

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

Well it's been a very short but busy half term! All the children are enjoying learning about their new topics. The children in Year 1/2 have met some amazing creatures and Year 3/4 have had the chance to try lots of different Greek food. We have had several visitors in school, including our new Chair of Governors, Mrs Bartle. She was very impressed with the children and how well behaved, hardworking and polite they are. I am very proud of our school and all of our children!

I wish you all an enjoyable half term break and look forward to seeing the children back at school on Monday 19th February.

Save the date!

Monday 19th

February: Return to school

Monday 26th

February: Y6 parents' meeting re SATs

Monday 12th

March: Y1 to St Nicholas Primary School for Easter Craft pm

Wednesday 21st

March: Attendance Movie night

Thursday 22nd

March: FOPS Easter disco

Friday 23rd

March: Break up for Easter holidays

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the past fortnight was 95.7%. We aim for at least 97% so let's keep trying harder to come to school every day! Next term we are having an Attendance Movie night and our Prize draw to win £25 vouchers.

Attendance for the fortnight ending 9th February 2018

Mrs West 93.4%	Mrs Austin 96.8%	Mrs Gill 94%	Mrs Waudby 94.3%
Miss Draper-Martin 97.2% ☺	Miss King 97.7% ☺	Mrs Derrick/ Mrs Wigglesworth 93.7%	Mrs Woollin 96.2%
Mrs Damary Thomson 95%	Mrs Jacobs 97.1% ☺	Mrs Whitworth 95.4%	Miss Tindall 97.4% ☺
Miss Lamerton 97% ☺			

Foundation Stage

We continue to plan in the moment, and so constantly follow the children's interests within the environment and moving their learning on through play.

During pastoral time over the last two weeks, we have been learning about Chinese New Year and Road Safety. We have become maths masters at subtraction and enjoyed the story of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' during 'Once upon a time...'

We have two guinea pigs that need your help! Please, if you have any spare newspaper, could you bring it to school to make cosy beds for them? Many thanks!

Year 1 and 2

We've been working very hard in this short half term! In Year 1 in Maths we have been learning how to add and subtract and in Year 2 we have been multiplying which we are getting very good at!

We have been busy in Year 1 perfecting our sentence writing skills using capital letters and full stops. In Year 2 we have been writing letters to Dean from Meet the Creature to thank him for a fantastic visit that we all thoroughly enjoyed. The children were so well behaved and brave touching all sorts of exotic creatures including snakes!

In our Topic and Science work we have been identifying different animals that live in the rainforests and how we would use our five senses if we ever visited a rainforest.

Year 3 and 4

In Year 3 and 4 the children have had Coach Craig teaching them gymnastics since the start of January. They have learned new ways to balance, created sequences as a group and developed different ways of moving safely over apparatus. The children have enjoyed all of these sessions and their gymnastic skills have really improved as a result. Coach Craig has been very impressed with everyone, so a big well done to Year 3 and 4!

A big thank you to all parents and carers who were able to come in and join us for Guided Reading and Maths sessions - it was lovely to see so many of you in school.

Year 5 and 6

Year 5/6 have thoroughly enjoyed having parents into our lessons for Guided Reading and Maths. We feel very fortunate we have such supportive parents and hopefully you can apply some of the strategies used in the classroom at home also! Across both year groups this week we have been writing our 'Hot' tasks which means this is our final piece of work for the genre. Year 5 have been writing a fantastic narrative for their text 'The Highwayman' and Year 6 have written some incredible non-chronological reports about sharks to link with their text 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. We even created our own 'Blue Planet' films to help us with our writing! We have seen an incredible effort from all pupils, giving 100% to their presentation in their final piece.

In our topic of Natural Disasters, we have been studying the impact of earthquakes and how volcanoes are formed. Year 5/6 pupils have also conducted experiments in Science to look at materials that are thermal conductors, making predictions and analysing their results.

We hope you have an excellent half term and keep up the hard work over the holidays Year 5/6!