

Parkhead Community Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin



Be kind. Be ambitious. Be the best you can be!

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This week it has been lovely making the most of the better weather. We started off the week revisiting our school rules, be ready, be respectful, be safe. We also looked at how to use zones of regulation to support with managing our feelings. When out and about in school, it has been great highlighting and praising good choices made by children, such as remembering to say thank you, walking calmly around corridors and playing well with friends. Always great to see our children being the best that they can be!

I hope you have a fantastic weekend.

Mrs Chard

STAFFING:

This week, we say goodbye to Mrs McKenna, who has worked at Parkhead for a number of years. She will be missed by all. We wish her luck on her next adventure.



SPRING TERM CLUBS:

Our Spring term clubs have commenced this week and run through to week commencing the 17th February. This half term we have a range of clubs on offer. As always, our clubs are extremely popular. If your child has not been allocated a place this term, they will be on the reserve list in case a place becomes available.



PARENTS EVENING:

This term, parents evening will take place during the week commencing 10th March. Sign up forms will soon be on Operoo. We will email parents/carers to advise when you can sign up.

CONTACT DETAILS:

Have you changed your contact details? Have you informed school? If you change your email address, phone number or move home, please update us on Operoo or email the school office.



**Update Your
Contact
Information**

KLUBZ BOOKINGS:

Due to the increased numbers of children attending our wrap-around care, after the half term, we will require at least one week's notice for all Klubz bookings. The booking system will change to reflect this so that any booking for Klubz cannot be made in the 7-day period after the date you log in. Unfortunately, we will no longer be able to accept last minute bookings after half term.

WELLIES FOR OPAL:

In order that all children are able to access the full range of OPAL activities all year round and forest school lessons, we ask that they also have a pair of wellies in school as part of the uniform. Please could these be in a bag that they can leave on their peg.

If you have any children's or adults wellies, that you no longer use we would appreciate any donations for our Community Corner.

OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Gentle reminder that our school office opening hours are:

Monday – Thursday 8.15am – 4.30pm

Fridays 8.15am – 4.00pm.

The Klubz phone line is open Monday to Fridays 7.45am – 8.40am and then 3.30pm – 5.30pm



ASSEMBLIES:

This week across school, our focus for assemblies was on recapping our school rules; be ready, be respectful and be safe. We have been looking in detail at what exactly each one means and how you can show that you are ready, respectful and safe both in the classroom and around school. We also revisited our zones of regulation. Zones of Regulation is an approach which supports children in managing their feelings. By categorising the different ways we can feel and states of alternatives, children can be supported to identify their own feelings and understand how their feelings can then affect their behaviour.

The **ZONES** of Regulation®

BLUE ZONE Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly	GREEN ZONE Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	YELLOW ZONE Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	RED ZONE Mad/Angry Terrified Yelling/Hitting Elated Out of Control

BATTLE OF THE BANDS:

This term, we are excited to start our Battle of the Bands across Key Stage Two! Children will compete against each other and the class with the highest average number of correct answers will be the winner. Every correct answer completed on TTRS will earn points for their class. Each week, there will be two battles across school – one in lower Key Stage Two and one in upper Key Stage Two. Children may have opportunities to play in school but the majority of points will come from practise at home! Every week, we will reveal in assembly the classes that have won as well as the top three players.



The first battles started today! Year 3 Cherry, Y3/4 Spruce and Y4 Maple are taking on each other. A separate battle will also take place between Year 5 Cedar, Year 5 Birch and Y6. Good luck everyone!

NUMBER DAY:

On Friday 7th February, we will be taking part in Number Day to raise money for the NSPCC. We would like all children to make a donation to ‘Dress up for Digits’ and wear an item of clothing or accessory with a number on it (please no football strips). The more creative, the better! Some ideas you could use are below. The children will also enjoy taking part in maths activities to celebrate this special day! If you would like to donate, you can do this direct to NSPCC through the following link.



[Donate to Charity Online | Give to NSPCC today | NSPCC](#)

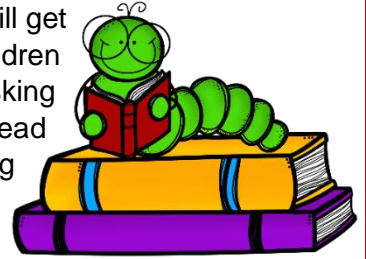
In the run-up to the day, we also have a number competition we would love everyone to get involved in. The challenge is to fill your class jug with as many coins as possible. From next week, please start sending in any loose change that you have lying around the house (only 10p coins and below please). The class who collects the **most** coins (value is not important!) by the 7th February will be the crowned the winners!



READING CHALLENGE:

After the success of last terms reading challenge, we have decided to run a reading challenge for this half term to encourage children to read at home.

In KS2, the children on Accelerated Reader have a points target set. They will get points towards their target every time they complete a book quiz. For the children not on Accelerated Reader, we are sending a reward chart home. We are asking parents to sign it each time that they read with the aim that the children will read at least 4 times per week. As we want children to develop the habit of reading each day, we are wanting a maximum of one signature each day.



The Reading Ambassador’s will meet soon to decide this half terms reward.

