

Parkfield Community School Newsletter



Friday 12th February 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a half term! I think we are all ready for a break! I can truly say that this has been the most exhausting half term of my career and being a parent too during this very difficult time has been just as exhausting! My heart-felt sympathy goes out to you all!

This half term has seen the most extraordinary coming together of our school workforce to ensure you and your children get the very best. The senior leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, site staff, pastoral team, cleaners, kitchen staff, office staff, IT technicians, midday supervisors, have all worked incredibly hard in their various roles to keep the children and staff on site safe, happy and enjoying their learning.

To add to this, it is important to mention the amazing teachers and my senior leadership team who, when working from home, have been literally glued to their computers for the 6 weeks. You may not have seen many of them this term, but the lessons that they have been planning have been fabulous and so well received by you all. You do not see the many, many hours they spend getting these lessons right for your children, along with the Teams meetings and phone calls they have with each other through the day and night to make sure you and your children are safe, happy and successful. They deserve a very well-earned break over half term to recharge and be ready for the next half term. With this in mind, there will not be any lessons set over the half term period, so please enjoy your rest too!!!

This week, many parents have been asking myself, or indeed contacting the school regarding when school will be open fully again. If you are not aware, Boris Johnson has told MPs this week that the Government hopes to start reopening English schools on 8th March, depending on factors including the rate of vaccination amongst priority groups. He said the Government will tell teachers and parents when schools in England can reopen "as soon as we can" but would not guarantee that this would be before the Easter holidays. The Prime Minister has told the country he will set out his "roadmap out of lockdown" the week beginning the 22nd of February and of course we will continue to update you when we get more information.

Please note, if your child develops symptoms, or tests positive within 48 hours of being in school on Friday 12th February, please contact us on the email below, so we can trace the close contacts. This will be monitored by myself until Monday 15th February. There is no need to contact the school after this time.

covid@parkfield.excelsiormat.org

Lastly, please remember that the first day back after half term, the 22nd of February, is a staff training day and school will be closed to all pupils and staff.

Have a fabulous half term, stay safe and take care of yourselves and your loved ones.

Best wishes,

James Wright

Head of School

Mathletics so far this week.

Year 2	3844
Year 3	3321
Year 4	7276
Year 5	4590
Year 6	4944

Who will win by the end of the week?

Excelsior
Maths Academy Trust





**Times Tables
Tips *not* Tricks**

With Mrs Hackett

If you haven't done so already,
have a look at the Parents'
maths videos which have been
put on your children's Google
Classroom pages.

Thank you for your
feedback so far,
videos will be shared
weekly.

 Times tables - Parent video one - what do we teach and when. 

Mrs Susarla • 7 Feb
100 points


Hello Parents,


Here is the first of many videos created by Mrs Hackett (Mathematics and PD Executive for Excelsior Mat) for you to use in order to help you and your children with home learning.

After watching, please give feedback in the short questionnaire attached.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Susarla :)

 Maths Parent Video Survey
<https://forms.gle/dfSg4COMyx4...>

 PowerPoint Presenter View - ...
<https://www.loom.com/share/03...>



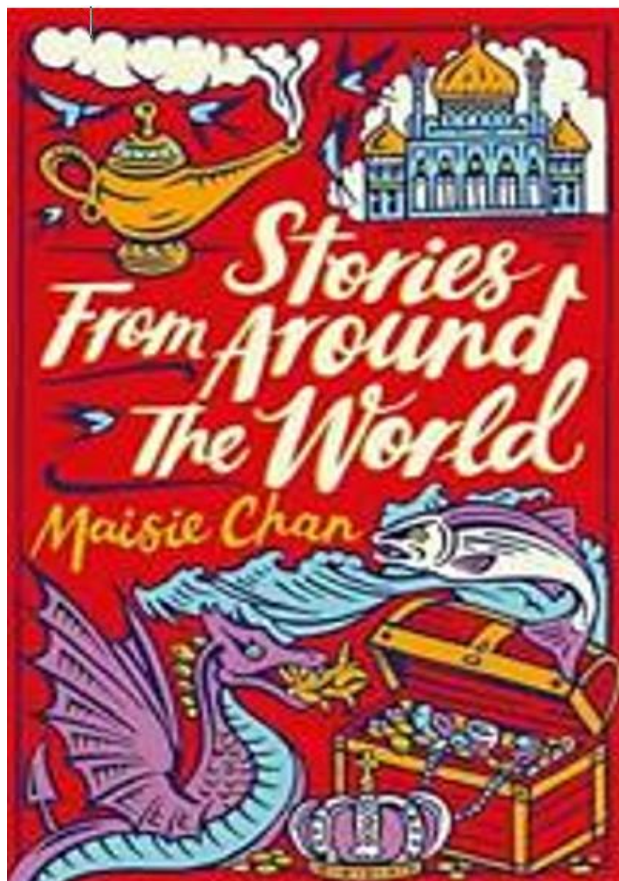
Miss Matin's myON shoutouts!

Well done to the following readers who, last week, achieved the highest average number of minutes read per week!

**Year 6- Haider
Year 5- Tasneem
Year 4- Henna
Year 3- Ozain
Year 2- Zahra
Year 1- Naima**

Now that you are learning from home, it is more important than ever to log on and keep reading independently!

If you have any problems, don't forget to tell your teacher! Have fun with myON everyone!



What I'm reading

This book is a collection of myths, legends and folk tales which have been enjoyed by children across the world for a very long time.

Save the snake prince in the Punjab; outwit the Odudu bird in Nigeria; escape from the nine tailed fox in Japan and break the curse of evil witch Morgana in Wales amongst many other tales!

Enjoy these stories of magic, heroes and adventure which bring the cultures of different parts of the world to life.

FOR WORLD BOOK DAY ON **MARCH 4TH** CHILDREN WILL BE INVITED TO DECORATE A POTATO AS A BOOK CHARACTER.

THERE WILL BE SOME POTATOES AVAILABLE IN SCHOOL, PARENTS CAN COLLECT ONE FOR THEIR CHILD TO DECORATE.

CHILDREN ARE NOT REQUIRED TO WEAR A COSTUME ON THIS DAY.



September 2021 Nursery admissions

If your child was born between

1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018

you can apply for a nursery place for your child to attend Parkfield Community School, starting in September 2021.

Application for Nursery places are made to the school directly.

Please pick up a Nursery application form from the School Office, or use the link below for the nursery application form on our school website:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=f8iTjdbXhkGJDi2gvFVjDV32YlBranhCj5lT4UsqtdFUNFEQjJBRjVBRURHQlgxTjY5TzlwTVc5QS4u>



Let's get talking!



Do you ever ask your child what they have been learning in school only to be told "nothing" or "I can't remember"? We do teach them, we promise! We are also working hard to develop oracy skills across school. Oracy simply means the ability to communicate effectively using spoken language. To help with this, each year group will provide a question about that week's learning to help get the conversation started.

Year 1	What have learnt about Chinese New Year?
Year 2	How do you think the Crow felt about his journey?
Year 3	In what ways can we look after our teeth?
Year 4	Why is Antarctica so special? Think about what you have learnt in your topic. Can you teach someone at home 5 interesting facts about Antarctica?
Year 5	What is thermal conductivity?
Year 6	Can you describe the different roles of bacteria in the body?

Please let us know if it is useful and helps your child to talk about their learning.