

PARK END PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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GOLDEN PLAYTIMES!

We are delighted to share some fantastic news - our school has achieved the Gold

Award from the Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) programme for our playtimes! This award recognises the quality of our outdoor play environment and the positive impact it has on children's well-being, creativity and behaviour. Reaching this Gold level is a real achievement.

Thank you to all who have supported our journey to improve playtimes for our children!

AUTUMN DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 22nd Oct: Poppies on sale in school
- 23rd Oct: Halloween Macmillan fundraiser day
- 23rd Oct: Whole school OPAL time
- 23rd Oct: 3:15pm bake sale for parents
- 24th Oct: School closed to all pupils
- 3rd Nov: Children return to school

Our school website has a detailed calendar of events, such as school trips and visits. Please visit www.parkendprimary.co.uk to find out more.



POPPY APPEAL



We are pleased to let you know that our school will once again be supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Poppies will be on sale in school from Wednesday 22nd October, and children will have the chance to make a small donation to this very special cause.

Together, we can help honour and remember those who have served, while supporting the Armed Forces community.



MACMILLAN BAKESALE

We are selling a small amount of delicious baked treats from Miss Zielinski's classroom (Year 4) after school on Thursday 23rd October for parents, carers and children. All money raised will go towards our fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



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MEET SAM!

We are very excited to introduce you to Sam, Park End Primary School's newest member of staff!

WHAT IS A THERAPY DOG?

The main purpose of a therapy dog is to offer emotional support and companionship to children who may be experiencing stress, anxiety, loneliness, or other emotional challenges. Sam will work with children in a controlled environment.

TRAINING

Sam has passed his temperament and pre-award assessments. He will take his final test to make him a certified Therapy Dog soon. Once Sam is fully qualified, we will let you know more about Sam's new job at Park End Primary.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about Sam, please contact Ms Lees. Thank you.



WHO DOES SAM LIVE WITH?

Sam lives with Ms Lees and her family. He has been brought up around children and other animals. Ms Lees has had Sam since he was a pup.

FUN FACTS ABOUT SAM

Breed: Cavapoo

Birthday: 5th January 2024

Likes: Cuddles, long walks, treats, his teddy bears, having a nap on the sofa

Favourite food: cheese



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