

Parkview Primary School

Spring 2 2024

NEWSLETTER



Thank you to all of you who came along to our Parents' Evenings last half term. It was great to share with you how well the children are doing.

Thank you again, to all of you who also completed a parental survey for us. We are really pleased with the results but of course, will continue to work on the weaker areas. As always, please let us know if you think we can improve in any way.

Question	Strongly Disagree/ Disagree	Agree/ Strongly agree	Don't know/NA
1. My child is happy at this school.	7%	93%	
2. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	10%	87%	3%
3. My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.	8%	25%	67%
4. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	9%	90%	
5. When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	10%	74%	16%
6. If your child has a special educational need, how strongly do you agree with this statement: 'My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed'	4%	16%	80%
7. The school has high expectations for my child.	14%	82%	4%
8. The school lets me know how well my child is doing.	16%	80%	4%
9. My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	9%	74%	17%
10. The school supports my child's wider personal development.	11%	81%	7%
11. I would recommend this school to another parent. (yes or no – please circle)	No 1%	Yes 99%	

British Science Week

We will be celebrating this year's Science Week in school WB 11th March. The theme this year is 'Time' and we will be starting the week with an exciting assembly led by a Science Ambassador.

Your child's class teacher will share more information regarding this, nearer the time.



Police Community Support Team

We continue to work closely with our local team.

This term, Isla (our Oakwood PCSO), will be in school working with the children on their understanding of anti-social behaviour and the importance of 'Stranger Danger'.

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ECO Council Updates

On Thursday 25th April the ECO Council are planning to host a 'Bring and Buy' sale of unused toys to resell to raise funds for Eco Projects to take place during Environmental Week in June.



Further information about this event will be provided in due course but please put this date in your diaries.

Whole School Happiness Events

4th & 7th March

During these events, we will be on thinking kind thoughts about others and ourselves and then linking this to how we speak and act towards others.

Years 2-6 will be taking part in Kindness Matters and Respectful Relationship workshops.

On the 7th March, we will be working with Tara Kadampa Meditation Centre, to think about generating peaceful and positive minds and reducing negative thoughts.

The children will engage in some short meditation sessions.

Whole School Attendance

Spring term 1

Class	Attendance
Reception	95.5%
Year 1	96.3%
Year 2	97.8%
Year 3	96.4%
Year 4	95.1%
Year 5	94.2%
Year 6	94.2%

Well done to Year 2 for achieving the highest attendance last half term!

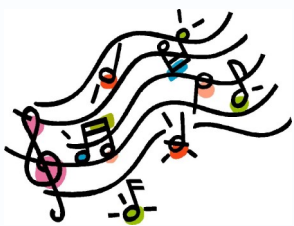
We appreciate the efforts that most of our Parents and Carers make in order to get their children into school on time each day. Poor punctuality can affect the learning and behaviour of children, as the start of the day is when the teacher informs the class of what the day ahead will look like.

Learning begins from the moment they enter the classroom. It is not only the pupil who is late that is affected - it has an impact on all other learners as the teacher is then required to recap on missed learning for that child. This reduces learning time for the rest of the class. School is open at 8:40am with the register taken at 8:50am.

Please ensure your child is here, everyday, on time.

Rock Steady Music School—13th March

We are very excited that the Rock Steady Music School will be at Parkview Primary on 13th March!



The day will start with a fun, whole school assembly followed by class workshops throughout the day.

Some other important days to remember...

Monday 18th March—INSET DAY
SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS

Tuesday 26th March—Year 3 & 4
Spring Performance
@2:30pm

Please can we remind all parents that nuts or nut products should not be brought in to school, this includes as a snack or as a sandwich filling. Please check ingredients, before sending your child into school with food items.

Book Week

Monday 4th March – Friday 8th March



World Book Day

Thursday 7th March

Children are encouraged to come into school dressed as their favourite book character.



2nd Hand Book Sale

Monday 4th March

Please help us raise funds by donating books that are in good condition to be sold at the end of the school day. Please send in the donated books anytime from 26th February – Friday 1st March so we have enough time to organise the books.

