



The Parkside School

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Autumn Term Newsletter 2021

Number 254

Key Diary Dates

Tuesday 7 December

'Time To Talk' - Norwich

Friday 10 December

Christmas Raffle - Grand Draw

Tuesday 15 December

'Time To Talk' - Great Yarmouth

14/15 December

Christmas shows

15 December

(Parkside's Christmas Day!)

Seasonal Jumper Day/Santa's Grotto/

Whole School Christmas Dinner

Monday 20 December -

Tuesday 4 January

Christmas Holidays

2022 - Happy New Year!

Wednesday 5 January

Staff training day

Thursday 6 January

Pupils return to school

A Message from Mrs Ellis- Gage



Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your support over such a busy term. We are so pleased to have seen so many of you in person for parents' evening, it is always a pleasure to share the hard work and progress your children are making.

We are now into the lead up to Christmas and we have lots of exciting (Covid safe) activities planned to make sure the magic of Christmas is very much present at Parkside.

The pupils have been working hard on the Christmas play, learning the songs and the lines and enjoying themselves dancing. Father Christmas will be joining us in his grotto and each class will have the opportunity to have a disco in school. We will also have the Christmas shopping experience available for pupils to spend their pocket money on gifts for friends and family. A big thank you to the PFA for supporting these activities. I am really looking forward to seeing pupils' Christmas Jumpers on Christmas Dinner day.

I would like to say a big thank you and goodbye to Miss Cellick and Ms Stretton as they are both moving on to new adventures from January. We have also said goodbye to Ms Sanderson and Mrs Stearman this term. We thank them all for their hard work with the pupils and wish them all the best of luck.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Meet Bella...



...our adorable school dog!

Bella is a Cavapoo and she joined our school last year, much to everyone's delight.

When she's not snuggling and entertaining the children and staff in school, she likes to cause mischief at home with Mrs Ellis-Gage and her family!

Bella is a very popular member of our school community and brings many benefits to the pupils.

She is good at reducing anxiety, enabling children and young people to feel more secure. Caring for Bella also improves the pupil's ability to think of the needs of others. The pupils are able to walk her around the site, pet her kindly and enjoy her company in class!

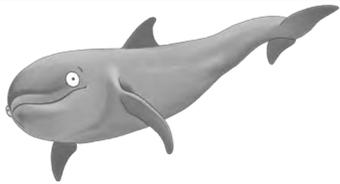


P.E. News...

Pupils have loved getting back into boxing with Able2B, who come in to school every Wednesday to deliver sessions.

The focus is on co-ordination, teamwork and sequencing, with the benefit of fun and lots of sweating!





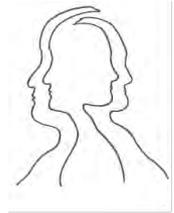
Our very own Super Heroes!

Shark class had a 'super' day out at a Dance Festival recently at the UEA Sportspark. They spent 3 weeks practicing their Superhero dance and performed it brilliantly in front of other schools.

We were all very proud of their performance and the effort that they all put in over the weeks leading up to it. **Well done Sharks!**



Enterprise Project



Parkside Calendars

Designed by Parkside Pupils,
created by Pathways College



The students at Pathways College are busy putting together the 2022 Calendars, which have been designed together with the pupils at Parkside School.

Parkside pupils have created 12 unique designs and the theme of the calendar this year is **'Friendship'**.

Orders need to be received by Wednesday 15 December, with all the profits from the calendar sales going to the PFA, to support extra-curricular activities throughout the school and college.

Thank you for your continued support and wishing you a very Merry Christmas, from all of us at Pathways College.



Sensitive Santa



Friday 10th & 17th December,
4.50pm - 7.30pm

We will be hosting a sensitive Santa's Grotto for children with autism and (SEN) Special Educational Needs.

Ticket includes:

☆ A 10 minute session to tell Santa what they would like for Christmas

☆ A gift from Santa Claus

☆ Tickets must be booked in advanced and children must be accompanied by an adult.



