

Welcome to this week's Parkfield Press

Welcome to the final Parkfield Press of 2023! We've had a fabulous and busy few weeks in school since our last newsletter.

The annual Parkfield Christmas Fayre took place on Friday 1st December. It was a huge success and we're very grateful for how well the fayre was supported by the school community. Thank you to Sam Bolt, our PTFA Chair, and her team for putting together such an incredible event - they raised an astounding **£5,280.11!!** We will look forward to spending this on improving the learning facilities for our children. Sam would also like to pass on her thanks to all the volunteers, staff and the community for attending the event.



In addition to this, our 'Wear What Makes You Happy' day for Children in Need, raised a super **£324.39** which will help many children around the country, and the world. Thank you so much for helping us to support this amazing charity.

We have had great fun performing our Christmas Nativities and concerts this week. Congratulations to everyone who took part in these performances – you all worked so hard on learning lines and songs and you were all amazing! Thank you to all the families that attended and supported the children.

We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

We wish you and your families a very merry Christmas, from all of us at Parkfield.

Faith Week (27th November – 1st December)

Faith Week was an enormous success with different visitors talking to the children about the range of faiths which are covered in the curriculum.

We started the week with assemblies from Avtar who showed us how to celebrate with Indian dance. The children enjoyed the dance competition between the teachers! He also spoke to the Year 3 children about Rama and Sita and Diwali.



Local churches were also invited in to talk about Advent, the Nativity and to talk to Year 1 children about Christmas. Thank you to Deborah Kirk, James Taylor and Justine Woolley for giving up their precious time.

The children also had the opportunity to make Christmas decorations, create an item of food and consolidate their learning in English, Maths, Art, D&T and PSHE.

UNCRC Article 31 (Right to take part in cultural activities)

Farmlink Visit – Year 1

Year 1 (and the rest of the school) were incredibly enthusiastic about the egg hatching process and then looking after for the chicks for the week after they hatched. They were very cute and very noisy!

The chicks have now been returned to Farmlink and we hope they all enjoy their new homes!



UNCRC Article 28 (Right to an education)

Nativity – Reception

Last Friday, our children in Robin and Wren classes performed their wonderful Nativity 'Angel Express' to a large audience of their parents / carers and families. All the children really enjoyed singing the songs and did so well to learn all of their lines.

We are so very proud of them all!

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Christmas Concert – Year 1

Wow! What a great first ever Year 1 Christmas Concert at Parkfield! The children worked to learn EIGHT songs, dance routines, they played instruments and learnt their lines for narrating the Christmas Story.

Amazing job Year 1 – well done!

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Nativity – Year 2

Our Year 2 children gave an incredible performance of 'The Bossy Christmas Fairy' for their Nativity this year and didn't they do an amazing job! Everyone worked so hard to make the performance magical for our parents / carers and families.

Well done Year 2!

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Christmas Concert – KS2

On Wednesday evening, almost 190 of our KS2 children took part in our annual Christmas Concert at Queen's College Theatre. The children entertained an audience of 500 people with their beautiful singing and incredible readings – there was even a guest appearance of the staff choir!

Thank you so much to all the families for supporting us by transporting the children to and from the venue, and to those that came along to watch the performance. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

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Upcoming Sports Fixtures – Spring Term

- Year 3 & 4 Catchball
- Year 3 & 4 Football
- Year 3 & 4 Dodgeball
- Year 5 & 6 Hockey
- Year 5 & 6 Netball
- Year 5 & 6 Football
- KS2 Cross Country

UNCRC Article 29 (Right for education to develop a child's talent)

Sports News

Girls Football

We have had 30 of our Year 5 & 6 girls take part in football tournaments in the last couple of weeks.

Our first tournament saw the girls take part in a competition against 2 other local schools, the girls played extremely well and managed to score 6 goals without conceding any. A well-deserved first place and medals for the girls.

The second tournament was a friendly fixture and for most of the girls that attended, this was their first football match. They listened well to where they should be playing and worked hard as a team. They finished the tournament with a very close Parkfield vs Parkfield match which ended in a draw. Well done to all our fantastic footballers!



Dodgeball

We also attended a small 'We Can Play' dodgeball tournament centred around getting children more active in sports. A great chance to play lots of dodgeball with a great end to the tournament, throwing dodgeballs at their parents! Well done to the 4 children who took part and represented Parkfield in this event.



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New Bench Tops

We'd like to say a massive thank you to Mr Barnes (parent of Summer & Ennis) who has recently made and donated to us some brand-new tops for our front playground benches. The new bench tops have been fitted this week and look amazing!

