

# Parkfield Press

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

## Welcome to this week's Parkfield Press

On behalf of all the staff at Parkfield Primary School, we have been delighted to welcome you all to the 2023 - 2024 school year! A special welcome must go to all our new families joining Parkfield this year, we very much look forward to sharing the primary school journey with you and your children.



It has been wonderful to see how well all the children have settled into their new classes and to feel the buzz of activity as you walk through the school, particularly with our new reception children who have really settled into their new routines and are already enjoying their learning. We're only three weeks into the new school year and already there has been so much going on around the school, with so much more to follow in the coming weeks and months.

We are looking forward again to building on a productive partnership with you all to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognise that to be successful in school, our children need support from both home and from Parkfield and we know that a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. If you have any problems or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher.

Mr G. Jones  
Headteacher

## Baby News!

We are delighted to let everyone know that Mrs Mitchell welcomed a healthy baby girl last week!

**Introducing Emily Rose Mitchell, born on 14<sup>th</sup> September weighing 7lb 4oz!**

I'm sure you will join us in congratulating Mrs Mitchell, her husband and big sister Livvy on their beautiful new addition to the family.



## Kilve Residential – Year 4



The Year 4 children had an amazing time at Kilve Court last week!

The children experienced many new and exciting activities during their 3 day residential trip and a fabulous time was had by all involved. We'd like to say a massive well done to all the children who took part in the trip, we are all really proud of you! For more photos from Kilve, please view the school website.

Huge thanks to all the staff who gave up their time to give the children such a wonderful trip.

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## PE Lessons

Please can we remind you that all pupils should come to school wearing the correct PE kit on the allocated PE day for their year group.

The correct PE kit for the Autumn term is as follows:

- **PE T-Shirt with Logo (Navy Blue)**
- **Leggings / Jogging Bottoms with Logo (Navy Blue)**
- **Hoody with Logo (Navy Blue)**
- **Trainers / Plimsolls**

Gym / Sports Shorts / Skirt with Logo (Navy Blue) can be worn if the weather allows.

Furthermore, for Health and Safety reasons, long hair must be tied back and no jewellery should be worn. Stud earrings will be allowed if they are unable to be taken out.

A reminder of the allocated PE days:

- Monday: Reception
- Tuesday: Year 1 & Year 5
- Wednesday: Year 2 & Year 4
- Thursday: Year 3 & Year 6

The safety of our children in school, especially during PE, is extremely important and we appreciate your support in making sure your child is wearing the correct kit. Please also ensure that all uniform and PE kit is named – we already have a substantial amount of lost property this term.

## A Feast of Books.....

Following our successful Scholastic Book Fairs, we have been lucky enough to spend our rewards and order £1600 worth of wonderful new books for our school.

We have selected a fabulous range of exciting, new fiction books by popular authors; recommended reads for each year group; poetry; and topic books to support our learning. These books will be a wonderful addition to our classrooms' book areas and continue to promote that valuable 'love of reading' amongst our children.

Thank you so much to everybody who has supported our book fairs and enabled us to buy books to continue to excite and inspire the children.



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## BBC's Blue Peter launches new Book Badge



To celebrate International Literacy Day on 8 September 2023, Blue Peter have unveiled a new Book badge. The Blue Peter Book badge will be awarded to children aged 5-15 who send in their thoughts on a book, draw a character or scene and share which other books and writers they love.

Please head to the CBBC website to see how you can support your child to apply for this very special badge:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>

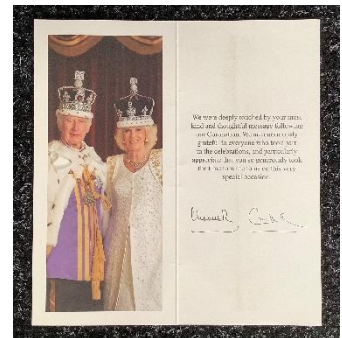
Good luck and don't forget to let us know how you get on!

## A Letter from The King!

Last week, we received an envelope from Buckingham Palace and inside it was a letter from the King and Queen!

Back in April, Kingfisher class (now Heron class) composed a fanfare for the Coronation of King Charles III. They were learning about fanfares in their music lesson and discovered that these pieces of music are normally written for special occasions. As occasions don't get much more special than the coronation of a new monarch, they decided that they would like to compose a special fanfare to mark the occasion. The whole class worked as a team to create the fanfare and to write an accompanying letter to the King. We then made a recording of Mrs Whitworth and two children, Rebecca N and Alexander H, playing it on their cornets, posted it to Buckingham Palace and crossed our fingers!

We feel very fortunate to have received such a special letter which we can treasure. We are going to frame it and put it in pride of place in the Music Room.



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

## Harvest Festival

Our annual Harvest Festivals will soon be upon us! Please find the dates that this event will be taking place for each year group below, further information will follow in a communication next week.

**EYFS and KS1** - Tuesday 3rd October, 9:15am – 9:45am

**Year 3 & 4** - Wednesday 4th October, 9:15am – 9:45am

**Year 5 & 6** - Thursday 5th October, 9:15am – 9:45am

We will once again be collecting non-perishable items this year to support the Taunton Food Bank. Most donations are keenly received however, we have been advised that the following items are in desperate need:

- **SMALL TINS COLD MEAT E.G. HAM, CORNED BEEF, SPAM**
- **LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE**
- **TINNED FRUIT**
- **SWEETS AND CHOCOLATE**
- **UHT DAIRY MILK**
- **CLEAN STRONG CARRIER BAGS**

**Please note that the Food Bank can only give out items that are non-perishable, sealed and in date.**

For further information on the Food Bank see the website below:

<https://taunton.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

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## School Meals / School Money

We are pleased to confirm that bookings for school meals are now open until the beginning of December, including a fabulous BONFIRE themed choice on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023.

