

Parkview Primary School Autumn 2 2024



Welcome back to the final half term of 2024. It will be as fun-filled as ever, with lots of exciting events taking place in the weeks leading up to the Christmas holiday!

I just wanted to mention what a great start to the academic year we have had. The children and staff are all working their socks off to ensure lots of excellent learning takes place. The children continue to show brilliant behaviour on a daily basis, with visitors to Parkview always commenting on how polite and well-mannered they are.



We are very proud to announce our well-being ambassadors: Isabel, Alice, Amelie, Lincoln, Bella and Lily. These children will be helping Miss Blount with all things Wellbeing. I am also excited to announce, later on this week, our house captains from Year 6 who will be leading the way with our first year of Parkview house teams.

Our overall school attendance is 95.3% with house attendance so far as follows:

Oak	Elder	Elm	Cedar
95.4%	96.3%	94.8%	94.8%

The winning house will enjoy a special treat at the end of the year! Watch this space!

Finally, we now have our very own Instagram page—please follow us [parkviewprimaryschool](https://www.instagram.com/parkviewprimaryschool)

Key Dates—Autumn 2 2024

DATE	EVENT
Week Beginning 11th November	Anti-Bullying Week
13th November	World Kindness Day
15th November @2:30pm	Book and Biscuit Event Nursery only Come along and share a story and sweet treat with your child
10th December @2:30pm	Reception Nativity
16th December @9am	Year 6 Class Assembly
16th December @2:30pm	Nursery Christmas Songs Concert
WB 16th December	Class Christmas Parties—more details to follow from class teachers
17th December @11.15am	Nursery Christmas Songs Concert
18th December	Whole school—Beauty & the Beast Pantomime
19th December @9:30am	Year 1 & 2 Nativity
19th December @2pm	Years 3-6 Christmas Carol Concert
25th December	Hanukkah: the 8 day Jewish festival begins

The 12 Online Safety Tips of Christmas

FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

Christmas is almost upon us once again, and soon some lucky children will be excitedly tearing the wrapping off a new mobile phone, tablet or games console. For some of them, it will be the first time they've owned a device that connects them to the online world. Even for older children, a new device means new corners of the digital landscape to explore – and, unfortunately, new risks to be aware of.

We've put together our top tips so that you can guide your young ones in enjoying their new digital gifts safely and responsibly throughout the year to come. Merry Christmas!



1. ALWAYS SET A PASSWORD



If your child's new device has a password protection feature, use it! It'll help to keep their private information safe and will deny others access to their device without permission. Your children's passwords should be something memorable to them – but something which other people can't guess (it's also a good idea for parents to write it down in case it gets forgotten!).

2. SET UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS'



This really is an essential when your child gets a new device, so they're protected from the outset. Most phones, tablets and consoles allow you to customise their settings to determine which games your child can play, how they can communicate (and who with), what content they can access and so on. It will give you peace of mind that they can't inadvertently do something they shouldn't.

3. PAY ATTENTION TO AGE RATINGS



One of the first things children want to do with any new device is play games and explore apps. Before they download anything or install a new console game, check its age rating. Many popular games and apps have content that's not suitable for younger ages. The safest long-term solution is to adjust the device's settings so they can only download and use games and apps appropriate for their age.

4. KEEP NUMBERS AND DEVICES PRIVATE



Make sure your child understands that they should never share their phone number with someone they don't know or accept a friend request from them. They should also appreciate that it's a good idea to mainly keep their device out of sight, never lend it to a stranger, and never put it down somewhere that other people could steal it or take it to use without asking.

5. HAVE 'THE MONEY CONVERSATION'



Before your children start using their new device in earnest, talk to them about in-app purchases and other ways that money might be spent through their device. Once they understand, you might want to agree on a spending limit and reassure them that they can come to you if they're uncertain, or if they have made a purchase by accident.

6. DISCOURAGE DEVICE DEPENDENCY



Of course, children who've just got a new device will naturally want to spend as much time on it as possible. But whether they're zapping bad guys, watching videos or connecting with friends, it's easy for them to get attached very quickly. Gently remind them that having family time, going outdoors and getting some exercise are still fun, too. And the device will be there when they get back.

7. EXPLAIN SECURE WIFI NETWORKS



Your home Wi-Fi is protected by a password that only your family knows, whereas public networks (like those found in coffee shops, for example) can be accessed by anyone. It's important that your child grasps this difference because, if they're using a portable device on an unsecured network, then a hacker could access their personal information without them even knowing.

