

# Parkstone News



Parkstone Primary School takes seriously its responsibility to safeguarding all children and adults and has a rigorous procedure in place to do so. The school does not tolerate bullying and deals with all forms very seriously.

## Note from the Headteacher

We have had a very busy two weeks, with our Y2 and Y6 children taking the SATs. I am very proud of all of the children, as they have all worked very hard and shown a real determination to do their best and show us what they can achieve. The Y2 tests are marked by Miss King and Mrs Gill and will form part of their teacher assessment in reading, maths and grammar. The Y6 tests have been sent to be marked externally, so we will find out the results of these in July. It is the turn of our Y1 children next, with the phonics screening tests taking place during the week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> June.

We just have one more week before the half term break and then we will be looking forward to all the end of term activities and some lovely warm weather (hopefully!). Please check the school website for dates of key events.

## Save the date!

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**May:** Break up for half term  
**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**June:** Return to school  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**June:** Parent induction for new F2 pupils 6pm

## Attendance

Overall school attendance for the past fortnight is 96.1%, just shy of our 97% target! Keep trying hard to come to school every day especially now the warmer weather is (hopefully!) on the way! Well done to Miss Eggleshaw's class for 99.2% attendance!

## Attendance fortnight ending 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Mrs West 90.5%	Mrs Austin 96.7%	Miss Draper Martin 96.6%	Mrs Waudby 96%
Mrs Gill 94.4%	Miss King 95.4%	Mrs Derrick/ Holtby 97.1%	Miss Hume 95.8%
Miss Lamerton 95.9%	Mrs Woollin <b>98.2%</b> ☺	Miss Eggleshaw <b>99.2%</b> ☺	Miss Dormand 98.9%
Mrs Gladwin/ Wigglesworth 95.4%			

## Foundation Stage

Over the past two weeks we have been focusing on the book 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We have been acting, exploring and then writing stories. We have even changed the story to some of our own ideas! We went hunting for sharks, crocodiles and even buns! The children have had a lovely time and most of them have learnt the story off by heart.

In maths we have been getting really good at doubling and even the early stages of halving numbers. We will be doing more on that next week. Now that the weather is getting better, we have been planting lots of salad, herbs and flowers in the garden and can't wait for them to grow.

### Year 1 and 2

It's been a busy two weeks in Phase 1! The children have been working hard across the curriculum and having lots of fun!

In Year 1 the pupils have been writing their own stories about the Toymaker and in maths have been learning all about adding. The tadpoles in Miss Draper Martin's class are now turning into frogs and we are very excited!

In Year 2 the pupils have completed all of their SATs. They did so well, applying all that they know and really trying hard and concentrating. They really did a sterling job and you should be very proud of how hard your child has worked. Well done Year 2! As a treat, today (Friday) they have had a fun day as a reward for all their hard work.

### Year 3 and 4

In Year 3 and 4 we have been busy conducting our own research about the Anglo Saxons to write our own non-chronological reports. We have discussed technical vocabulary, explored how paragraphs are used and created our own subheadings for the information we have gathered. We can't wait to write them!

In maths year 4 have been working with money and measure. We have used our decimal knowledge to convert between pounds and pence as well as cm and metres. Year 3 have been practising their multiplication skills. As scientists we have explored food chains. We can use language such as producers and consumers to describe what happens in a food chain and we have sorted animals into carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

### Year 5 and 6

In Y5 and 6 we have been reading 'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell. This has also been our inspiration for some writing this week. Y6 have been writing diary entries and instructions for how to catch a dragon and Y5 have been writing setting and character descriptions.

In maths, Y6 have been looking at calculating the volume of 3D shapes. In Year 5, we have been learning about 2D shapes. We have been learning some new mathematical vocabulary to describe shapes such as regular and irregular.

We have also been continuing our work on the Vikings. We have learnt about where the Vikings came from and why they decided to invade the UK.