Please ensure you book school meals for your children **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.

Thank you for your patience whilst we experienced some technical issues with SchoolMoney over the last week – these issues have now been rectified.

If you continue to receive errors when booking school meals or swallows / clubs, please delete and reinstall the app to receive the new updates.

## Secondary School Applications

### FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL YEAR 6 PARENTS / CARERS

The online form for secondary school applications is now open. Please ensure you have completed and submitted the application form by the closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

Guidance on the application process can be found at <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/secondary-admissions-guide/>

The online application form can be found at <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/starting-at-a-secondary-or-upper-school-in-september/>

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## School Run Complaints

We have recently received several further complaints with regard to vehicles and pedestrians at school drop off and collection times.

We would like to remind you to please park / pull over considerately of our neighbours and others, ensuring driveways and paths are not blocked and to be aware of your surroundings.

Please do not pull over into the bus stop, this is not a parking space, or use the on-site staff car park.

As pedestrians, please be aware of the zebra crossing – if you do not intend to cross the road, do not congregate close by as this is confusing to drivers on what is already a busy road during drop off / collection times.

We are aware that parking close by to school can be difficult but please assist us in being considerate to others, to ensure the safety of everyone.

## Online Safety Focus

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

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/personal/article-category/protecting-your-computer/>

Get Safe Online helps protect your computer against viruses.

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

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## Out of School Achievements

We'd like to congratulate Sophie T who received her 'Step 1' ukelele exam results over the summer and found out she passed with distinction!

What an amazing achievement - well done Sophie!



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If your child achieves something outside of school and you're happy for us to write about it in the Parkfield Press, please send details and photos to the school office.

We would love to celebrate your child's success with the rest of the school community.

**UNCRC Article 15** (Right to join groups and organisations)

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## House Points

### Well done Venus!

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

<b>MARS</b> 179	<b>MERCURY</b> 126	<b>PLUTO</b> 168	<b>VENUS</b> 231
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## Key Dates

September 2023	
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> – Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability Course – Group 2
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 – Trip to Wessex Water
October 2023	
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tempest Photographs – Individuals
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability Course – Group 3
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Reception, Y1 & Y2 – Harvest Festival (9.15am – 9.45am)
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 & Y4 – Harvest Festival (9.15am – 9.45am)
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 & Y6 – Harvest Festival (9.15am – 9.45am)
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Poetry Slam
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> – Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability Course – Group 4
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tempest Photographs – Families & Siblings
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 – Grace Darling Workshop
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 – Christopher Columbus Workshop
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening (3.50pm – 6.50pm)
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening (3.50pm – 6.50pm)
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	Non School Uniform Day & Disco (PTFA)
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 – Trip to Escott
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	HALF TERM
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	Back to School

We will endeavour to keep 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.

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Thank you for continued help and support.



Gareth Jones  
Headteacher



**Felicitas Per Ardua**

*Success and Happiness Through Hardwork*



## 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.

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

**The Howards Family Charitable Partnerships Programme**



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

## Contact Details

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**PREMIER EDUCATION  
OCTOBER HALF TERM  
HOLIDAY CAMPS**

£22.00 all day

9.00am - 4:00pm

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023 = Athletics/ Multi-Activity  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023 = Taekwondo/ Multi-Activity  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October = Nerf/Dodgeball/Multi-Activity Camp

Venue: Parkfield Primary School, TA1 4RT

## What we will be up too:

**Multi-Activity-** Capture The Flag, Tag Rugby, Dartmoor 3 Ball, Basketball/Netball, Soft Archery & more; these are just a few of the sports we will be playing!

**Dodgeball-** Working as a team, children will work together to try and hit the other team with their dodgeballs!

**Nerf Games-** Children will be split into teams where they will build unbreakable forts to take cover from the other teams!

**Taekwondo-** Patterns, hand attacks, blocks and self defence are just a handful of TKWD techniques learnt by Sharon. Sharon is a Level 3 TKWD coach and her club won gold and silver at the National Poomsae champs!



## Other activities :

**Gymnastics-** Children will get to express movement and their strength through our gym sessions on a multi-activity day.

**Arts and crafts-** A chance for children to take a break from all the running around and relax! A time to meet new friends.

**Athletics-** Javelin, running, long jump, hurdles, steepchase and many more events. Come and perfect your techniques.

Please bring your own food and soft drinks! Please wear sports/casual clothes.

Childcare vouchers accepted!

## How to book:

Online- [www.premier-education.com](http://www.premier-education.com)  
Call Andrew- 07776 108281



## Be sure to:

Like and follow our Premier Education Taunton Instagram and facebook page!



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TAUNTON  
BREWHOUSE

## FREE TASTER SESSIONS FOR TAUNTON BREWHOUSE YOUTH THEATRE

Did you know your child can access one free taster session for our Youth Theatre? Sessions take place on Tuesdays during term time.

Benefits of our Youth Theatre include:

- Building confidence and social skills
- Exclusive discounts on one-off theatre workshops
- Performance opportunities
- Exclusive ticket offers

Group 1 (5yrs-9yrs)

16:00 - 16:45

Group 2 (9yrs-11yrs)

17:00 - 18:00



Scan the QR Code to register your interest and a member of our team will email you to confirm a date/time for your child's taster session.

## THE SOUND OF THE STREETS FESTIVAL 2023



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Taunton | Goodland Gardens & around the town

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A FREE weekend of music with performances from Perhaps Contraption, Ilu Axé, Tongues of Fire, Wonderbrass, The Ambling Band, Brass Junkies & more! Plus lots of opportunities to join in with workshops & participatory sessions led by fantastic musicians.

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[thesoundofthestreets.com](https://thesoundofthestreets.com)  
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