PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

OWL CLASS LETTER

TERMS 1 & 2

3rd September, 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm really pleased to welcome you to the new school year and to Owl Class after what I am sure you will agree, has been a very long six months. The children have settled in brilliantly already and it so wonderful to see their smiling faces after lockdown. They have adjusted to the 'new normal' routines of school already e.g. regular handwashing, forward facing desks, staggered lunchtimes etc. I am very proud of all of them and they have already proven what a brilliant Year 6 class they are going to be.

Miss Murphy ☺

Term 1

In term 1 our topic is Pharoahs. The children will be learning about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and writing non-chronological reports about this topic. The children will also be learning about the gruesome process of mummification and will be making their own Canopic jars and death masks out of clay. We will be then writing instructions about How To Make a Mummy!

We will also be writing mystery stories and looking at some of the interesting stories surrounding Tutankhamun's 'curse'.

In Science, we will be learning about Animals Including Humans. This covers mammal reproduction and also links with our PSHE topic of Health and Sex Education. If you have any questions about this, please come and speak to me.

Term 2

After half term, our topic will be Star Gazers. This is a very exciting topic all about Space. The children will be learning about the Solar System, the phases of the Moon and Gravity just to name a few of the topics being covered in Science.

The children will be learning all about the first Moon Landing and writing newspaper reports about that extremely eventful day!

We will also be creating and writing our own comic strips about an alien invasion…watch this space!

Owl Assemblies and Craft Sessions:

Wednesday 11th November – Remembrance Service

Tuesday 15th December – Christingle Service

Attendance: I would like to take this opportunity to remind you how important good attendance is for optimum learning and progress. At Parkside, we aim for 95% attendance or more to ensure our best possible learning is able to take place. It is also important that children arrive to school on time so they start their day in the best possible way and are ready to start their learning with the rest of their class.

Uniform:
This is a reminder that all children should be wearing the correct school uniform. This consists of: Parkside School jumper so children can take pride in our school logo (or a navy jumper/cardigan), a white shirt or blouse, grey/black trousers or a skirt (or short/summer dress when it is warmer) and black school shoes.

Golden Rules

Always be kind and courteous to one another.

Follow the 'new normal' routine of school and listen to adults in order to stay safe.

Try and be honest at all times.

If at first you don't succeed, try again!

We will all aspire to be the best that we can be!

Dates:
Friday 18th September – Genes for Jeans Day
Friday 25th September – Macmillan coffee morning
Friday 2nd October – Harvest Service
Friday 9th October – Careers Day
Monday 12th October – Black History Week
Friday 16th October – Flu Vaccines
Friday 23rd October – End of Term 1
Monday 26th October – HALF TERM
Monday 2nd November – Term 2, Children's individual and sibling photos.
Wednesday 4th November - Parents Evening
Wednesday 11th November – Open Day
Wednesday 2nd December – Christmas Dinner
Friday 4th December – Christmas Fair
Friday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 18th December – Christmas Party and End of Term 2

PE
PE will be on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon so children will need to ensure they wear their PE kits to school on these days and not their uniform. PE kits consist of dark shorts, coloured t-shirt (according to House colours) and plimsolls or trainers.

Homework
The children will be set times tables and spellings on a Friday to practise at home so they are ready for a short test the following Friday. Children are also expected to read at home at least five times a week.

REACH for the Stars

Resilience
Effort
Aspiration
Courtesy
Honesty

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Healthy snack and lunches
Children may continue to buy tuck which is a selection of fruit. If children wish to bring their own snacks in from home, this must be either fruit or veggie sticks. Packed lunches should also be healthy e.g. a sandwich, yoghurt, a piece of fruit and a snack bar

If you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss with me, please make an appointment at the school office or speak to me after school.

Miss Murphy
Year/6 Class teacher and Assessment Lead.