8. LIMIT SCREEN TIME



Using a device for too long, especially just before bed, can interfere with a child's sleep quality and reduce their concentration and overall enthusiasm. It might be helpful to agree on certain times of day when they don't use their device. Most devices' settings let you specify a screen-time limit, helping your child to stay fresh and focused in order to perform well at school.

9. ONLY PAIR WITH KNOWN BLUETOOTH DEVICES



Your child may want to connect to another device via Bluetooth, so they can listen to music wirelessly or share pictures and videos with nearby friends. But if they use Bluetooth to link with a device that they don't know, they're at risk of a stranger being able to see their personal information or having someone transmit a virus onto their device.

10. TURN LOCATION SETTINGS OFF



It's safest to disable the device's location services (if it's a portable device) so your child doesn't inadvertently make other people aware of where they are. You can usually do this via the device's privacy control settings. Turning location settings off not only means your child's whereabouts can't be tracked by others, it also significantly extends battery life.

11. STAY AWARE OF THE SURROUNDINGS



It's quite common to see adults not looking where they're going while engrossed in their phone. Children are even more easily distracted. In some cases, children have been hit by cars or cyclists because they were staring at their device and lost track of where they were. Remind your child that screens and walking don't mix. If they need to use their device, they should stop in a safe place first.

12. BE THERE IF THEY NEED TO TALK



Even when you've made a device as secure as you can, there's still a possibility of your child seeing something that bothers them, or someone they don't know attempting to contact them. If this happens, listen to their concerns, empathise and reassure them. Once they've explained what happened, you can decide if you should take further action like blocking or reporting another user.



