



PARKSIDE SCHOOL

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday 30 th November	10.30am-1pm	PFA Christmas fair
Friday 13 th December	6.45pm-8.30pm	PFA Christmas disco
Monday 9 th - 11 th December		Holt Hall trip – Year 7
Tuesday 10 th December	10am-12pm	Christmas get together
Wednesday 11 th December	10am-10.45am	Nativity performance
Tuesday 17 th December		Winter Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 18 th December		Primary Christmas disco & last day of term
Monday 6 th January		Pupils back to school

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 28 th February 2020	PFA bingo night
Monday 27 th April 2020	Wales trip – Year 9

PARENT GOVERNORS

A huge thank you and welcome to our new Parent Governor Mrs Laycock who has joined the Governing Body.

We still have one Parent Governor vacancy. If anyone is interested and wants to know more, or apply, please contact Mrs Gamble, Clerk to the Governing Body via school. Alternatively the nomination form can be obtained from School Reception or by clicking on the link below.

<http://www.parkside.norfolk.sch.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2019/09/Nomination-Form-for-Election-of-Parent-Governors.pdf>

CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

Tuesday 10th December 10am-12pm

Please come along and join us and other Parents and Carers to celebrate Christmas together in school. There will be a few simple craft activities on offer (no pressure!) and mince pies and hot drinks shall be served.

This is a chance for you to meet up with other families, our school's Parent Support Adviser, Ms Peachment and our Community Development Co-ordinator, Mrs Blake.

CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 15th November, the whole school dressed in 'something different' and paid a £1.00 donation to Children in Need. We had all kinds of wonderful outfits including Pudsey onesies and pyjamas. We had a Children in Need-themed assembly and the winners of the Pudsey colouring competition were announced. Well done to all who entered and created such fabulous pictures. Cakes at break proved to be very popular and further donations by children and adults were made. We raised an amazing £164.40! Thank you everybody for your support.

Mrs Barlow, Blackbird Class Teacher

CAREERS PROGRAMME

As part of the careers programme Sycamore class spent the morning at Museum of Norwich at the Bridewell taking part in various activities working alongside staff from Norfolk Museum services. This is part of a project called Kick the Dust. We were able to decorate the museum shop for Christmas and design our own displays. All of the pupils handled some very ancient artefacts and learnt how to clean them using soft brushes and hoovers. We explored all areas of the museum and talked about activities specifically for families when they visit.

It was an interesting morning exploring jobs within the museum service and we look forward to further visits to our local museums and working with their staff later on in the school year.

Mrs Wicks, Careers Teacher

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Parkside took a team to a Basketball Tournament at UEA recently. It was their first taste of competition and they coped really well. I was so impressed with their teamwork as they improved their passing and understanding of the game. Pupils shook hands after every game and all took turns to rotate as substitutes so everyone had lots of playing time.

Mr Mills, P.e Teacher

NORWICH CITY COUNCIL SENSORY GROTTTO

Norwich County Council are arranging a free autism-friendly sensory grotto with Father Christmas as part of the annual Christmas Switch On event in the city.

It will be an opportunity for children with autism and additional needs to meet Father Christmas in his grotto away from the hustle and bustle. Each child will have a bit more time and the grotto will include sensory lights and no loud noises or flashing lights.

The 30 minute session will be between 11am until 3pm on Sunday 1st December 2019. Places are limited and will need to be pre-booked by emailing EVENTS@norwich.gov.uk