Booking is essential - Tickets must be purchased in-store or call 01842 763267 to book a space

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Garden Centre

Meet Natasha, our school's Parent Support Adviser

Hi, I am Natasha Peachment, Parkside's Parent Support Adviser.

I can advise you with a range of different issues, offer parents and carers confidential support over the phone or I may also be able to signpost you to other support services if necessary.

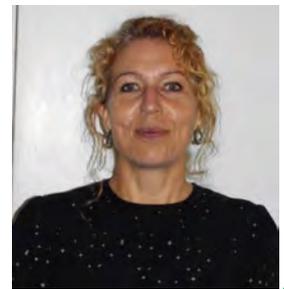
I run two drop-in coffee mornings each month called 'Time To Talk' with Emma Blake, our Community Development Co-ordinator.

The first Tuesday of each month we can be found at The Assembly Rooms, Norwich from 10-12 and the second Tuesday of each month, we are in Christchurch Church in Great Yarmouth offering a **Free hot drink upon arrival**.

(Term time only).

The group is an informal drop-in (arrive when you can) for parents, carers and grandparents. We can offer support as a group, a short 1:1 chat if you need one, or just come along for a chat and a cuppa!

I hope to meet some of you at our Christmas meet-ups this month.



An 'Easy Fundraising' idea from the PFA

Christmas is approaching and to help with our school fundraising, we are registered with the UK's biggest charity shopping fundraising site – [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

Easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into donations for your chosen cause, at no extra cost to you. Just visit your favourite retailers through the easyfundraising website and then shop as normal. Once you have made a purchase, the retailer will then make a small donation to your chosen charity – **Parents and Friends of Parkside School**.

To sign up to Easyfundraising, please go to:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/parentsandfriendsofparksideschool/

Follow the simple steps on the website to sign up to our cause, with the option of downloading a mobile app or setting up a donation reminder on your desktop.

There are over 6000 retailers online offering small donations, including big names such as John Lewis, M&S, Amazon, H&M, Boots, Argos, Just Eat, New Look, Curry's and PC World.

Just remember to visit [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to select your retailer before you shop.

If you are already registered with [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk), then please consider changing your good cause to **Parents and Friends of Parkside School**, thanks!



Christmas Craft



Paper Handprint Wreath:

What you will need:

- ◆ Thin card or paper– use any colours, even white would work well to make a snowy wreath
- ◆ Scissors, a pencil and a piece of ribbon or string
- ◆ Paper plate or large circle of card/old cereal box cut up
- ◆ Glue or a stapler

Step 1: draw around your hand on a piece of green paper (or any colour you choose or have at home)

Step 2: cut out the hand print
(you could fold the paper to cut two out at a time)

Step 3: repeat until you have about 20 hands

Step 4: cut out a circular shape as in the picture or the centre out of a paper plate to create the base

Step 5: attach the hands to the circle using a stapler or glue, add paper berries and a bow if you desire

Step 6: make a hole through the top and thread a piece of ribbon or string through, tie a knot in it and hang up for everyone to admire!



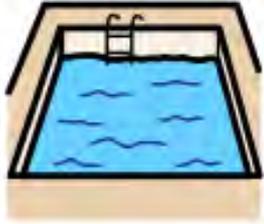
Ginger Bread Star Recipe

How about having a go at some gingerbread stars to hang from your Christmas tree? This biscuit dough is extremely forgiving if overworked, so it's perfect for baking with children!

Please follow the link below for the recipe ...

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/ultimate-easy-gingerbread>



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 who	<p>Paul Howe</p> <p>Parkside Employee</p>  <p>25 years swimming teaching experience</p> <p>Call: 07909332953</p>
 where	<p>Swimming Pool</p> <p>Hewett School 137 Hall Road Norwich NR1 2RN</p> 
 when	<p>Various slots within:</p> <p>Mondays: 4pm-5:30pm (16:00-17:30) Tuesdays: 5pm-6pm (17:00-18:00) Wednesdays: 4pm-6pm (16:00-18:00) Thursdays: 4pm-6pm (16:00-18:00) Fridays: 4pm-6pm (16:00-18:00)</p>
 how much?	 <p>£22.50 for a 30 minute lesson</p>