



Newsletter

March 2010

School Visits

Parkview is able to provide a great many visits and exciting learning experiences for our pupils because of the kind contribution of our parents. Without extra funding from parents our wide programme of visits would disappear.

One of the biggest costs to schools is transport. Often the least expensive and most practical mode is by coach. We use only those companies recommended by Derby City Council, and all vehicles are fitted with seatbelts. Coaches are expensive, and often add £5 or more to the overall cost per child.

To make the most of some visits, schools can hire facilitators to deliver workshops that bring historical settings to life, and allow all children to get involved and learn in an active way. Schools are charged for workshops.

Funding provided by parents is spent only on the trip for which it is requested. No profit is made, and parents are not asked to subsidise the cost of families who cannot pay. Families who have financial difficulties can speak to us in confidence, and their needs are met from a separate fund.

Rigorous risk assessments are carried out before every trip. Adult helpers on trips are carefully chosen, and each has a valid CRB certificate. The ratio of adults to children is determined by the age and particular needs of the children.

If you have any queries of any kind concerning a school trip, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Thank you, Parkview, from Swanland School in Nairobi, Kenya

Mrs Selby and her family returned from their visit to Swanland School in Nairobi, Kenya with a great wealth of information, including writings, drawings, songs, photographs and videos to share with us. She told us that your gifts of pencils and crayons, and the money you raised for footballs and cooking equipment were very enthusiastically and gratefully received, and meant a great deal to those Swanland pupils. Thank you for your generosity!

Swanland presented Parkview with a beautiful picture, which will shortly be on display in the school reception area.

We had a wonderful Kenya evening last week, shared with and held at St. Werburgh's Primary School, during which our choir sang African songs and St. Werburgh's performed African drumming. Those who came helped to raise a further £584 for the school, and for families living with HIV aids through donations and a jewellery sale. Thank you!

Design Winner

Congratulations to Hannah Jones, Y4 who won the Lakeland Cake Design Competition! Her prize was to have her design made into a real cake to present to her Mum on Mother's Day, and £150 worth of vouchers for the school!

Non - Uniform Day

We will be having a non-uniform day on the Thursday 1st April. The fine will be £1. All proceeds from non-uniform day are paid into a School Council Bank Account and the School Council decide what the money should be spent on - usually equipment for play times.

Nursery Parents

Please support us in ensuring our pupils are safe. At lunchtimes do not talk to pupils on the playground or pass things over the fence. If you need to talk to your child or pass anything to him/her please come to the office.

Important Notice Change of Hours for Nursery Children

From September 2010, all children in Derby aged 3 or 4 will be entitled to 15 hours of Nursery education (currently the entitlement is 12½ hours).

At Parkview we will continue to offer 5 morning sessions, or 5 afternoon sessions.

The new session times are as follows:

Mornings: 8:45am until 11:45am

Afternoons: 12:15pm until 3:15pm

Parents and Carers of Under 5's

We have been asked to pass on this invitation from The Church on Oakwood.

On the 3rd Thursday of each month we hold a Children's Church at The Church on Oakwood. We have fun with various activities including songs, storytime, crafts and music. We provide refreshment for you and the children. Please do come along. You will be very welcome and will have a chance to meet other people with young children. It is from 1.45pm, finishing at a time to collect siblings from school.

For a more informal time, you are also welcome to 'Tots 'n Teddies' for refreshment, toys, craft and friendship. This starts a little earlier at 1.30 till 3 o'clock on the 1st Thursday of each month.

For further information tel. Elizabeth Embley 01332 664080. e.embley@btinternet.com

School Dinners

The cost of school dinners for the next half term will be £58. Please make cheques payable to Derby City Council.

Please remember that if your child wishes to change from dinners to sandwiches or vice versa you must speak to the school office staff and give 2 weeks notice.

Gardening Club

If you are buying new plants for your garden over the Easter Holiday, could you please save the plant pots and send them into school for Mrs Bell and Mrs Denton to recycle. Please leave them by the potting shed.

Dates for your diary:

- Friday 26th March - School Closed for staff training - Art/History
- Friday 21st May - No Family Assembly - moved to following Tuesday
- Tuesday 25th May - Special Family Assembly
- Friday 28th May - Fitness Day - No Family Assembly

Last day of term is Thursday 1st April. School re-opens on Monday 19th April for Summer Term.

Parkview Primary School helps each of us to be the best that we can.
We learn well, we behave brilliantly, and we are happy!