



# PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Term 2 Newsletter

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good half term and are well rested and ready for the run up towards Christmas! It continues to be a busy and enjoyable time here at Parkside, with lots going on both inside and outside of the classroom. We have just started a third phase of building work to continue to upgrade the facilities for your children and we are also looking forward to brand new furniture for all of the pupils from Year 2 upwards – exciting times!

Please could I also take this chance to remind you about attendance. As you know, good attendance is key to your child's success and we are striving for every child to attend every day. Obviously there are always occasions when children are ill and we would never want children to come to school if they are ill, but please endeavour to make sure that they are here so that they don't miss out on any learning. Your cooperation with this is much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr James Williams**  
**Executive Headteacher**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of Term 2, it is lovely to see all of the children back at school and ready to continue with their learning. There are lots of events planned for this term and the teachers are looking forward to building on these with the children.

As you may have noticed the next phase of the building work has begun. This is going to include roofing work and improving the entrance to the school. I am sure you will agree that this will help improve the overall look of the school.

I am looking forward to all of the different events that are planned for the children and inviting you along to them to share with your children.

Thank you for your continued support of the school.

Yours faithfully,

**Mrs Anthea McLevy**  
**Head of School**

### School Photos

The photographer will be coming to take your child's pictures this week. They will be taking individual and sibling pictures throughout the day. We will share with you how to buy your child's picture.





### School Uniform

Please remember that the children are required to wear full school uniform on the days they are not doing PE. The school uniform is a white polo shirt, grey or black trousers or skirt, school jumper and black shoes. The PE kit is the child's team PE shirt with black or blue shorts, school jumper and black leggings or jogging bottoms. Appropriate footwear, plimsolls or trainers, should be worn.

### Halloween Disco

The children had a great time at the Halloween disco. A big thank you to the PTFA for organising this event and all of the parents and carers that supported throughout the evening. Keep your eye out for more exciting activities for the children to join in with.



### Children in Need

The school will be taking part in this year's Children in Need event to help raise money for a good cause. As part of this we would ask for a £1 donation in payment for wearing something spotty.

### Aqualab River Dipping

Some of the children will be taking part in a river dipping activity being run by Aqualab. This will take place along the River Stour. A separate flyer would have been sent out for the children involved with this outlining what is required.



### Christmas Fair

The PTFA are busy organising the Christmas Fair which will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021, starting at 2.00pm. We have many exciting things planned for the fair and have had many wonderful prizes donated to the school for the raffle. Tickets are available from Mrs Cross, Miss Austin or the School Office for £1.00 a strip. If you would like a table at the Fair please contact Mrs Cross or Miss Austin. We would like to thank all of the companies that have donated to us and made this possible. We are all looking forward to a wonderful afternoon and hope to see you all there.



### Non-school Uniform Day

We will be have a non-school uniform day on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November. We are asking for a donation towards the tombola that will be at the Christmas Fair as payment for this. Please bring in tins, toiletries or sweets and give them to your child's teacher.

### Sensory Room

The school have been busy creating a Sensory Room for the children to access and use. We would like to thank Bouygues UK for their kind donation that has made this possible.



### Timings of the school day

Just a reminder that the gate for breakfast club opens at 8:10am and closes at 8:25am. The gates the reopen at 8:40am for the children to walk to their classrooms. The doors will remain open until 8:55am and any child arriving after this point will need to go through the school office. At the end of the day the gate opens at 2:50pm. It is important the children arrive promptly to school in the mornings so they can settle into the day calmly.

### Food Bank

Canterbury Food Bank are vital in supporting some of our families. They are currently recruiting volunteers and have asked us to share their contact information. If anyone should be interested in supporting them please call 01227 936450 Option 4 or email Kath Starkey, [volunteers@canterburyfoodbank.org](mailto:volunteers@canterburyfoodbank.org) If you require a food parcel at anytime please contact the school office and we will be able to arrange this for you.

