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Key dates

- Tuesday 4th—Year 5 Basketball Competition
- Friday 7th—Year 2 Sports Hall Athletics
- Tuesday 11th—Safer Internet Day
- Tuesday 11th Year 3/4 Basketball Competition
- Wednesday 12th—Year 5—BAE Building my skills session
- Thursday 13th—Year 6 PE transition event at Hoops
- Friday 14th—Letters of Love
- Friday 14th—Work of the half term
- Friday 14th—Finish for half term (normal time)
- Monday 24th—Children are back in school
- Monday 24th and Wednesday 26th—Parents evening
- Tuesday 25th—Reception hearing screening

Well done everyone on surviving the onslaught of snow, ice, wind and darkness that was January. It has been lovely to see that despite these harsh conditions school has remained such a calm and engaging place.

Attendance and holidays in term time

Thank you to all those who have braved it this month and soldiered on. There has been an awful lot of bugs and illnesses floating around which come with this time of year. Please note that attendance is always a driver to ensure our children are supported in every way and something we monitor closely. As a result of this parents may receive letters if attendance or punctuality at school is slipping. We teach phonics/spelling first thing, which means that if you child is constantly late, then they are missing out on key learning. We really do try to make every minute count in school.

Reading books

Every year group (R—6) should now have a new paper reading record. The school have invested a great deal of money in new books for our children to enjoy. We have however found that some of these have been damaged at home despite going home in zipped wallets. Please note that there will be a charge of £5 for books that are damaged. We understand wear and tear will happen but it is important these books are looked after so other children can enjoy them.

Reading at home and homework

Reading plays such an important part in your child education and development, providing them with a skill to access almost any area of life. I do know the challenges that come with reading at home. We are looking into a great deal of future initiatives to support this but please as a parent can you check/support your children with this. Also, with homework too. We always make sure homework is purposeful. Please speak to class teachers about this if there any issues.

World Book Day

This will take place on Thursday 6th March. Children are invited to dress up

as their favourite book character for the day. There will a great deal of book themed activities.

Children on social media

We have noticed that a couple of our children are on Facebook. Please note that the legal age for a Facebook account is 13. We will be talking about this on safer internet day on February 11th.

Letters of love

We will be continuing this lovely tradition with the children. Envelopes will be sent out next week for you to write a message to your children that they can enjoy on Friday 14th February. Please can we have all letters returned for Monday 10th February.

Uniform

As always we are monitoring uniform. Please see the dojo post after this newsletter displaying the correct school uniform.

Residentials

Details of our residentials for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 are now on Parent Pay. Each class will hold a parent meeting closer to each residential.

Magic breakfast

To help support busy mornings and ensure our children have enough energy for the day at school, we are now providing free bagels to each class as the children come in.

Parents evenings

These will take place on Monday 24th and Wednesday 26th February. Details to follow.

Community

I have been bowled over by the sense of community and togetherness that our school has. If there are any issues then me and staff are always happy to discuss them. Let's continue to make Parkside such as special place for all the children and families that attend.

Half term

Please note that we finish for half term on Friday 14th February at normal time.

Class	Attendance
Nursery (Purple)	92%
Reception (Orange)	95%
Year 1 (Red)	92%
Year 2 (Yellow)	94%
Year 3 (Green)	96%
Year 4 (Pink)	94%
Year 5 (Blue)	92%
Year 6 (Turquoise)	93%
Whole school	94%

Please do contact us by phone if you are reporting any illnesses (01229 828348).

