



Parker's Church of England Primary Academy

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14th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Dates for your Diary

14th - 18th February - Half Term

3rd March - World Book Day

19th March - Red Nose Day

1st April - Last Day of Term

19th April - Inset Day

20th April - Children return to school

2nd May - Bank Holiday

30th May – 3rd June - Half Term

22nd July - Last Day of Term

School Census

Schools are required to take part in a census three times a year, collecting information about their pupils and workforce which is fed to the government. The amount of funding a school receives increases in line with the number of eligible pupils taking a free school meal on census day (children in reception, class 1 and class 2 and children entitled to income based free school meals). Our caters are providing a special census day menu which consists of cheeseburger or vegetarian hot dog with chips, vegetable sticks and tomato sauce dip with a chocolate brownie for pudding. Egg mayonnaise sandwich is also available. As an extra incentive for children to have a school dinner we will be giving out prizes. Raffle tickets will randomly be attached to plates/put inside pack lunch bags and any child who receives that plate/lunch bag will receive a prize. Census day is on **Thursday 20th January**. Please encourage your child to try a school dinner on this day. Meals can be booked on Schoolmoney until Sunday evening or by contacting the school office.

Friends of Parkers School

Parkers is very lucky to have a dedicated friend's committee who do lots of fundraising for the school. If you would be interested in joining the Friend's or have any ideas about how we could continue to fundraise during these unusual times, please get in contact with the school office who will be able to pass on your details to the committee.

Money raised last term –

Bags2school - £21.00

Christmas Raffle - £149.00

Donations for cakes at Carols in the playground - £40.75

Thank you for your continued support with these events.



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Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns or queries you can speak to Mrs Disney, Mr Halmshaw or Miss Cooper.

Parking

Parents and carers should not be parking on the school grounds, unless you have had permission to do so. The only cars that should be on site are staff, taxis and those parents that have had permission from myself. If you have a medical condition that would warrant you parking on school grounds, please contact the office by e-mail with details.

Caterpillar Class

This week in Caterpillar Class the children enjoyed exploring some sensory materials such as water beads and slime. The children painted over the paper to reveal numbers. They also enjoyed learning about zero in their maths lessons and making it out of playdough and using a variety of resources. In RE we talked about treasures and Mrs Lansdell shared her personal treasures, we then decorated boxes of our own.





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Let's talk... about early help and prevention

with Letasha Reeve/Philip Beck

Heads of Communities and Partnerships, Norfolk County Council

When children and young people with special educational needs and/or disability (SEND) and their families need support, the sooner it can be given the better.

Early help and prevention is about linking families with services and support at the earliest opportunity.

Letasha/Philip will outline:

- what they are doing to ensure support can be offered sooner
- how they support families and link them with other services that can help
- how they are working with partners across Norfolk to help families like yours at an earlier stage

Letasha/Philip will be happy to answer your questions and would welcome suggestions from parent carers

Join us online on

Monday, 7 February 2022 from 10.00am to 12.00pm

Email events@familyvoice.org.uk
for booking and joining instructions.

Kind regards
Mrs Sarah Disney
Executive Head Teacher