

# 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

It has been wonderful to see so many children (and staff!) dressed up today as we celebrated World Book Day. We've had a lovely day in school and it was great that so many of you were able to come in at the end of the day to see what the children have been doing. I would also like to thank you for making sure your children were at school this week in the very cold, snowy weather we have had - it is very much appreciated!

Just a polite reminder: if your child is unwell in the morning but improves during the day, you can bring them into school at any time; you do not need to wait until lunchtime registration. Many thanks!

### Save the date!

Science Week is w/c 12.03.18

Monday 12<sup>th</sup>

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

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

March: Attendance Movie night

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>

February: FOPS

Easter disco

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

March: Break up for Easter holidays

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>

April: Pupils return to school.

## Attendance

Our attendance has been 96.5% for the past two weeks which has improved since before the holidays which is fantastic! Let's keep coming to school each day to get to 97%! Thank you for supporting us with our endeavour.

Attendance for the fortnight ending 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2018			
Mrs West 92.4%	Mrs Austin 94.4%	Mrs Gill 95.6%	Mrs Waudby 96.4%
Miss Draper- Martin 95.1%	Miss King 97.8% ☺	Mrs Derrick/ Mrs Wigglesworth 97.6%	Mrs Woollin 97.9% ☺
Mrs Damary Thomson 98.8% ☺	Mrs Jacobs 98.2% ☺	Mrs Whitworth 96.3%	Miss Tindall 96%
Miss Lamerton 95.1%			

## Foundation Stage

Over the past two weeks we have been focusing on comparing similarities and differences in environments and living creatures. We have been using our very own guinea pigs to look at how different creatures can be. We have also been looking at what makes a healthy lifestyle. We talked about healthy foods and the importance of doing lots of exercise. We are currently reading Gangster Granny which we think it is very funny. In maths we have been sharing into groups. Sadly, Ivy, one of our guinea pigs died last week but we have two new guinea pigs who will be joining Esmerelda soon.

### Year 1 and 2

What a cold week we've had! Luckily the pupils have loved getting out in the snow and are not deterred by the freezing temperatures! In Year 1 we have been working hard on recognising our numbers to 50 and we have been learning about the book *Dogger* by Shirley Hughes. In Year 2 we have been multiplying and dividing. We have been reading *Maximus and the Beanstalk* and we have looked at similarities and differences. In our topic work we have been learning about temperature and comparing the temperature in London to that of the rainforest in Borneo.

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who put a lot of effort into the costumes for their children for World Book Day, everyone looked amazing and we all had lots of fun! Check out Twitter @parkstonep to see photos!

### Year 3 and 4

Since coming back to school last Monday, the children have been very busy in Year 3 and 4. We have started learning our songs and lines for our Easter production of *Daniel* - more details about dates and costumes will be sent out next week. The children are very excited about this and are looking forward to performing it for everyone. On Monday we were fortunate enough to have a visit from Kelsang Topgyal, a Buddhist monk. He told us all about Buddhism, showed us his special clothes and even taught us how to meditate properly. We have also started reading new books in our English and Guided Reading (*The Firework Maker's Daughter* and *Alice in Wonderland* in Year 3, *Krindlekrax* and *The Promise* in Year 4). In Maths, Year 3 have learnt how to add and subtract different amounts of money and Year 4 have been doing lots of work on equivalent fractions and now know lots more about fractions than two weeks ago!

### Year 5 and 6

What a busy week we have had in Year 5/6! In Literacy, Year 6 pupils have been writing setting descriptions based on *Kensuke's Kingdom* and finding out more about who Kensuke is. Year 5 pupils have been writing non-chronological reports about Vikings inspired by their core text *Beowulf*. In Maths, we have been focused on measures and capacity, converting from metric to imperial units and solving problems to apply our knowledge. In our topic lessons, we created Tsunamis in boxes to explore how they occur and the level of devastation they can cause. As scientists, we have explored how to separate materials using different methods - it was messy but incredibly interesting.

Thank you to all pupils in our phase who participated in World Book Day - please share a story at home to join in the celebrations!