



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

**INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE**

We are having a real push in the school to stop the use of inappropriate language in the playground and around the school. Although we realise that it is difficult to protect children from hearing this language in everyday life, it is not something that we can accept in school. If children are heard using this language, they will have to spend time in the time out room or sanction room and I would ask for parent's support in doing this, as well as encouraging polite language at home.

**HEADTEACHER BADGES**

I frequently get visited by children from across the schools with good work or with news of important successes outside school. I often give children stickers or write in books etc. If they have achieved something really outstanding in school, they may get a Head Teacher badge. Good work over time may also mean a special letter posted home.

I am really pleased to be able to let parents and children know that I am introducing a new approach to badges. If children achieve something really great in their work or in their attitude to school, they will get a bronze badge. Once they have collected three bronze badges, they will be able to trade them in for a silver badge. Once they have achieved three silver badges, they could get a gold. This will be a very rare achievement. So look out for bronze badges, and if your child has one, they need a really big 'well done'.

**KEY STAGE 1 AND 2 TESTS**

The children were excellent during the Key Stage 1 and 2 tests. Our Year 2 and Year 6 children did very well in approaching some extremely difficult questions positively and with a 'can do' attitude, which is a credit to them. We couldn't have asked any more of them, or the staff.

**ATTENDANCE**

I wanted to thank parents for their support in encouraging such high levels of attendance from their children. We have never had as many 100% certificates for classes and there was a day last week when, at a certain point of the day, every child in the infant part of the school was present. This is amazing. The current overall attendance within the schools is well over 96% and is rising, which is fantastic.

**CLASSES**

At the end of term 5 each year, we consider whether or not year groups need to be swapped around, so that children go into different classes at the start of the next academic year. This always happens at the end of Foundation Stage and at the end of Year 2. It has also happened in the past at the end of Year 1 and Year 4. I can confirm that children in several year groups will be mixed around at the end of the current academic year. As children leave the school and other children arrive, the balance of year groups can change. We look at academic balance, friendship groups, the mix of boys and girls and lots of other factors when we do this. Parents will be kept fully informed about which class your child will be going to, ahead of the children's transition days in late June and early July.

### **TRANSITION AND REPORTS**

Following on from this, children across the school will find out their teachers for next year at the end of June and will have a series of transition days to prepare for next year, as is the case each year. End of year reports for the children will follow in July.

### **KEEP YOUR HAT ON**

As we head towards the hottest part of the year, could I remind parents that sun hats should be brought to school and one day sun block administered by parents at the start of the day, if needed. Any sun cream coming into school needs to be labelled and children need to be able to administer it themselves.

### **A DOG'S LIFE (BUT NOT ON THE SCHOOL SITE)**

Please could I remind parents that we do not allow parents to bring dogs on to the school site at any time. I would also ask that they are not left tethered outside the gate, where they may frighten the children who are not as confident around animals.

### **LOST PROPERTY**

Lost property is now at 'overflowing' point, at the end of the term. There are now three highly colourful bins, located outside the school office, in the join between the schools, which are yellow and blue for clothing and red for lunch boxes and other items.

A **BIG** well done to all the Year 3 children who performed so well in their production of 'Porridge'. It was a brilliant effort.

Best wishes for a sunny and relaxing half term break.

### **DIARY DATES INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL**

5 June	Term 6 - Children Back to School
12 June	Foundation Stage Trip
16 June	School Nurse Drop in Session
20 June	Foundation Stage New Parent Evening 6.00pm
28 June	Foundation Stage - Vision Screening
29 June	Foundation Stage - Vision Screening (am only)
30 June	Sports Day and Summer Fair
7 July	Football Festival
11 July	Year 2 Production to Parents 2.00pm
12 July	Year 4 Trip
	Year 2 Production to Parents 6.00pm
13 July	Beach Party - Infant Children Only 3.30 - 5.00pm
	Year 6 Production to Parents 6.00pm
17 July	Year 2 Trip
20 July	Year 6 Assembly 11.00am finish 12.00am
	Last Day of Term - 2.00pm finish for both schools
21 July	Staff Development Day - No Children at School



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