Thank you so much Mr Barnes for your generosity and incredible talent!



Webbers Estate Agents – Christmas Pictures

Thank you so much again to all the children that completed Christmas pictures for Webbers Estate Agents. The team at Webbers were absolutely thrilled with all of your creations which now have pride of place in their windows.

Well done everyone!



UNCRC Article 29 (Right for education to develop a child's ability and talent)

School Meals

Please be aware that school meal bookings for the first week back at school are now closed. If you have not booked lunches for 3rd-5th January 2024, please ensure you send your child(ren) to school with a packed lunch.

Bookings are open for the rest of the Spring term so we would highly recommend booking for the whole term during the festive break. School meals must be booked **at least** two weeks in advance to ensure meals are secured prior to booking closing. A reminder that all meal bookings should be 'checked out' even if you are entitled to Universal / Free School Meals at no cost.

The menus can also be viewed on our school website by following this link - <https://tinyurl.com/44yef8h8>

Lost Property / Pre-loved Uniform

We have already accumulated a vast amount of lost property this school year. Please could we remind you to **label all uniform** so that we can do our best to return lost items to your children.

We encourage parents to look for lost property in the storage boxes on the Year 3 decking.

Also on the decking there is now a good selection of pre-loved uniform in clear plastic boxes which is available for anyone who needs it – please help yourself. If you would like to give a donation in return for pre-loved uniform, this can be given to the school office who will pass on the funds to the PTFA.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all families who have donated pre-loved uniform and the PTFA who organise the uniform for us.

UNCRC Article 27 (adequate standard of living) Food, clothing, a safe home.

Online Safety Focus

This week's website recommendation from the Online Safety Champions is ...

<https://www.comparitech.com/blog/vpn-privacy/protecting-childrens-privacy/>

Privacy settings for children can be a nightmare to manage. This is a useful guide to how to handle them on some major devices and apps.

UNCRC Article 17 (Right to access information from the media)

House Points

Well done Pluto!

We award house points to the children as a reward for positive work and behaviour.

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Key Dates

January 2024	
Tues 2 nd	INSET Day / Start of Spring Term 2024
Wed 3 rd	Back to School
Fri 5 th	Pantomime
Thurs 18 th	Year 6 – Darwin Workshop
February 2024	
Fri 2 nd	Y5 & 6 – Instrumental Recitals
Mon 5 th – Fri 9 th	Safety Week
Mon 5 th	RNLI Water Safety Workshop
Tues 6 th	Y2 & 5 – Fire Safety Workshop
Tues 6 th	Parents Evening (3.50pm – 6.50pm)
Wed 7 th	Year 4 – Net/Wall Festival (Castle School)
Wed 7 th	Parents Evening (3.50pm – 6.50pm)
Thurs 8 th	Non School Uniform Day & Disco (PTFA)
Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th	HALF TERM
Mon 19 th	Back to school
March 2024	
Tues 5 th – Thurs 7 th	Book Fair
Thurs 7 th	World Book Day
Fri 8 th	KS1 – PTFA Cake Sale
Fri 22 nd	KS2 – PTFA Cake Sale
Fri 22 nd	Parkfield Orchestra Concert
Mon 25 th – Thurs 28 th	STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Week
Thurs 28 th	Easter Basket & Bonnet
Thurs 28 th	End of Spring Term 2024

We will endeavour to stick to the proposed dates and times. However, there could be times when events/dates will need to be changed. If this does happen, we will give you as much notice as possible.

Thank you for continued help and support.



Gareth Jones
Headteacher



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Childcare Voucher Payment

The school accepts many different types of childcare vouchers: Sodexo, Computershare, Faircare, Gov.UK etc

For identification purposes and audit trail, we require the following information each time a new transaction is made: Reference number, date of transaction, value, Provider, child's name.

This will help the school transfer credits in a timely manner. Thank you for your support.

Contact Details

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Parkfield Road
Taunton

Tel: 01823 282125

E-mail: office@parkfieldschool.co.uk

We take child protection extremely seriously at our school. If you have a concern, you can speak to any of the school's designated and trained Child Protection officers: **Mrs Mitchell, Mr Jones or Mrs Bowkett**. Alternatively, you can ring Children Social Care on: **0300 123 2224** or email childrens@somerset.gov.uk

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We are very grateful for the ongoing support we receive from the

The Howards Family Charitable
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Thank you, Howards (Citroen/Honda/Hyundai/MG/Peugeot/Suzuki) Taunton



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For all your support towards our Christmas Fayre!



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