WORKSHOPS:

We are inviting parents/carers from Early Years and Key Stage 2 into school this half term to take part in at least one session with your child. This is a great opportunity for you to see what happens in school and gives you the opportunity to speak to the adults who work with your child. The following workshops will be happening this half term:

- Nursery – I love you crafts – 13.2.25
- Reception – I love you café – 14.2.25
- Year 3 – Maths workshop – 4.2.25
- Year 4 – Times table workshop – 6.2.25
- Year 5 – Computing Workshop – 11.2.25
- Year 6 – Computing Workshop – 11.2.25



LUNCHES:

If your child stays for a school meal, please remember to order their lunch with them prior to them coming to school. Lunches can be ordered up to three weeks in advance. If your child has moved from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2 in September, they will no longer automatically get a universal free school meal. If you think your child is eligible to means tested free school meals, please click on this link and complete the form. [Gateshead Council - Apply for free school meals](#)

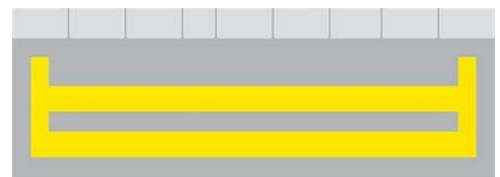
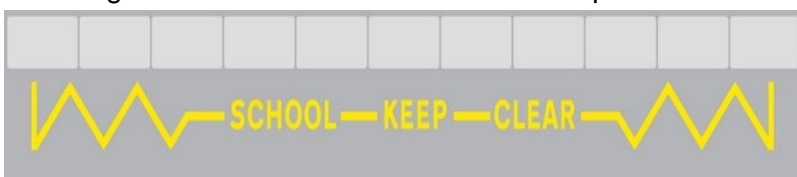


If you need any help with this or have any queries, Mrs Hawthorn is always around to speak to. Just pop to the school office.

Due to allergies across school, please remember that we are a nut free school.

SAFEGUARDING - PARKING:

It has been brought to our attention that many cars are being parked on the double yellow lines and zig zag lines outside of our school. These lines mean you cannot park here. Cars are also being parked half on the path which is making it extremely difficult for people with push chairs or in wheelchairs to get by safely or at all, forcing them into the road. Please be courteous and think carefully about where to park. Please can we ask that you do not drive into the staff car parks when collecting children before and after school for pedestrian safety.



SCHOOL START TIMES:

We have seen a large reduction in the number of late children since returning to school. This is brilliant! Here is a reminder as to when the gates open / close on a morning:

Gates	Opening times	Closing times
EYFS	8.40am	8.45am
KS1	8.40am	8.45am
KS2	8.45am	8.50am

Please note below our **Nursery door opening times** below:

- Doors open 8.40 - 8.45am to filter in for our AM session 8.45 - 11.45am.
- Doors open 11.45am for collection of children finishing after morning session.
- Doors open 12.30pm for PM session 12.30 - 3.30pm
- Doors open 3.30pm for home time.

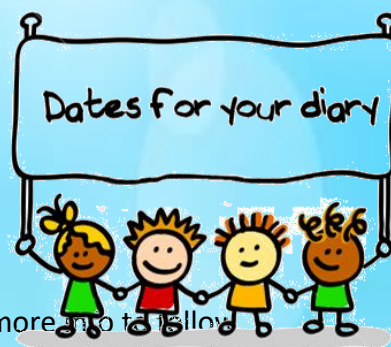
FunClub

WELL DONE to our fabulous Do Jo winners. They have earned their place in fun club by following the school rules and being absolute super stars!



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- Mon 3rd – 9th Feb Children’s Mental Health Week
- Tues 4th Feb 2.15 Y3 Maths workshop – parents invited
- Thurs 6th Feb 2.15 Y4 Maths workshop – parents invited
- Fri 7th Feb Number Day – see page 2
- Tues 11th Feb 2.15 Y5/6 Computing Workshop Parents invited – more info to follow
- Thurs 13th Feb 10.45 & 2.30 Nursery - 'I love you' Crafts -Parents only need attend one session
- Fri 14th Feb 2.45 Reception 'I love you cafe' drop in for parents to receive a treat from their child.
- Fri 21st Feb **School closed for training day**
- Mon 24 Feb - Fri 28 Feb **HALF TERM**
- Thurs 6th Mar World Book Day – more info to follow
- Mon 10th - 14th Mar Science week – More info to follow
- Fri 21st Mar Red Nose Day
- Wed 2nd April `2.15 KS1 – Easter crafts – parents invited
- Thurs 10th April 9.00 & 2.15 EYFS - 'Easter/Spring Crafts' - Parents only need attend one session
- Fri 11 April 2025 last day of term
- Mon 14th – Fri 5 April **EASTER HOLIDAYS**



Important dates to note for Summer term:

- KS2 SATs dates: Mon 12th May – Thurs 15th May 2025
- Year 4 Multiplication tables check: Mon 2 June – Fri 13th June 2025
- Year 1 Phonics screening check: Mon 9th June – Fri 13th June 2025

Start of Summer Term	Half term	Last day of term
Mon 28 April 2025	Mon 26 May - Fri 30 May 2025	Fri 18 July 2025

SCHOOL CLOSED: Bank holiday Mon 5 May 2025 and Occasional day Mon 2 June 2025

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KLUBZ After School Focussed Activity Timetable – Week Commencing Monday 20th January 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dream Catchers	I Pad night	Origami	General knowledge quiz	Superhero comic strip

Star of the week

Class	Star
Seedlings	Isaac
Acorns	Thomas D
Saplings	Rosie
Beech	Freya
Elm	Harley
Willow	Alisha
Cherry	Adam
Spruce	Alfie
Maple	Jayde
Birch	Hallie
Cedar	Jamie
Pine	Shanuli

Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Early Years	Isaac C
Key Stage 1	Madison B
Key Stage 2	Alisha C Caleb

