crossing patrol have altered their times to accommodate the changes, as follows:

**8:10 a.m. start every morning.**

**3:00 p.m. start in the afternoon (Mon– Thu).**

**1.10p.m.start in the afternoon (Fri).**

### Office Changes

In September you will notice some changes. Mrs Bendall will be in the office as our new Office Team Leader. Miss Turner will still be in the office as the Office Administrator. Mrs Williams will still be at the school but she will be based in a separate office, in her new role as the Attendance & Admissions Administrator.

You may have already noticed that the chairs are no longer in the foyer. This area is not a waiting area. The office staff need to be able to see if anybody wants to speak to them. Once you have been seen by a member of the office team, you will be taken through to our inner waiting area if necessary. Thank you.

### MINIBUS Arriving!

*The school's new minibus will be here at the start of September and we are looking forward to using it to involve children far more in local competitions and sports events.*

*In September, Mrs Heather will also be using the minibus to conduct home visits, to check on children who are persistently absent and make sure they are brought to school. She will also be supporting any parents who struggle to get their children into school by being able to collect them and bring them in, when necessary.*



### **Well done to this class for best attendance of the week .**

**Week ending 21/7/17 Year 3 with 96.36%**  
**Whole academic year—Year 5 with 94.96%**

### Menu

**Week beginning 4/9/17—Menu week 1**  
**Week beginning 11/9/17—Menu week 2**