

# Parkview Primary School

## Autumn Term 2 2023



### Welcome back to the final half term of 2023!

First of all, thank you for the great feedback at the parent meetings. It was good to hear from everyone that the children have settled well into their new year groups and are going from strength to strength. This backs up the excellent things I have seen when I walk around school—most recently this week when Mrs Cunningham and I, went into classes and were blown away with the high standard of learning taking place in each room!

Another highlight of last half term, was welcoming you all back into our Friday family assembly. We hope that those of you who attended, enjoyed it as much as we did! We hope to invite you back in at the end of this half term too.

Last half term, I spoke with a selection of pupils in upper school to get their views on Parkview—it was an absolute pleasure! The children were polite, well-mannered and were so articulate in explaining to me their opinions on school. More specifically, it was so good to hear that all the children could explain to me how they keep themselves safe online, what to do if they saw or experienced bullying and how they keep themselves healthy, both physically and mentally. Well done Parkview!

### SLEEP

Quality sleep is essential for children's growth and development. A decent night's sleep will help them do better at school.

It is essential for brain development and by helping children to sleep better, we can help them succeed in school.

The National Sleep Helpline has lots of great resources that can help parents and children learn more about sleep and develop better bedtime routines.

[Children - The Sleep Charity](#)



### Uniform/Lost Property

Please can parents ensure that all school uniform is named. We have a surplus of lost property, which will get taken to the charity shop at the end of each term if it has not been collected or identified.

Another reminder that jewellery should be kept to a minimum: a pair of stud earrings and/or a watch (not smart). We also ask that child wear only **plain** headbands and clips.

### Times Tables Rock Stars Competition 14th– 16th November

### Remembrance Sunday—12th November

The children took part in a special assembly on Monday 6th November to teach them all about why we remember the sacrifices made by others during times of war.



All classes will complete activities in school for this competition and there will be an opportunity to complete some at home too.

We look forward to finding out who our great Times Tables Rock Stars are!

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### KEY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 12th December @2:30pm	Reception Christmas Performance
Wednesday 13th December @2:30pm	Nursery Christmas Songs Performance
Monday 18th December	Year 1/2 Christmas Party
Tuesday 19th December	Year 3/4 Christmas Party
Tuesday 19th December	PFA Santa Visits—more details to follow
Wednesday 20th December	Year 5/6 Christmas Party
Wednesday 20th December	PFA funded Pantomime
Thursday 21st December @9:30am	Year 1/2 Christmas Performance at The Church on Oakwood
Friday 22nd December	INSET DAY—School closed to parents

### INTERFAITH WEEK CELEBRATIONS 14th– 16th

#### November



This week each class will be learning about a different world faith and also looking more specifically into Diwali, one of the most important festivals in Hinduism. As part of this week, the children will engage in lots of arts related to faith including dance, food and music!

### Some other bits of information:

- Many thanks for all your support with the Derby City Community Trust penalty shoot out. We raised £861.50 for school.
- We were lucky enough to welcome our local Police Community Support Officer, Isla into school on 17th October to deliver an assembly on anti-bullying.
- We also had a fantastic assembly led by the Open Centre on 20th September all about Judaism. Ask your child all about it!

### Stranger Danger

Whilst the risk posed by strangers is rare, it's really important to make children aware of simple tips they can follow to keep themselves a little safer. Class teachers have recently spent some time talking to the children in their classes about this.

This video on Stranger Danger is designed to highlight a few key points, to be used to help you have that important conversation with your child. It is aimed at children aged 4 - 11 years and for parents, carers, families, teachers, schools and centres for young people to use to raise awareness and generate discussion that helps children keep safe. We would advise you to talk to your child about who their safe adults are and where there are safe places near you if help is needed. [60 Second Security - Stranger Danger - YouTube](#)

**Children in Need**  
**Friday 17th November**



**Sign Language**

To support Child in Need this year, our School Council will be holding a cake sale. The children will also be completing several activities relating to this fundraising.

There is more information on School Dojo...

The children have started to learn sign language with a new sign being taught each Thursday. Thank you to Miss Banks for this!

Please ask your child to show you as we are very proud with how well they have approached it. Some signs they have already learnt include: please, thank you and Halloween. Some signs they will learn over the next few weeks are help, sorry, toilet, hungry, food, drink and how are you?

**HARVEST**

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this year's Harvest Donation for the Padley Centre.

The products will be given to people in Derby who are at risk of homelessness, poverty & hunger. So far this year they have provided 1645 food parcels, 13,686 meals and 870 clothing & toiletry parcels. Parkview are proud to support this worthwhile cause!



**Anti-Bullying Week**

Bullying is not tolerated at Parkview Primary School and in our commitment to educating our pupils about what bullying is and giving them to confidence to report bullying, we will be supporting Anti-Bullying Alliances', anti-bullying week by engaging in lots of activities to educate the children further about this topic. The Alliance has lots of useful resources and advice for parents which can be found here: [Advice for parents and carers \(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk\)](https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)



**Monday 13th November is 'Odd Socks Day' helping us to celebrate what makes us all unique. Children can to come to school wearing odd socks!**



## Let's Keep Ourselves Safe Online!

With Christmas only a few weeks away, children will be using social media and apps more.

