All the staff at The Parkland Federation would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL STAR ATTENDERS:

Week commencing — 4th December 2017:
Infants : Blyton - 96.6%
Juniors: Pullman - 98.7%

Week commencing — 11th December 2017:
Infants: - 88.3%
Juniors: Dahl and Pullman - 96.1%

Please do not forget the target for attendance is above 95% for all pupils. This information is sent to East Sussex County Council regularly.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR INFANT AND JUNIOR STAR READERS

Week commencing 4th December 2017
Junior : Norton - 70%
Infant : Morpurgo, Blyton and Donaldson - 63%

Well done to everyone who read 3+ times this week - keep up the super work. Practise is the best way to become a fluent reader!

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**PARENT COFFEE MORNING**

Our fantastic Inclusion Team have organised a weekly Coffee Morning running from **9:15am-10am** every **Wednesday** in The Cottage. Our last session for this term will be on **Wednesday 20th December**, so please feel free to pop along and say hello, we would love to see you there. We will be running the sessions again in Term 3, starting on **Wednesday 10th January**. **All Parents and toddlers welcome!**

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**Tea and Toast**

A coffee morning for all parents and carers— younger children welcome.
The perfect place to have your school related questions answered, meet other parents and get information and support.

**You are invited to... a Coffee Morning**

The Cottage
9.15-10.00am
Every Wednesday
Week Beginning
4th October 2017

If you have any questions please contact Fran Simpson (01333) 502862
tsimpson@theparkandfederation.org
GOODBYES!

At the end of Term 2, we will be saying farewell to Mr Crandley, our sports coach. We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Crandley for delivering such fantastic PE sessions to our infant pupils and also for his support with our quest to promote health and fitness throughout our curriculum. Mr Crandley’s final day with us will be December 21st and I am sure you will all join us in saying a big thank you as well as good luck with his new career in retail. Mr Luke Bennett (below) will be joining us as our Sports Coach from January 2018 and has already started working with our infant pupils.

Mrs Brickley in the infant school office is also leaving us at the end of this term for pastures new. Mrs Brickley has been a vital face at the infant school and I am sure you will all agree, has done a fabulous job! We will miss her incredibly and wish her the very best of luck with her new venture.

As previously mentioned, we will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Rayner and Mrs Howard. We know that you are all going to miss them both as much as we are but also wish them all the very best of luck for their futures.

TERM 3 CHOIR CLUB FOR INFANT AND JUNIOR CHILDREN

We are now taking bookings for choir club for term 3. This will be held every Monday after school until 4pm at the Infant School. If you would like to book please contact the school office. The dates for this club are: Jan 15th, Jan 22nd, Jan 29th, Feb 5th. Our Choir were asked to sing carols at Tesco this week and really enjoyed performing and helping local shoppers get into the festive spirit. Well done everyone! A big thank you to Mrs Thomas and Mrs F Simpson for organising this.
YEARS 3 STONE AGE DAY

This week Year 3 came to school dressed as stone age men and women. The children thoroughly enjoyed the whole day. It was a fun way of learning about the Stone Age.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

As you are aware we no longer follow the East Sussex County Council term dates, our last day of this term is Friday 22nd December. We return to school for Term 3 on Monday 8th January. Please see our website for our term dates or copy this link www.theparklandfederation.org.

FESTIVE MUFTI/MUFTI DAY

Wednesday 20th December will be our festive mufti/mufti day, there will be no charge for this mufti and your child is welcome to come dressed in festive christmas clothes or their own suitable mufti clothes. We will also be having Christmas dinner on this day. If your child is not having Christmas dinner then please ensure they bring a packed lunch for this day as there will be no alternatives.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS NEXT WEEK

Next week is our last week of term 2, the children have been working very hard in preparation for their Christmas productions. Please take a look at our calendar at the end of this Newsletter for the dates and times of these productions. We have a company who is coming in to film these wonderful shows so please ensure you have filled out your form with the correct money and handed it into the school office so we can get your orders in and hopefully have the DVD’s distributed before Christmas.
GOLDEN MILE RESULTS FOR PARKLAND INFANTS
WEEK ENDING 08.12.17

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GOLDEN MILE CERTIFICATE WINNERS
Isaac S - Gold Award - 50 miles
Nathym M - Gold Award - 50 miles
Madeline D - Silver Award - 25 miles
River D - Silver Award - 25 miles
Riley T - Bronze Award - 10 Miles
Dexter R - Bronze Awards - 10 Miles

Well done to this week's winners!

WEEK ENDING 15.12.17

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GOLDEN MILE CERTIFICATE WINNERS
Bailey C - 50 miles - Gold Award

Well done to this week's winners!
PHUNKY FOODS
This Term we are promoting ‘Get fit, Get healthy, Have fun!’ with Phunky Foods. This is a great website for healthy alternatives and ways of encouraging your child to choose a healthier option. In each Newsletter we will be adding a new recipe for you to try with your child. This week’s recipe is Chicken casserole. Please see below for recipe or copy the link to view it online https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/slow-cooker-chicken-casserole

We would love to hear how the recipes have encouraged your child to try new things.

