

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. Safeguarding and Child Protection coordinator: Mr J Rogers. Safeguarding Governor: Mrs T Bartle.

Note from the Headteacher

Well, we are now two weeks into the Summer term and finally the good weather seems to have arrived! Can I just remind you to make sure your child brings a bottle of water to school so that they can keep hydrated during the day. When it is hot and sunny, you may want to send them with a sunhat and wearing suncream too. May I also just clarify our policy on shoes for school. As you know, we ask that children change from their outdoor shoes into sandshoes when they are in school, therefore it is not necessary for their outdoor shoes to be black. As the weather is improving, we would like the children to enjoy PE outside wherever possible and so they will also need a pair of trainers for outdoor sport activities. Many thanks for your continued support.

Save the date!

26.04.18: Y1 and Y2 trip to Withernsea lighthouse

14.05.18: SATs week for Y6

17.05.18: SATs for Y2

25.05.18: Break up for half term

5.06.18: Children return to school

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the first fortnight back was 96.4%. A really good start so let's keep it up and try and get to 97% over the next few weeks!

Attendance for the fortnight ending 20th April 2018

Mrs West 94.6%	Mrs Austin 92.5%	Mrs Gill 98.7%	Mrs Waudby 96.8%
Miss Draper-Martin 97.2% 😊	Miss King 95.2%	Mrs Derrick/Mrs Wigglesworth 95.5%	Mrs Woollin 97.4% 😊
Mrs Damary Thomson 98.4%	Mrs Jacobs 91.3%	Mrs Whitworth 97.7% 😊	Miss Tindall 97.6% 😊
Miss Lamerton 99.6% 😊			

Foundation Stage

Since coming back after the Easter break the Foundation Stage have been reflecting on why we celebrate Easter, we have looked at the Easter Story and linked it to discussions about Spring and new life. We have also been learning about St George's Day and typical English traditions such as Morris Dancing and poetry about dragons.

The children are loving being outside in the better weather. We have been exploring how the garden has changed as the new plants, flowers and buds on the trees come through. Some of them have enjoyed worm charming in the garden and nest building in the hope that we might attract a few different birds to our area, the crows, pigeons and magpies are nice, but we'd love to see a variety of birds, like blue tits and wagtails!

Year 1 and 2

Firstly, thank you to all those who were able to attend our garden pouch making afternoon. We understand it is not always possible to attend all of these events but there will be other opportunities later in the year. The Gardener's pouches looked beautiful!

The children are really enjoying their new topic and are learning all about lighthouses. They have used pastels and chalks to draw a lighthouse. In science we have been learning all about plants. We have planted seeds as part of science lessons and we will look at how the seeds will grow and what affects their growth. In R.E we have been learning about special times and what this means to us.

Year 3 and 4

We have had a great start back at school for the Summer term. Our English and Maths are continuing from before the holidays but we have started a new topic in both Science and history and geography. Last week we started our spring onions investigation in which we will be measuring our trimmed spring onions each day for 10 days to see how much they grow and whether their growth is affected by the weather or where they are placed in the school grounds. We have also been fortunate to be able to go outside for PE and enjoy better weather to practise our cricket skills. Year 4 will be starting their fortnight block of swimming on Monday 23rd April and we are sure that Year 3 will already be looking forward to when it is their turn next year!

Year 5 and 6

Year 5/6 have had a very busy start to the term! We have begun our research into The Stone Age topic and turned our classrooms into caves to create wall paintings as cave men would have - the pupils thoroughly enjoyed it! In Science, we have been classifying living things and their habitats, organising them into groups and asking scientific questions about them. Now that the summer months are upon us, we have been studying athletics in P.E. and as a group, measuring our long jump distances and calculating a personal best. All pupils need to ensure they have a water bottle with them during school, it is thirsty work!