Being active online can be great but it is important that the children know how to use the internet safely and securely so bad things don't happen. At Parkview, we are incredibly proud of how our pupils respond to our e-safety lessons and how they can confidently talk about all the right things to do to keep themselves safe online. We know that you as parents also support us with this through your conversations at home. Below are 7 questions which we thought you may find useful as a way to open up the discussion about keeping safe online, at home.

**National Online Safety**

### 7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

**#WakeUpWednesday**

- 1 Which apps/games are you using at the moment?**

THIS WILL GIVE YOU A GOOD OVERVIEW OF THE TYPES OF THINGS YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING ON THEIR DEVICES, ALONG WITH THEIR INTERESTS. REMEMBER THAT THEY MIGHT NOT TELL YOU EVERYTHING THEY ARE USING, SO IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU THEIR DEVICE, BECAUSE NEW APPS AND GAMES ARE RELEASED REGULARLY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION OFTEN TO ENSURE YOU ARE UP TO DATE WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING.
- 2 Which websites do you enjoy using and why?**

AS IN THE TIP ABOVE, ASKING THIS QUESTION WILL ALLOW YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE, AND ENCOURAGE POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITY. ASK THEM HOW THEY USE THE WEBSITES, AND TAKE AN INTEREST IN HOW THEY CAN USE THEM IN A POSITIVE WAY, ALSO ASKING THEM TO SHOW YOU IF POSSIBLE.
- 3 How does this game/app work? Can I play?**

SHOW A GENUINE INTEREST IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING, WHILST YOU ARE PLAYING A GAME OR USING AN APP WITH THEM, IT MIGHT HIGHLIGHT SOMETHING THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY THINK IS A DANGER TO THEM, IF THEY ACT LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO SHARE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH YOU, QUESTION WHY.
- 4 Do you have any online friends?**

CHILDREN CAN FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE ONLINE, AND THIS HAS BECOME MORE COMMON THANKS TO ONLINE MULTI-PLAYER OPTIONS, BUT THEY MAY NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FRIEND AND A STRANGER. YOU COULD MAKE THE QUESTION MORE SPECIFIC TO YOUR CHILD, FOR EXAMPLE: "HAVE YOU MET ANYONE ONLINE THAT YOU LIKE TO PLAY GAMES WITH?" THEY MAY NOT WANT TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOU, SO ENSURE YOU TEACH THEM ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.
- 5 Do you know where to go for help?**

ALTHOUGH YOU MAY BE THE ADULT THEY TRUST THE MOST, SOME CHILDREN STRUGGLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS ONLINE DUE TO CONFUSION OR EMBARRASSMENT. BECAUSE OF THIS THEY MAY STRUGGLE TO APPROACH THE NORMAL PEOPLE WHO WOULD HELP, SUCH AS YOURSELF OR A TEACHER, HAVE A CHAT TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT EXACTLY WHERE THEY CAN GO FOR HELP, AND HOW THEY CAN REPORT ANY ACTIVITY THAT THEY BELIEVE IS INAPPROPRIATE ONLINE.
- 6 Do you know what your personal information is?**

YOUR CHILD MAY ALREADY KNOW WHAT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS BUT THEY MIGHT NOT THINK ABOUT HOW IT CAN BE SHARED. HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION IS AND HOW THIS CAN AFFECT THEM IF IT IS SHARED BEYOND THE INTENDED RECIPIENT. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD UNDERSTANDS THE DANGERS OF SHARING CONTACT DETAILS OR PHOTOS, AS INFORMATION SUCH AS THIS CAN SPREAD QUICKLY ONLINE.
- 7 Do you know your limits?**

CHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF DEVICE OR GAME ADDICTION. TALK TO THEM OPENLY ABOUT HEALTHY HABITS AND ASK WHETHER OR NOT THEM SPENDING TIME ONLINE OR PLAYING A GAME IS AFFECTING THEIR SLEEP, PERFORMANCE AT SCHOOL OR IF THEY ARE GENERALLY LOSING INTEREST IN OTHER ACTIVITIES. YOU MAY LEAD ON TO ENCOURAGING ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSING THE INTRODUCTION OF TIME LIMITS WHEN AT HOME.

[www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) Twitter - @natonlinesafety Facebook - /nationalonlinesafety Phone - 0800 368 8061

## HOW DO WE DEAL WITH BULLYING AT PARKVIEW?

Parkview Primary School has adopted a range of strategies to prevent and reduce bullying, to raise awareness of bullying and support victims and those displaying bullying behaviour. Some of these include: PSHE lessons, NSPCC Workshops, RTime Lessons and taking part in Anti-Bullying Week.

On the rare occasions when bullying does happen, we follow the procedure below:

