



# Newsletter

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

## Welcome

Welcome to the new academic year! I hope you had an enjoyable summer. We would like to welcome all our new children and parents to our school and also our Preschool which is now open from 9:00am until 3:00pm .

## Curriculum Evenings

Our Class Curriculum Evening for parents of children in Years 1 to 6 will take place from 4.00pm to 5.00pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

The meeting will take the form of two identical 30 minute presentations by each class teacher. You will be given information about the curriculum your child will be covering during the year and there will be an opportunity to ask questions. This will take place in your child's classroom. If you have two children, we invite you to attend one presentation in one classroom and then, at 4.30pm, move on to your second child's class.

It will not be possible to accommodate your children on that evening since there will just not be room in the classroom. There will be no opportunity on this evening to discuss your child individually. The Y5 and Y6 residential trips will be explained during the same evening.

## Dates

A list of dates can be found on our website. Please note that we have set the following INSET days for the rest of the year:

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017,  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018,  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – INSET in morning, Parent Consultations starting in the afternoon. Please note this is mid-term, not attached to any holiday.  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

## School Photographer

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September each child will have their photo taken individually and with their siblings. If you would like your pre-school children to be included, please let the school office know. Those with siblings at school need to come for 8:30am; those without should arrive at Parkside for 8.55 am and then go on to Preschool with their parents.

## Walking Home

In Year 5 and Year 6 some parents are happy for their child to walk home or walk to a pre-arranged meeting point. If this is the case please could you advise the class teacher.

## Appearance

Please note that the school's policy is that jewellery should not be worn in school. This includes nail varnish and earrings. I understand that for some children earrings have to be worn and if this is the case then they should be the plain stud earrings which should either be removed (by the child) for PE lessons or covered up with tape provided by parents.

## Talking to Teachers

The beginning of the school day is a very busy time for teachers in setting out the learning for the day. Unless urgent please avoid speaking to teachers at this time.

## Birthday Treats

This is a reminder that due to the number of children we have in school that have very specific allergies and to ensure the safety of all our children we cannot give out sweets or cakes sent in from home.

## Driving into the school

To ensure the safety of our children, parents are not allowed to drive into the school grounds during drop off and pick up. The only exception to this will be parents who have the Government approved Disabled Blue Badge Scheme. This is to ensure the safety of our children when coming to and leaving our premises.

## Goodbye

We would like to thank Mrs Linda Watton for the many years of service to the school. Linda has been a teaching assistant for 23 years at Parkside and has helped many children. We would like to wish her all the best in her retirement.

Yours faithfully

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