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#WakeUpWednesday





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

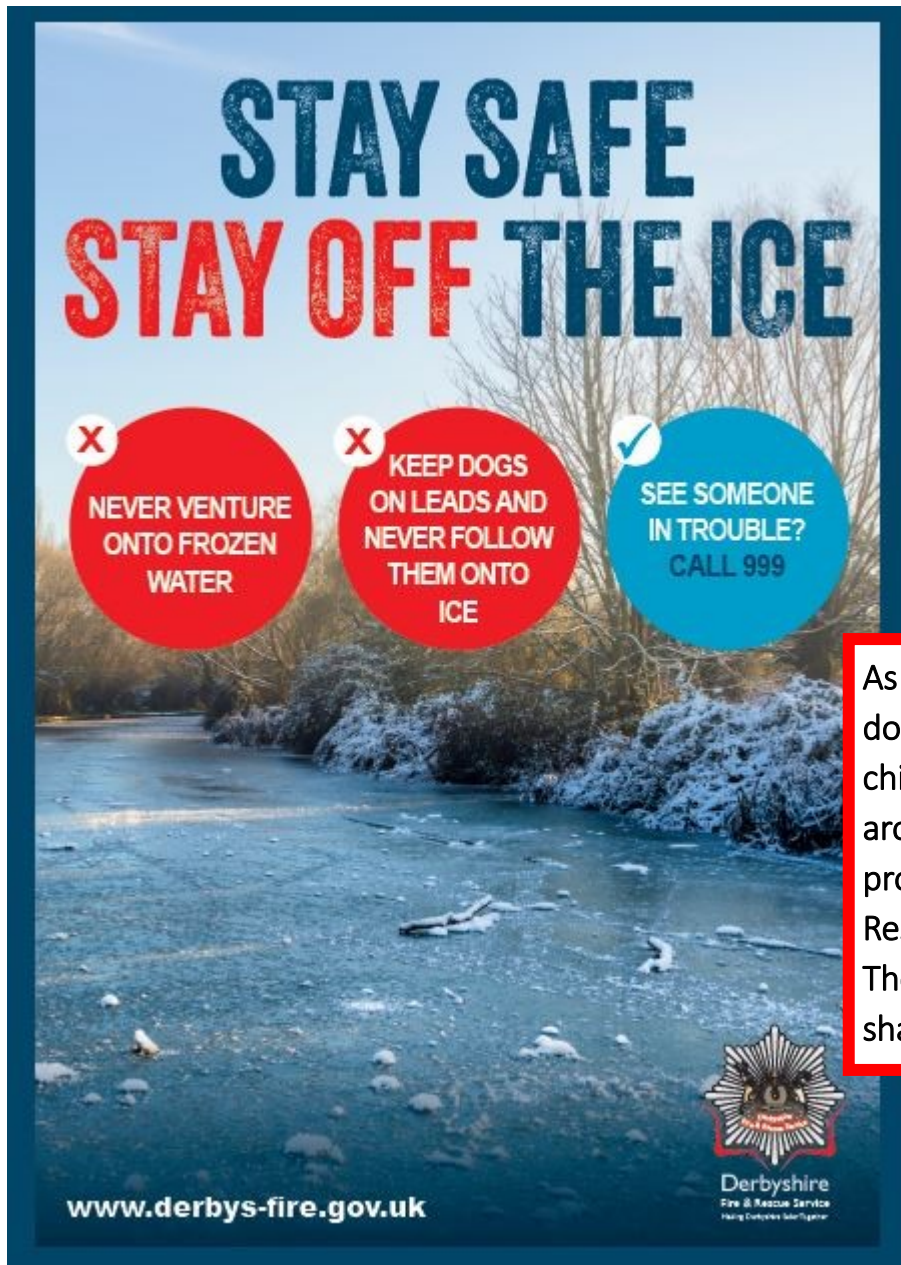
Anti-Bullying

Anti-Bullying Week 2024 will take place from Monday 11th - Friday 15th November, with the theme: Choose Respect. Lots more information can be found here, on the Anti-Bullying Alliance website [Anti-Bullying Week 2024: Choose Respect \(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk\)](https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)

Workshops led by our local Police Community Support Officers

Our PCSOs will be delivering whole school assemblies this half term on safe spaces, healthy relationships and anti-social behaviour.

We are also lucky to have them attend school to work with our Year 5s and Year 6s on knife crime and our Year 1s and Year 2s on road safety.



As the weather is rapidly cooling down, it is useful to speak to your child about how to keep safe around ice. This poster is provided by Derbyshire Fire and Rescue. Please share with them! The message will of course, be shared in school too.

Healthy break time snacks

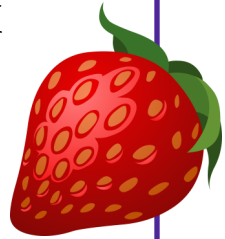
At Parkview, we endeavour to be a healthy school. This includes teaching the children about how to make good choices for their health; including what they eat and how this contributes to their wellbeing. We would really appreciate your support with this.

We know how important it is that your child has the right fuel to keep them going from breakfast until lunch, and would encourage you to provide them with a healthy snack that they can eat at break time.

One snack is enough and please try to avoid nuts, chocolate, crisps, cakes or pastries

Please remember that all key stage 1 and Reception children have the option of daily, free fruit and vegetables. Therefore there is no need to send a snack into school for these younger children although of course you can send a little extra if you think necessary.

For healthy snack ideas, you may find the NHS 'Better Health, Healthier Families' page useful.
[Healthier snacks - Food facts - Healthier Families - NHS](#)



Parent Governor Vacancies - Parkview and Redwood Federation

A vacancy has arisen for Parent Governors on the Governing Body of Parkview Primary School and Redwood Primary School Federation, which we are keen to fill. We would very much like to encourage parents (or people with parental responsibility) of registered pupils to nominate themselves to fill this position.

We are seeking people who fit the following description:

- * Has an open and enquiring mind
- * Shows a willingness to listen and make informed judgements
- * Are able to work well with others
- * Are interested in education generally and our federation in particular
- * Have a desire to play a part in improving the schools within our federation
- * Are willing to give up to 5 hours per term to attend meetings and training

Do you have any of the following skills or a willingness to train?

- * Finance / Budgeting
- * Health & Safety
- * HR / Personnel
- * Marketing

If you match the above description and any of the skills criteria, you could be the very person to become a Parent Governor. Specific training is available to develop an understanding of school finance and budgeting, strategic planning and personnel issues. Everyone has something to offer and we want people from as many backgrounds and interests as possible. As a School Governor, you would be part of a team that makes decisions on key issues which shape the future of the school. Governors support and mentor the Head and staff, promoting high standards of educational attainment, set targets for pupil achievement and manage the school's budget. This includes deciding how many staff will work there and their pay, and ensuring that the curriculum is balanced and broadly based.

If you would like more information on what being a School Governor is like, please contact Marie Jarvis (Parkview Head Teacher) or Lyndsey Shepherd (Redwood Head Teacher), who will be able to help you with any queries, and/or arrange for another Governor to speak to you about this.

If you wish to stand for election, you may nominate yourself as a candidate. No proposer or seconder is required, you simply need to complete the nomination slip which was sent on Dojo this morning, and then return it to your school office, for the attention of the Clerk to Governors.

Nominations must be received no later than 3.30 pm on Friday 15th November 2024.

Helen Hurst, **Clerk to Governors**