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Key dates

- **Tuesday 6th**—Children back in school
- **Monday 13th**—Swimming starts for Year 1, 2 and 3
- **Tuesday 14th** — Guitar starts for Year 3 and 4
- **Wednesday 15th**—Vet visit for Reception
- **Thursday 16th**—Swimming starts for Year 4 and 5
- **Tuesday 28th**—Height and weight for Reception and Year 6
- **Tuesday 11th February**—Safer Internet Day
- **Wednesday 12th February**—Year 5 Building my skills session (BAE)
- **Friday 14th**—Work of the half term assemblies
- **Friday 14th**—End of the half term



EASYFUNDRAISING

Parkside Academy has joined Easyfundraising. It is a website that allows you to donate money to Parkside at zero extra cost to yourself! This will go towards school trips and any events we want to get organised in the future. The easiest way to start donating is to download the Easyfundraising App on your phone. Every time you want to shop online, check if the retailer is registered with Easyfundraising first, if they are then a proportion of what you spend will go straight to the school, at no cost to yourself.

Welcome back to school and Happy New Year. It seems like an awfully long time since we broke up and I hope the children are feeling refreshed and ready for another exciting term at Parkside. We look forward to welcoming them back and hearing all about their Christmas.

Attendance and holidays in term time

This is just a reminder that, as a trust, we have revised our policy in terms of attendance to be in line with the current government guidelines. This tightens restrictions on things such as holidays and unexplained absences. Parents with children under 90% will receive a letter from school this week. As a school we always look to support our children and families and this will always be at the heart of everything we do.

Reading

Over the past term we have been reviewing both our teaching of reading, the implementation of a new phonics scheme and reading at home. Having evaluated reading at home and taking on board reports from both parents and staff, we are moving away from the app and moving back to a physical reading records. Details will be sent from each class on dojo regarding the expectation to read at home. We appreciate your support with this.

Work of the half term

Our work of the half term assembly will take place on the last day of the half term on Friday 14th February. Our Reception—Year 2 assembly will take place at 9 a.m. and our Year 3—Year 6 will take place at 2:40.

Welcome

A warm welcome to Miss Watkin, who will be taking over from Miss Chester who has began her maternity period.

Uniform

Please note that Parkside Babyroom uniforms are now available from Identity. There is no expectation for the children to wear these, however you now have the option.

Residentials

Details on our residentials for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will be released this week on Class Dojo, with details regarding payments then available on ParentPay from Monday 13th.

Breakfast club

Please note that if you need to cancel breakfast club, this can be done by calling the office. This will in turn mean that you are not charged for that session.

Swimming payments

This is just a reminder that with the start of a new term, swimming payments are now due.

Clubs

A list of clubs will be available on ParentPay this week and will start on Monday 13th January.

Reception Class 2025

A final reminder that the window to apply for Reception places for next academic year is open. Nursery parents have until 15th January to apply for a place.

Donations

Thank you for all your donations so far to school. With it just being Christmas, I imagine some of you might be like me and going through your children's toys and games seeing what your children still play with. If you have any pre-loved board games that could be used at wet playtimes, then we would be very grateful.

Term dates

Please note that this half term finishes on Friday 14th February at normal time.

If you have any questions or queries regarding any of the above please do not hesitate to contact school.

Wishing you the very best for 2025.

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

