



**PARK WOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION
HEADTEACHERS NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER 2017**

PARK WOOD AT 50

2018 will represent the 50th year completed at Park Wood and is a major anniversary for the school. Mrs Stubbs, who has made a major contribution as a teacher in the school for many years will be researching the school's history and co-ordinating many of the activities we will plan around this.

I anticipate a very exciting year for Park Wood Schools Federation next year as we move from our first 50 years as a school, into the next 50.

If you have any positive information or memories you wish to share about Park Wood from the past 50 years, please email Mrs Stubbs at the following address;

50years@parkwood-jun.medway.sch.uk

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

This incredibly exciting time in school is on it's way. Trees are about to go up and plans are in place for Christmas Enterprise Fair, Christmas Performances and Christmas Dinners and celebrations in school. As Headteacher, I really love this time of the year and it will be great to see parents and families at various events.

A COLD SNAP

As the weather is starting to turn colder as we approach December, could I ask that children wrap up warm and wear the appropriate footwear. We try to keep the children going outside and getting fresh air as long as we can, so hats and gloves and scarves as well as warm coats are a must. This goes for teachers as well as children!

CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS

Twelve of our children braved the cold weather and rain at the Detling Showground recently in order to compete in the County Cross Country Championship. Two of our children finished in the top 25 for the whole of Kent and that is an impressive display. I would like to thank Miss Edgley for her outstanding support for our Sports Teams and for her hard work on the day.

LAST DAY OF TERM

On the last day of the term, Wednesday 20th December, as is traditional at Park Wood, at the end of Term 2 and Term 6, **the children will finish a little earlier, at 2pm.** We appreciate that it is already a late finish to the term and we hope that this will give a chance for families who visit relatives or go away at this time of year to beat the rush. It's also a lovely way for the children to finish the term.

PARK WOOD REALLY HAS GOT TALENT!

In the last few months, I have been amazed by the number of children have let me know of the special talents and pastimes they have out of school. From Kick Boxing to Street Dancing, Trampolining to Long Distance Running, Rearing Birds to Western Horse Riding and Ice Skating to Mountain Biking. These updates from children are fantastic and often form the central part of my whole school assemblies, which is great. Keep the updates coming.

BADMINTON AND FOOTBALL

Well done to our Badminton Team who recently came 16th at the Mini Youth Games and also to our school Football Team for their recent win over Fairview and their continued good form.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Thank you to the hugely supportive parents who helped to make the slightly different approach to parent consultations such a success. The meetings were conducted in a very positive way and the dialogue between teachers and parents was very helpful in terms of moving learning forward.

LOST PROPERTY

A further reminder to please put children's names in their clothing, we have a really good group of children who check all clothes which are handed in and return them to their owners. They can only identify children if the names are in the clothes, so this would be really helpful.

HEADTEACHER BADGES

A growing number of children are managing to earn Headteacher Bronze Badges. We have had our first two children getting three bronzes and therefore achieving their first silver. Silver badges are awarded in whole school assembly time. These badges are often given for outstanding work or behaviour or for other contributions made to the school community and they are very special. If your child comes home with a Headteacher badge, then the children deserve plenty of praise and possible access to sweet treats or unhealthy fast food!

CHILDREN CROSSING THE ROAD

It is important that children know the correct way to cross any busy road. The Pelican Crossing outside the school should be used for the children's safety at all times and children must not be dropped off by car on to the actual crossing.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

As a reminder, we are a Nut Free School. During the festive season, when many chocolatey treats circulate, please be aware that any food containing nuts, cannot be in school. This isn't meant to sound 'humbug' but we have children with allergies.

DIARY DATES INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

7 Dec	Science Workshop – Year 5
12 Dec	Christmas Nativity - Foundation Stage to Parents 2.30pm
13 Dec	Infant Presents – PSA Carol Service at Church Children's Christmas Lunch Christmas Nativity – Foundation Stage to Parents 2.30pm
14 Dec	Junior Presents – PSA Year 3 Parents – Viewing Stone Age Topic
15 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Fayre
18 Dec	Board Games – Foundation Stage Parents invited in 2.30pm
19 Dec	Board Games – Foundation Stage Parents invited in 2.30pm
20 Dec	LAST DAY OF TERM – CHILDREN FINISH AT 2.00pm



Our School Tunnel – Decorated with the 'Power of Reading'

**Mr A Moir
Headteacher**