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Dates for your diary

December

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd Parents meetings (by phone) Reception-Year 5
- 3rd Last swimming y3 & 4
- 4th Christmas pyjama day
- 11th Work of the half term assembly
- 15th Christmas fun afternoon
- 17th Christmas party day pre-school and nursery
- 18th Christmas party morning for reception-year 5

Friday 18th End of term
School closes at 1.30pm

School re-opens
Tuesday 5th January 8am

January

- 5th School re-opens
- 11th swimming starts Y1 & Y5
- 14th Swimming starts Y3 & Y4
- 18th Group 1 after school clubs start for 4 weeks

February

- 22nd Group 2 after school clubs start for 4 weeks

Half term 15th-19th February



Christmas at Parkside:

Christmas is well underway at school already. Despite this year being very different we still intend to ensure we celebrate in style and bring some Christmas sparkle to our children's lives.

Stories around the tree: We will be having our traditional stories around the tree as a full Day on Friday 4th December. Each year group will spend some time in the hall around the tree singing and sharing stories. Please send your child into school in their pyjamas for the day. We are also asking that they bring in a donation of chocolate this day too.

Nativity: Year 2 will be performing the nativity as always and all other year groups will be singing Christmas songs. This will be filmed and posted on social media the week beginning 14th December.

Christmas fundraiser afternoon: We will be holding a Christmas fun afternoon on Tuesday 15th December to raise money for our school. We will ask each child to donate £2.50 and they will take part in activities in the classroom such as bingo, a quiz, tombola etc. They will also get one entry into our raffle with the top prizes being 2 supermarket vouchers worth £50.

Christmas party day: For pre-school and Nursery this will take place on Thursday 17th December. For reception year 1,2,3,4, and 5 this will take place on Friday 18th December. Children can come into school in their Christmas party outfit for the full day on their party day.

End of term:

Please note there will be no after school childcare on Friday 18th due to school closing at 1:30pm. There will be no afternoon session for gold & purple class on Friday 18th December they will close at 11.45am. You can collect your other children at this time if you wish. The rest of school closes at 1.30pm.

Miss Marks returns:

We are delighted that Miss Marks will return to school after her maternity leave in December and will work alongside Miss Clark. Miss Marks will be our Year 1 class teacher from January and Miss Clark will move into KS2 to support catch up teaching each year across the term.

On behalf of myself and the staff at Parkside can I thank you for your continued support. We wish you all a very happy Christmas filled with fun times together and cannot wait to see you in the New Year.



Mrs. Caroline Walker
Headteacher



Covid-19 update:

As we move out of national Lockdown on 2nd December and into tier 2 HIGH ALERT it is still very important that we continue to follow our risk assessments and school guidelines:

Can we remind you that: 1. only **one adult is allowed in the playground per family** to reduce the numbers of people we have in the school grounds. 2. **Families need to socially distance** between themselves when waiting to enter or on leaving the school grounds. 3. all **adults must wear a face covering** (unless exempt) on the school grounds

If you or anyone in your household display any of the three main coronavirus symptoms, you must not send your child to school and everyone in that household must self-isolate.

The person with symptoms must arrange to have a covid test. Please contact school if this happens. The symptoms are:

1. a high temperature (37.8 +)
2. a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
3. a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Home Learning: PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE ABLE TO ACCESS YOUR CHILD'S MICROSOFT TEAMS ACCOUNT IF YOUR CHILD IS IN YEAR 1-5 in case we need to close a bubble and teach your child at home. If we do have to close a year group bubble, we will contact all parents in that year group and give further information at the time.