

# Parkfield Community School Newsletter



Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all safe and well.

It has been an interesting week with the snow and ice causing a few problems last weekend and early this week, but we have got through it!

Thank you to those parents and carers who have been to collect our new packs of work, containing brand new workbooks and exercise books, from school. There are still some of you who have not collected them so please do so!

We have had one or two parents contact us, concerned with how much work the children have been asked to do at home. As you may well be aware, we have a duty to provide a certain amount of work as set out by the government: for Key Stage 1, three hours of remote education must be provided and for Key stage 2 pupils should be provided with four hours remote education a day.

However, we know many parents in our community, and indeed across the country, are finding it difficult to support their children and some are finding it difficult to complete the work. Here at Parkfield, we are very much aware of everyone's different circumstances at home; all that we ask is that you do your very best for your children- which is what you do anyway! If you are worried, please let the class teacher know and we will do our best to help you.

On a slightly different point, we have had one or two parents turning up to school with their children because they have either been told by other parents that school is open again, or other reasons. School is currently only open to children who are vulnerable or who have parents as key workers. If you are a key worker, please complete a key worker form which is on the website in the Covid-19 information section. Alternatively, you can collect a form from school from our helpful office staff.

Lastly, thank you for all your commitment and support to the whole school community at this time. You are all amazing and deserve a huge pat on the back! Well done! As always, please do let us know if you have any questions or queries.

Have a great weekend, stay safe and take care.

Best wishes,

James Wright  
Head of School

## Young Carers

A Young Carer is a child under 18 who regularly helps to look after a family member or friend who is disabled, ill, has a mental health condition or addiction problem.

Children may engage in:

Practical tasks (cooking, housework and shopping)

- Physical care (lifting or helping someone use the stairs)
- Personal care (dressing, washing, helping with toilet needs)
- Managing the family budget (collecting benefits and prescriptions)
- Managing medication
- Looking after younger siblings
- Helping someone communicate

Parkfield can support young carers. If you, or a family member, needs support please Miss Lance, Mrs Gordon or Mrs Schofield. Alternatively, you can email [pastoral@parkfield.excelsiormat.org](mailto:pastoral@parkfield.excelsiormat.org). All contact will be treated in the strictest confidence.

## House Points weekly update!

**Tom Daley**

**Mo Farah**

**Moeen Ali**

**Ellie Simmonds**

**Jessica Ennis-Hill**

**394**

**333**

**355**

**320**

**367**



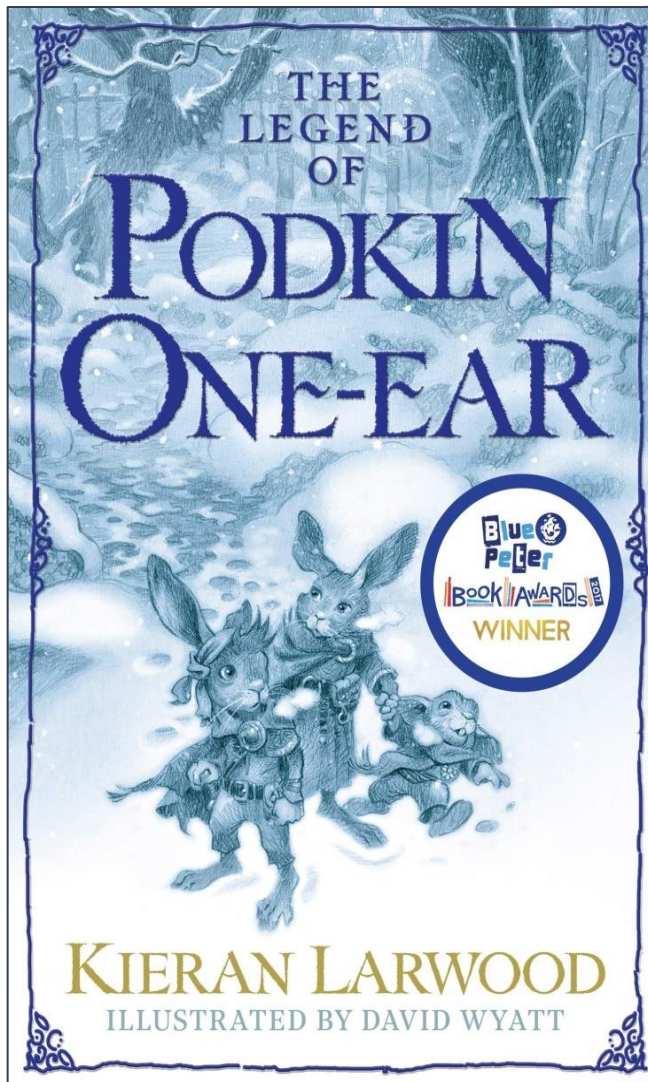
# Let's get talking!