**INGREDIENTS**

- ½ tbsp rapeseed or olive oil
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 1 ½ tbsp flour
- 650g boneless, skinless chicken thigh fillets
- 3 garlic cloves, crushed
- 400g baby new potatoes, halved
- 2 sticks celery, diced
- 2 carrots, diced
- 250g mushrooms, quartered
- 15g dried porcini mushroom, soaked in 50ml boiling water
- 500ml stock made with 2 very low salt chicken stock cubes (we used Kallo)
- 2 tsp Dijon mustard, plus extra to serve
- 2 bay leaves

**METHOD**

1. Heat the butter and oil in a large frying pan, cook the onion for 8-10 mins until softened and starting to caramelise. Meanwhile put the flour and a little salt and pepper in a bowl and toss the chicken in it. Add the garlic and chicken to the pan and cook for 4-5 mins more until the chicken is starting to brown.

2. Transfer to your slow cooker, or place it in a oven proof pot with a lid along with the rest of the ingredients, including the soaking water from the porcini mushrooms. Give it a good stir. Cook on Low for 7 hours or High for 4 hours. If cooking in the oven cook at 160 degrees for 2-3 hours. Remove the bay leaves and serve with Dijon mustard on the side.
YEAK 6 LONDON TRIP

On Tuesday 12th December, Year 6 made the long journey to visit both the Imperial War Museum and the Cabinet war Rooms in central London. It was a brilliant day which included hands on experience with artifacts of the two major Wars last Century, and a chance to see where Winston Churchill himself made the decisions which helped us win the war. We saw a Spitfire, tanks, machine guns and the uniforms of the soldiers, airmen and sailors who fought in the conflict. The children had a wonderful time, learning a great deal about our topic as well as setting the example of what we expect from our children when out and about. They were a credit to us.

JUNIOR POLO SHIRT VOTE OUTCOME!

Thank you to all those parents who took the time to vote for their choice of colour for our junior school’s polo shirt. The result was 78% of parents voting for white polo shirts and 22% voting for blue. Therefore, white wins! Following feedback from parents, this will be introduced from September 2018 rather than mid way through this year. In July, our Year 5 pupils will once again have the opportunity to vote for the colour polo shirt they would like to wear in Year 6. This has been really successful this year. Feedback from parents and children has confirmed that this has resulted in the children feeling special and more responsible as well as being easy to identify the oldest children in our school. Thank you to all of your who fed back though parent council or directly to the school to help us make these decisions.

PARKER UPDATE

Our wonderful elf, Parker , has been having such great fun here at Parkland Infant school, and the children have enjoyed looking out for Santa’s little helper each day. We have seen him riding Rudolph and playing in the castle - he even helped decorate the Christmas tree!
**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS - INFANT TO JUNIORS**

Year 2 parents can now apply for a school place at the Junior School. Please see the following link as to how to apply - [Apply for a school 2018-2019](#). Online applications are encouraged. Parents who do not wish to apply online and require a booklet and application form should ring 0300 330 9472 and request a copy. The closing date for Junior school applications is 15 January 2018. All paper applications should be returned to School Admissions and not to the school. If you have any issues applying for your child's school place please contact school admissions on 0300 330 9472.

**AFTERSCHOOL CLUB AND BREAKFAST CLUB REMINDER**

As we are coming to the end of term, we would just like to send out a polite reminder for all Parents/Carers with children that attend the After School Club and/or Breakfast Club that booking forms and payment for the first week back in term 3 must be handed in to the office by 10am on Friday 22nd December at the latest. If payment is not made then your child's place will not be confirmed.

**WELL DONE!**

A huge well done to Kira, Lola and Raimi for their wonderful performance last Sunday in Stage Stars Christmas Show, they did so well and sang beautifully. Well done!

Stage Stars is a performing arts group that runs on Saturday mornings 10:30am - 12:30pm. If your child would like to join Stage Stars please contact Mrs Stubbs on 07926106393.

**MOVIE NIGHT**

Last Friday we had our Christmas movie night, the FoPS had a treat in store for the infant children. Mr Chappell helped the FoPS team with their 12 days of Christmas song for the children. He was covered in all sorts from gravy to custard pies! All of the children went home giggling with christmas cheer, it was such a great atmosphere. Well done to Mr Chappell for being such a great sport, and thank you to FoPS for arranging all the fun.

The junior children had the opportunity to also enjoy watching a festive film, all thanks to the hard work and continued commitment of our wonderful FOPs. A great time was had by all!
PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING FOR INFANT PUPILS

If you think you might qualify for pupil premium funding, please let the infant office know next week so that we can let East Sussex County Council know. If you do qualify but do not let us know, the school misses out on valuable funding that is used directly to support your child’s learning. There is a report on our website that allows you to see how we spent this funding last year. All we need to know is your National Insurance number. The check is simple, so don’t worry if you are unsure you qualify. This is particularly relevant for our Year 2 pupils as applying now ensures school meals continue to be free when your child transfers to the junior school.

READ WRITE INC AT THE INFANT SCHOOL

We have just launched an exciting new scheme for phonics learning across the infant school. You may have noticed your children coming home and reciting certain rhymes or talking about characters that they have recently been introduced to. We are all really enjoying the sessions and would love to invite you to a demonstration next term. We will be holding a series of Parent Workshops about how you can help support your child’s learning at home. We love working in partnership with you and hope to see you at some of the sessions. Dates will be sent out early next term.
PLEASE SEE OUR INFANT AND JUNIOR STARS OF THE WEEK AND GOLDEN STAR CERTIFICATE WINNERS. WELL DONE EVERYONE!
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**Christmas holiday 23rd December 2017 - 7th January 2018**

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Last day of term
Dojo winners Afternoon Tea
Have a wonderful holiday!