

September Newsletter

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Sport Festival

Our Year 3 children took part on a Sports Festival this month with one of our other Educate Together family of schools, Somerdale ET Primary. Our schools are not geographically close and so the children do not often come together for events, so it was particularly special to welcome them to Parklands. The children had a great day, with a round of eight different activities with mixed groups of children from each school.



We are hoping there will be more occasions for our children to link with our other schools, either face to face or online over the coming months. The staff from all five Educate Together schools will be coming to Parklands later this year for a shared staff training day looking at high quality teaching and the role of Artificial Intelligence, which should be an interesting and informative day.

A very big thank you to Lauran from Parklands and Jim from Somerdale for organising the event for the children.

Have your contact details changed? Please update them on the Arbor App or let the office know.

This Thursday, 3rd October, is the first census of the year from the DfE. This is a very important census for us as our future funding is based on the figures of children in school on that day and (strangely perhaps), how many have a school dinner. To that end, we have a different menu to attract as many children as possible to have food, and we are providing a school dinner for all children who have a universal or free school dinner so they can try something different. Of course, children can bring in their packed lunch if you wish but we would love them to try some of the school food as well.



Theme day Menu

Thursday 3rd October 2024

Chicken or Vegan burger
served in a bun with oven
baked onion rings and
seasonal salad

Vanilla Sprinkle Cake

All known dietary requirements
will be catered for as usual

Year 6 Trip

Last Wednesday, Year 6 embarked on an exciting journey back in time! They left school bright and early, heading to Winchcombe train station, where they stepped through a time portal into 1940s wartime Britain. It was a thrilling experience as they took on the roles of wartime firefighters, dodged an air raid and found safety in an air raid shelter.



They met a schoolteacher of the time, who shared incredible wartime artefacts with them, and even got to board a real steam train. A particularly exciting moment was when Fred heroically caught a German spy!

They also had the privilege of listening to real-life evacuees tell their personal stories. It was an unforgettable day filled with learning, adventure, and fun!

Looking for our menu? All the information can be found on the website [HERE](#)

Music tuition

The music service may be able to provide instrumental tuition to children if there is enough interest, with the cost borne by the families wishing to participate. If you would like your child to learn how to play the guitar, please email the school expressing your interest and we can then move forward to find out costs etc (this will depend on numbers hence not a fixed amount).

Parking

This seems to be a constant section for our Newsletter, however the parking around school at the beginning and end of the day continues to be a problem, especially on colder and wetter days. For the safety of the children it is essential that you park sensibly, not on corners, pavements or verges, and then walk the final distance to school. You will be aware that we are in constant contact with the Council to try to improve safety, wanting a crossing and additional yellow lines, however this is proving very difficult to do.

Dates

Many of the dates are available on the calendar section of the website, however a summary of key dates can be found below. For some events, such as parent events and school trips, more information will be sent out separately:

October- Black History Month

2nd Reception tour for 2025

3rd Theme Day menu

3rd National Poetry day

14th Reception parent phonics meeting

15th Reception tour for 2025

17th Yr4 Stone Age Day

21st Parent's Evening- information to be sent out separately

23rd Yr 6 Lifeskills Trip

23rd Parent's Evening

24th PSA Halloween Disco

25th Diwali Celebration Menu

25th Break up for half term

November

4th School closed- staff training day

5th Term 2 begins

7th Reception tour for 2025

11th Anti-bullying week

28th Reception Space Dome

29th Yr 4 Bristol Museum Trip.