

# Parkview Primary School

## Summer Term 2 2024



### Welcome back to our final term of 2023-2024

First of all, a huge well done to our Year 6s who completed their SATs just before the holiday. We are incredibly proud of the fantastic attitude shown over the course of the week by each and every one of them! Well done!

Our Year 4s and Year 1s will also be completing formal assessments this half term.

As mentioned on my previous sun safety letter, please help us to keep the children safe in the sun by continuing to do the following:



- Apply a layer of sunscreen before school each morning during the summer months.
- Send your child into school with their own, clearly labelled sunscreen - they will be reminded about applying this throughout the course of the day. This should be a minimum of 30 SPF with minimum 4 star UVA protection. Please remind your child not to share this with anyone else. Pupils will be expected to apply the sun cream independently to help them learn about sunscreen application – younger children will be supervised to ensure full coverage.
- Remember to send your child every day with a hat.
- Fill water bottles at the start of each day – teaching staff will remind the children throughout the day to drink plenty and to fill these up when needed.

Thank you for helping us to keep the children safe in the sun!

Finally, I am now in a position to share with you, your child's class teacher for next year. As always, if there are any queries, or anything we can help with, please let us know. These details are found on the final page of the newsletter.

### WATER SAFETY OVER THE SUMMER

Learning to be safe near water is an important part of a child's education. As the summer holiday approaches, the children will undoubtedly spend more time around water.

The Canal and River Trust have some great resources to help teach your child how to keep safe near water if you are interested.

[Resources | Canal & River Trust \(canalrivertrust.org.uk\)](https://www.canalrivertrust.org.uk)

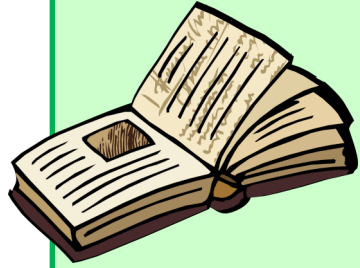
**Always remember to stay SAFE near water -  
Stay Away From the Edge.**

## The importance of reading!

From babies to children in their early years and all the way through to early teens, reading brings profound and wide-ranging benefits that can have a lifelong positive impact on children's lives.

Research shows us that children who read regularly benefit from the following:

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- They are more likely to develop empathy and creativity.

- They have a better foundation for healthy social-emotional development.



Top tips from the Book Trust on how to promote a love of reading in your house follows:

- **Read yourself!** It doesn't matter what it is – pick up a newspaper or magazine, take a look at a cookery book, read a computer manual, enjoy some poetry or dive into a romance or detective novel. And get your children to join in – if you're cooking, could they read the recipe? If you're watching TV, can they read out the listings?
- **Give books as presents.** And encourage your children and their friends to swap books with each other – it'll give them a chance to read new stories, and get them all talking about what they're reading.
- **Visit the local library together.** It's always fun choosing new books to read, and keep an eye out for special author events at the library or local bookshops – children love meeting their favourite authors. Jacqueline Wilson and Anthony Horowitz always have signing queues that are miles long!
- **Encourage children to carry a book at all times.** That way, they'll never be bored (this is something you can do, too!)
- **Have a family bookshelf.** If you can, have bookshelves in your children's bedrooms, too.
- **Keep reading together.** Just because your children are older, it doesn't mean you have to stop sharing stories – perhaps you could try the Harry Potter series or *A Series of Unfortunate Events*.
- **Don't panic if your child reads the same book over and over again.** Let's be honest - we've all done it!

## Mental Health Month

The month of May was mental health month and the children engaged in activities relating to this. [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk) has lots of useful tips on how to support your child's mental health. Giving our children and young people opportunities to open up is one of the biggest things we can do as parents and carers to support their wellbeing but it isn't always easy. Sometimes it is difficult to know where to begin.

Young Minds have the following conversation starters to support with starting conversation at home:

### **Some things you could ask to get the conversation started**

- What was the best bit of your day?
- What was the worst bit of your day?
- What did you do today that made you proud?
- How are you feeling?
- What would you like to talk about?

**If your child is having a hard time, you can try to find out how they'd like to be supported by asking gentle questions like:**

- How can I support you through this?
- Do you want to talk about what's going on?
- Is there anything you need from me? Space, time to talk, time to do something fun?
- What was the biggest problem you had today? What helped?



### KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



WB 3rd June	Environmental Week
Wednesday 5th June	SPAG parent event—more details to follow
WB 10th June	Phonics screening for Y1 pupils
Wednesday 19th June	New Reception intake meeting
Friday 21st June	Non-uniform day— more details from the PFA to follow
Thursday 27th June	Sports Day
WB 1st July	Children to meet their new teacher
Friday 5th July-	Summer Fair-more details from the PFA to follow
Friday 12th July	Reports out
Tuesday 16th July	Reception Graduation
Monday 22nd July	Year 6 leavers assembly

## Lost Property

We are gathering an increasing amount of lost property that we cannot return to the correct owner as there are no name labels present.

Please can we remind you to label all clothing items.



All lost property is stored in a box in the main entrance. Feel free to come and have a look. All the lost property is emptied termly.

## CLASS ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

Please find information below regarding your child's class teacher for next year.

We say goodbye to our Nursery teacher, Miss Julie Knapp, who will be leaving us at the end of July. Julie has worked hard to ensure our Nursery pupils at Parkview start their schooling in the best possible way. We will miss her but wish her lots of luck in her new school!

Nursery	Mrs Gascoyne
Reception	Miss Jackaman
Year 1	Miss Thompson
Year 2	Mrs Cunningham
Year 3	Miss Pritchard
Year 4	Mrs Denton and Mrs Thorley (job share)
Year 5	Mr Arshid
Year 6	Miss Blount

Children in Reception-Y6 classes will be spending time with their new class teachers on the mornings of week beginning 1st July—more details will follow.

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