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.

<b>Year 1</b>	What has happened so far in the story 'Lost and Found'?
<b>Year 2</b>	What have you been learning about in maths? How can you use it in everyday life?
<b>Year 3</b>	Is it fair for Cinderella to be treated the way she is?
<b>Year 4</b>	What is global warming and how is it affecting the polar regions?
<b>Year 5</b>	Why do many Brazilians move to the city?
<b>Year 6</b>	Which countries are most prone to natural disasters and why?

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



### What I'm reading

In a later age of the world when rabbits walk on two feet, on a snowy Bramblemas Eve, a travel-worn rabbit trudges through the snow. His blue tattoos mark him out as a bard- a storytelling rabbit- and he knocks on the doors of Thornwood Warren.

As payment for food and shelter, the bard begins to tell the extraordinary story of an ordinary young rabbit called Podkin; his older sister Paz and their baby brother Pook.

Their father has been killed by the leader of the monstrous beings called the Gorm and their home destroyed. Fleeing for their lives, they must find a way to survive and defeat their terrifying enemy.

Parkfield Community School has been collecting food for those in need in the community.



Thank you for your help and donations.

If there are any local businesses who would like to help,  
please contact us:

[pastoral@parkfield.excelsiormat.org](mailto:pastoral@parkfield.excelsiormat.org)



## 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- Basira**

**Year 5- Maab**

**Year 4- Muhammad Iqbal**

**Year 3- Ameena**

**Year 2- Umme K**

**Year 1- Muhammad S**

**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!**

Each family should have received an email today with the link to our Online Learning questionnaire. If you have not received an email, we may not have your correct email address stored. If you would like us to update your email address please either contact us at [enquiry@parkfield.excelsiormat.org](mailto:enquiry@parkfield.excelsiormat.org) or bring your email address in, clearly written, on a piece of paper - remembering to include your children's names and classes.

The questionnaire can also be accessed here:

<https://forms.gle/QkuvLZ9XcYefHiZV6>

Thank you for your support.

# Free Lockdown Quiz Night

29th January @ 5PM

Registration closes @ 4PM.

An email will be sent to all participants on the day with log in instructions.

See you there!



	Total points
Year 2	23635
Year 3	20005
Year 4	44025
Year 5	21446
Year 6	27339

## Mathletics scores this week

Which year group has the most points this week?

Remember to go on Mathletics and get at least 1000 points every week.

If everyone in your class got 1000 points on Mathletics how many points would the whole class get?

# SEND BRIEFING PARENT WEBINAR

February 2021



Parent/Carer Webinars take place regularly throughout the year and cover a number of different topics. Please see the local offer website for further details. Each webinar should last approximately one hour and take the format of a presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

## Speech & Language Therapy & Communication Autism Team

### Autism and Speech & Language Needs

**Speaker: Tamsin Ruane – Speech & Language Therapist**  
**Annie Loftus – Speech & Language Therapist**  
**Catherine Price - Communication Autism Team**

**Tuesday 2nd February- 1.00pm – 2.00pm**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – 10.00am – 11.00am**

All people who book a ticket will be sent a copy of the presentation and a copy of the recording of the Webinar.

Tues 2nd Feb- <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autism-and-speech-language-needs-tickets-138244076755>

Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autism-and-speech-language-needs-tickets-138248333487>

