

PARNWELL NEWS

Message from the Head teacher:

It's been a rather busy and different start to the academic year for all the children, staff and parents, but everyone has settled into the new school routines incredibly well. A big thankyou to everyone for making sure the first half term has been a success. The children missed a lot of education during lockdown, but they have been working incredibly hard since their return and so, as a reward, they all spent a lovely day on Monday taking part in sporting activities with Key Sports. They have also been working with the author, Richard the Story Teller, who has encouraged the pupils to come up with some imaginative rhymes over the half term break. Please encourage your child(ren) to get creative over the holidays. We have also launched Times Tables Rockstars, a maths game which encourages the children to practise their times tables. Well done to all those parents who have supported their children in using the games. We are already seeing a great impact in the children's recollection of their times tables. Keep practising over half term.

We break up for half term today and I wish you all a relaxing break. Please remember a few key points for when we **return to school on 2 November:**

Children should wear a full school uniform **every day**. This includes a school tie which can be purchased from the school office and plain black shoes.

On PE days, your child can bring their PE kit into school with them to change into. Trainers may be worn for PE, but are not school uniform.

Please continue to socially distance on the school grounds and wear a mask to protect yourself and all the children.

Children should bring a water bottle to school with them every day. It can only be filled with water.

Updating personal information

Please make sure the school office has your most up-to-date contact information. This is very important in case we have to contact you in an emergency.

School Reading Books:

We encourage all pupils to read with an adult at home and all pupils are given a book to take home to read. Please make sure you return any school books when you have finished reading them so we continue to have a wide range of books available for the pupils. Over the half term break, please take a look at home to see if you have any school books and bring them back. Thank you.

Dinner menu:

On Monday 2 November we start week 3 of our [school dinner menu](#).

Home Learning:

If your child is off school isolating with COVID symptoms, they will be sent home with a learning pack. We also strongly recommend using the [Oak National Academy](#) to support your child's learning at home. Select your child's year group and then choose an English lesson, maths and a topic lesson to take part in each day.

Upcoming events:

23 Oct	Last day of term
26-30 Oct	Half Term
31 Oct	Deadline to apply for secondary school places
2 Nov	Back to School
9-14 Nov	Parent Consultations
13 Nov	Children in Need Day
1 Dec	Flu immunisations
18 Dec	Last day of term – 13:30 finish

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Half Term Challenge with Richard O'Neill, Author

We will be working with the author Richard O'Neill after half term and he has set all the children a fun challenge for the half term break

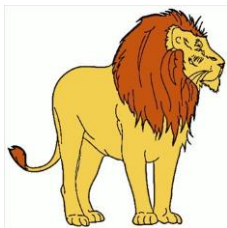


'Our academy is called Lime and we like to do rhyme'

Here's an interesting and fun way of finding old words and new words and putting them together in different ways.

I talked on the [video](#) about the Lion who wanted to learn to iron. Can you read the rhyme and carry it on?

There once was a lion who wanted to learn to iron
He wasn't very good at first but he kept on trying
He started with skirts and moved on to shirts
He ironed some pants then he ironed some plants



What else could that lion iron?

Can you think of rhymes for these other animals?

The Cheetha who needed a heater

The Mink who bathed in the sink

The Sable who liked eating at the table

The Panda who wanted to build a verandha

The Monkey who looked after the front door key

The Gnus who loved to polish shoes

School applications:

Year 6 pupils must apply for their secondary school place before the 31 October. Applications can be made online

<https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-education/school-admissions>

or paper applications were sent home to those families who have not yet applied. Families who also have younger children due to start Reception in September can now apply online for their child's place in school or please visit the school office and we can assist with your application.

Times Tables Rockstars:

Don't forget to encourage your child to play TT Rockstars over the half term break. This is a great way for your child to increase their knowledge of the times tables.

