

NEWSLETTER



Wishing all our pupils, parents and staff a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. We look forward to seeing pupils back in school on Tuesday 5th January 2010.

18th December 2009

Dear Parents/Carers,

At the end of what has been, as always, an extremely busy term I would like to thank the staff and pupils for their hard work in producing our school play 'A Christmas Carol' and the carol service at the Methodist Church. Both events went extremely well and were strongly supported and we send a special thanks to Reverend Brian Hunt.

On behalf of the staff and governors here at Parkside I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year, and once again thank you all for your support which is sincerely appreciated. N. Mills

Parkside In The Community

Some of our Year 8 pupils have been out in our local community visiting residential homes and helping to run the weekly toddler session at the Methodist Church. This is part of Parkside mentoring programme which is gaining momentum and is proving to be a great success. The pupils interact wonderfully in the community and to see them bringing joy to others makes us all very proud. Well done to Tom Meadows, Steven Wesley, Luke Woodfield, Kyle Southerton, Patrick Chodak, Katie Samson, Kerri Giles, Kaylea Dalton, Sophie Turbill, Hannah Mansell, Charlotte Clee and Chollada Pakpuak.

Houses Of Parliament Trip

On 4th December a group of twenty-nine Year 8 pupils travelled to London to visit the Houses of Parliament. During the visit the children were able to experience the London Eye and areas of Parliament such as the House of Lords and House of Commons. The children were a credit to the school and a great time was had by all!



A fantastic £398.42 was raised for Children In Need on Friday 20th November, 2009. Thank you for your support.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported our poppy appeal in school. The Bromsgrove British Legion have confirmed both Parkside and Meadows raised an impressive £124.30.



Pizza!

Domino's Pizza has donated a collection of books aimed at enriching our PSHE resources. The books are all about web safety and have been donated in conjunction with a competition to design a healthy pizza. The winning pizza will go on sale in the New Year and proceeds will be donated to the Primrose Hospice.

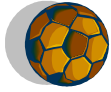


CHRISTMAS CAROL PERFORMANCE



A huge thank you to all the pupils involved in the production of 'A Christmas Carol.' They have been immensely dedicated at rehearsals and have all worked extremely hard to put on a brilliant show. Nerves and illness set in at times but they made it! A matinee performance followed by an evening performance was enjoyed by all (as well as pupils) and all pupils deserve massive congratulations. Thank you to all staff and parents for your support over the term. Also a big thank you to the two stagehands. Miss K Drinkwater.

Parkside Middle School



SPORTS NEWS



Girls Sport

Year 8 played netball against Catshill and won 6 - 3.
 Year 8 played netball against Waseley Hills and won 9 - 0.
 Year 6 played netball against Alvechurch, the A team won 6 - 5 and the B team won 8 - 0.
 A very successful start to the season with many more matches planned for next term.

Boys Sport

Year 8 B team won the Extended Schools Football Tournament. Congratulations boys!
 Year 6 boys finished third in a seven-a-side football tournament.
 Year 8 finished third in a rugby tournament.
 The Year 5/6 hockey team finished runners up in a hockey tournament.

ECO NEWS

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who collected the 'Let's Grow' gardening vouchers from Morrisons. Between Parkside and Meadows we collected 8000 vouchers which has enabled us to order lots of new gardening equipment for our allotments.

An appeal for 2 litre plastic bottles and plastic bottle lids

Next year Parkside will be exhibiting a garden at The Malvern Spring Flower Show. We are very excited to be taking part in this fantastic event and we will be showcasing our pupils' gardening talent. We have already designed our garden which has a sustainability theme. Two of our focal points are a plastic bottle greenhouse and plastic lid mural. For this we need **2 litre** plastic bottles, washed out and labels removed and as many plastic bottle or jar lids as possible, all sizes and colours. We are asking pupils to collect them and bring them into school after Christmas. There will be a collection point in reception. Mrs Holland.

Welcome and Congratulations!

We send a warm Parkside welcome to Miss Jodie McQuillan who will be joining our teaching staff at the start of next term as Head of Science and also to our new Lab Technician, Mrs. Bridget Padley and Dinner Lady, Mrs. Lorraine Lunnon.

We are also pleased to announce that Mrs. Zena Brittle has been promoted to the position of Assistant Head.

Fond Farewell

We say a fond farewell to Carole Morris who has worked at Parkside as a Dinner Lady for over 4 years. Wishing Carole an enjoyable and relaxing retirement.



Worcestershire County Council news ...

Admission Authorities within Worcestershire have begun public consultation on their proposed admission arrangements for the 2011/2012 Academic year. A copy of the proposed arrangements can be found on the Worcestershire County Council website at www.worcestershire.gov.uk under Education and Learning/Policy and Guidance/Public Consultations. The Authority is seeking views on these changes before the Cabinet makes a final decision at its meeting in March 2010.

Worcester Warriors

On Wednesday 9th December pupils, parents and teachers attended a delightful evening at Worcester Warriors Rugby Stadium for a presentation evening. Pupils received their certificates for completing the 'Playing for Success' course. Congratulations to them all!

Books For School

Miss Drinkwater would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has sent in vouchers from the "Times Books For Schools" promotion. The promotion has now finished.

Safeguarding

Parkside Middle School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Pupils are coming home today with a letter regarding our policy for Safeguarding Children and Child Protection.

PTA NEWS

Our next event is an Arts and Crafts Exhibition on Wednesday 24th March 2010. More details to follow ...

If you would like to recycle Christmas cards/ birthday cards please send them into school marked for the attention of Mrs. J. Aston.

Our next PTA meeting is planned for Wednesday 20th January 2010 at 6.30 pm in the Staff Room - everyone welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SPRING TERM

Monday 4th January 2010
Tuesday 5th January
 Tuesday 19th January

 Wednesday 27th January
 Saturday 6th - Sunday 14th February
Friday 12th February
Monday 22nd February
Tuesday 23rd February
 Thursday 25th February
 Wednesday 24th March

Thursday 1st April

School closed – TE day
School re-opens
 Year 6 parents SATS meeting
 7pm – 8 pm
 Year 8 girls 1st HBV vaccination
 Ski-ing Trip 2010 to Pila, Italy
School closes for half-term
School closed – TE day
School re-opens
 Year 8 girls 2nd HBV vaccination
 PTA Arts and Crafts display
 2pm – 3 pm/6 pm – 8 pm
School closes for Easter break

SUMMER TERM

Monday 19th April
Tuesday 20th April
Monday 3rd May
 Monday 3rd – Friday 7th May
Tuesday 4th May
Monday 10th - Friday 14th May
 Monday 10th – Friday 14th May
 Monday 24th – Wednesday 26th May
Friday 28th May
Monday 7th June
 Wednesday 21st July
 Thursday 22nd July
Friday 23rd July

School closed - TE day
School re-opens
School closed for Bank Holiday
 Year 5 Stackpole residential trip
School re-opens
Year 6 SATS week
 Year 7 Malvern residential trip
 Year 6 London residential trip
School closes for half-term
School re-opens
 Year 8 girls 3rd HBV vaccination
 Year 7 trip to Oaker Wood Leisure
School closes for Summer break

