



# Parkside Academy Newsletter

'Nurturing, Developing, Inspiring'

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## Dates for your diary

### October

12<sup>th</sup> Menorca trip  
12<sup>th</sup> Year 6 surprise trip  
20<sup>th</sup> Work of the half term  
**20<sup>th</sup> end of half term**

**Half term 23<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup>**

30<sup>th</sup> Flu vaccine day YR-Y6  
30<sup>th</sup> Autumn B half term starts  
31<sup>st</sup> Halloween dress up day

### November

3<sup>rd</sup> Family Learning Phonics for  
Year R/1 (4 wks)  
7<sup>th</sup> /8<sup>th</sup> Parents evening  
20<sup>th</sup> last after school clubs this  
week.  
23<sup>rd</sup> Yrs 1-6 xmas trip to Liverpool  
30<sup>th</sup> Xmas stories & disco

### December

11<sup>th</sup> Last week for swimming  
19<sup>th</sup> Xmas party day  
18<sup>th</sup> Work of the half term  
assembly

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> End of term**  
**School closes at 12 pm**



## September!

School has been a very exciting place to be in September with all children settling brilliantly into their new classes and our new routines. We are very proud of each and every one of them and want to thank you for your support in ensuring your child is at school on time each day. Our whole school attendance for September was 98% which is excellent. Thank you to all the parents who attended our year group meetings and TEAMS training. We thank you for all your efforts in activating and using the Reading App and Microsoft TEAMS.

## Parentpay:

This is our cashless payment system for paying trips, swimming, school meals, booking after school clubs and communication. In September it launched a one click payment option which we are advising all parents not to use. If you choose this option, you are setting up a direct debit mandate and the payment takes 10 days to come out of your account. Parents are paying and thinking they have paid that day and on occasion when it is coming out of their account 10 days later do not have the funds. This can affect your credit score.

## Medical details / inhalers:

If your child's medical information has changed, please inform the school office asap. If you child has an inhaler please ensure you have handed it in to the school office alongside completing an Asthma Care Plan.

## Halloween dress up day:

We will be celebrating Halloween on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October with activities in school. Please send your child to school in a Halloween themed costume or clothing.

## Harvest Festival/ Work of the Half term:

This year it will take place 9am on the 20<sup>th</sup> October at Furness Academy Theatre. The whole school will be singing an autumn themed song. We are once again collecting

food donations for the foodbank. Please send a donation into school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. This will be the internet challenge for week 6)

## Books and Bagels/ Homework support:

Thank you to all the families who have supported this in school. We would like to see more families at our homework support club (Thursdays 8:45am) and suggest children check their homework before Thursday to see if they need support.

## Parenting support:

Although parenting can be very rewarding there may be times when you feel in need of support. Michelle, our Family Support Worker, can support families with any issues you may be experiencing such as housing, benefits, parenting, cost of living etc...If you would like to meet with her please arrange an appointment at the school office. Michelle runs a 4-week parenting support group for a small number of parents in school. The course will offer positive, practical ways of guiding children, so they learn to handle both their feelings and behaviour. If you would like to attend, please speak to the school office to be added to the list.

On behalf of myself and the staff at Parkside can I thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Mrs. Caroline Walker  
Headteacher

## Term dates 2023-2024 (updated from September Newsletter)

Autumn Term Starts: <b>Weds 6th Sept</b>	Spring Term Starts: <b>Thurs 4th Jan</b>	Summer Term Starts: <b>Monday 15th April</b>
Half term Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half term Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Good Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March Easter Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> April Early may bank holiday: 6 <sup>th</sup> May Half term Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> May- 31 <sup>st</sup> May
Ends: <b>Tuesday 19th Dec 12pm</b>	Ends: <b>Thursday 28th March 12 pm</b>	Ends: <b>Friday 19th July 12pm</b>