Book Swap

Tuesday 5th March

Send your child into school on Tuesday with a book, that they are happy to part with for a book swap. This will enable your child to come home with a different book. The book needs to be wrapped with a sentence or two to give a brief summary about the book but without giving it away.



Parent/Carer Reading Invitation

On Friday 8th March parents are invited to come into school from 9.00 – 10.00 to carry out some fun reading activities with your child.

Competition Time

We are running a story box competition. You will need to decorate a box to showcase your favourite story or a scene from your favourite story. Have a look at the pictures for inspiration. We have some fantastic prizes to be won. There will be a winner from each class.

All entries need to be in school by Thursday 7th March. Winners will be announced on Friday. 😊

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<p>Teacher Swap to share a book with a different class. 2.50 – 3.10</p> <p>2nd hand book sale after school on the school playground.</p>	<p>Book Swap – read above for more info.</p>	<p>Buddy Reading. Children will share stories with their peers in other year groups.</p>	<p>World Book Day – Dress up as your favourite book character.</p> <p>All entries for the competition need to be in.</p>	<p>Parent/Carer Reading 9.00 – 10.00</p> <p>Competition winners announced.</p>

PLEASE NOTE—NURSERY WILL BE HOLDING A SEPARATE PARENT READING EVENT. THEY WILL BE IN CONTACT NEARER THE TIME REGARDING THIS.

PARENT READING SUPPORT



We are still looking for volunteers to come and support us in school with reading.

If you think you could give us anything from 1 hour per week, to help our pupils with their reading, please let your child's class teacher know.

Many thanks



Safety Reminders:

Please, please do not park on the zig zag lines outside school. These are there to keep everyone safe.

Can I also remind you all, not to use the school entrance to turn your car around in and not to park outside the children's centre next to the metal fencing—both are extremely dangerous. There is plenty of space in the community centre or leisure centre car park. Please be considerate of the school community.

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What you need to know about...

MUSIC STREAMING APPS & SITES



What are they? 'Music Streaming Apps & Sites'

Music streaming apps allow people to listen to music on their devices. It gives users access to millions of songs and artists from around the world. Popular music streaming apps and sites include Spotify, Soundcloud, Apple music, Amazon Prime and Deezer. Music streaming allows children to listen to songs from around the world in a much easier and cheaper way. This enables them to showcase their talent which would have been very hard to do many years back.



Download the App Search Artists

Know the Risks

Explicit content

Explicit content is everywhere online, including in popular music. Children can easily access songs on Spotify, for example, that may have explicit or inappropriate language not suitable for children. It is also easy to erase searches so you can't see what a child has been listening to.

Adult themed podcasts

Many music streaming apps also offer the ability to listen to podcasts which can vary across any kind of topic, from business and health to comedy and relationships. Again, children could be exposed to content which is more adult themed or contains age-inappropriate language.

Chatting to strangers

Some music apps, like Playlist, want to make music a more social experience by finding others who share the same musical tastes and will allow users to join group chats where they listen to a playlist together in real time. This could open up your child to talking to strangers online.

Recently Played Safety Tips

Use child friendly apps

Many music streaming services are made just for children. For instance, the Spotify kids app provides parents with control over what their children listen to and all the content is family friendly and fun for children to explore.

18+ Turn off explicit content

Most of the major music streaming apps will provide the option to turn off explicit material to make sure the music is completely clean. Some services even offer an option to lock the content censoring settings with a password, so your child can't switch it back.

PRIVATE Implement privacy controls

Check the privacy setting of your child's app. Ensure that whichever app or site they choose to stream music, the settings are set to be private. This way they can only share the music they are listening too with friends and family and can't engage in conversation with strangers.

Offering Support

Explore apps yourself

If your child insists on wanting to use a music streaming app then be part of the journey with them. Take the time to understand which apps they prefer to use and why they want to use it. Find out how to use the app yourself and understand what they could be exposed to and how to ensure they get the most of it in a safe manner.

Regularly check-in

Have regular conversations with your child about what they are listening to and how they are feeling. If they do hear explicit music or content that makes them feel uncomfortable, let them know that they can always talk to you and discuss what they've heard and what it means.

Our Expert Parven Kaur



Parven Kaur is social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks; a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.

