

Welcome to Nursery

Parkdale Primary School



Welcome

We are delighted that you have chosen our Nursery to begin your child's school journey. This booklet will give you some key information in preparation for your child starting nursery.

What you need to bring...

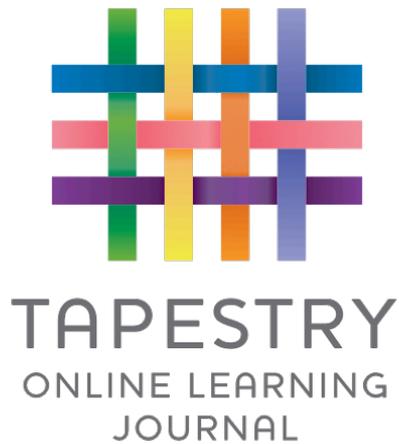
We understand that although children are toilet trained accidents may still happen. Please send your child with a spare set of clothes (including pants and socks) for them to keep on their peg in school, just in case! Please make sure everything is clearly labelled with your child's name. They will also need a water bottle that they can take home each day.

What we will be learning.

In nursery we will be learning through play and exploring our surroundings. We will be learning to share, take turns, use our imaginations and most importantly have LOTS OF FUN! We will be engaging in an exciting curriculum that revolves around lots of creativity, learning new skills, the world (and its inhabitants), festivals around the world and much more!



My name is Mrs Ward, Blossoms Class Teacher, I am so excited to get to know both you and your child. I have been working at Parkdale Primary School since 2013 predominately in Reception. I started my Parkdale journey as a Teaching Assistant, then trained to be an Early Years Teacher and now onto gaining my QTS (qualified teacher status). In my spare time I enjoy teaching dance, watching movies and spending time with my husband Matt and my family.



Tapestry

In nursery we will be using Tapestry to document your child's progress and learning journey (this continues into Reception). You will have access to their online learning journey, you will need to download the app and we will need an email address from you to give you access to view the content.



Hi! I'm Miss Desborough, the Early Years Lead at Parkdale. I love being a teacher, and one of my favourite things to do at school is to read stories. When I'm at home I like playing with my puppy Stella. She's a little rascal who likes chewing my shoes! I also like going on adventures to new places and camping. I am so excited to meet all of you very soon at Parkdale!

Bertie Bear

We know that nursery can be a little daunting for both you and your child. We want to make it as smooth and calming as possible for your child, so on starting nursery they will be given their own little Bertie bear to hold whenever they are sad, worried or scared in the hope it will give them some comfort. Bertie will stay in school so he is there whenever they need him.

Bertie Bear
Welcome you little superstar to our nursery
Here you will have lots of fun, play and be happy!
But if you feel a little upset, lonely or sad
grab your little Bertie Bear until you don't feel so bad.
Then put him back in his bag, go and have a good play,
Then he will be ready to cheer you up when you have a bad day.



Milk

Every session we will have a snack time. Your child is entitled to free school milk until the age of 5. Your child has already been registered to receive milk. Unfortunately at present, Cool milk do not provide a dairy free alternative but if your child has a lactose allergy you can bring their own milk to school and we can store it in our fridge.

Lunchtime

If your child is attending nursery full time, you can choose to send them with a packed lunch or have a school dinner provided by Aspens at a cost of £1.95. You will need an Aspens logon to order and pay for your child's dinner, these details will be available from the office. If your child is having a packed lunch we will store their lunch boxes in the Nursery Classroom.

Parent Pay

Parent pay is our online banking system that enables you to pay for trips, charity days and many other things all digitally through an app. You will need Parent Pay logon to access the system, these details will be available from the office.

What does ParentPay do?

- Enables you to pay for trips and other items such as uniform and tickets.
- offers a highly secure payment site
- gives you a history of all the payments you have made
- allows you to create a single account login across all your children that attend a ParentPay school
- shows you all items available for payment relevant to each of your children
- emails a receipt of your payment to the email address you register
- offers you the ability to set automated email/SMS payment reminders.

How does ParentPay help you?

- gives you the freedom to make payments to school whenever and wherever you like
- stops you having to write cheques or search for cash to send to school
- gives you peace of mind that your payment has been made safely and securely
- helps with budgeting; payments are immediate, there is no waiting for cheques to clear
- payments for many of the larger trips can be made by instalments up to the due date
- you will never need miss a payment, or have insufficient credit, with automated email/SMS alerts

- ParentPay is quick and easy to use.

How does ParentPay help your school?

- reduces the administrative time spent on banking procedures
- keeps accurate records of payments made to every service for every student
- payments do not bounce
- reduces paper 'waste'
- allows for easy and quick refunds to be made back to the payment card
- improves communication between the school and parents concerning payments
- offers a more efficient payment collection process, reducing the amount of money held on school premises
- helps us improve school-home communication with its integrated email/SMS messaging centre.

How do you get started?

We will send you an activation letter containing your activation details to enable you to set up your ParentPay account.

If you have more than one child at a ParentPay school/s you can add them to a single account, providing one login for all children at ParentPay schools.



Scholar Pack

Scholar pack is an app that you can access to view messages from school and view your child's attendance details. You will need a Scholar pack logon these details will be available from the office.



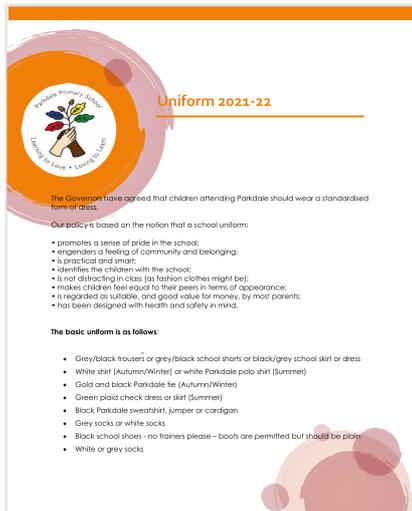
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Uniform

Uniform is not compulsory in Nursery, we would recommend wearing comfortable clothing that you don't mind get messy, shoes (no sandals), black joggers/ leggings (easier for toileting) and warm outerwear as we will be outside in all weathers! A pair of wellies to keep on their peg would be fab! Your child will not need a PE kit in Nursery at present.

However if you would like your child to wear school uniform it can be ordered from www.price-buckland.co.uk. These items will be delivered direct to your home. Badges (to sew on) and ties can be purchased from the school office.



Uniform 2021-22

The Governors have agreed that children attending Parkdale should wear a standardised form of dress.

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (no fashion clothes might be!);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable and good value for money, by most parents;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

The basic uniform is as follows:

- Grey/black trousers or grey/black school shorts or black/grey school skirt or dress
- White shirt (Autumn/Winter) or white Parkdale polo shirt (Summer)
- Gold and black Parkdale tie (Autumn/Winter)
- Green plaid check dress or skirt (Summer)
- Black Parkdale sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
- Grey socks or white socks
- Black school shoes – no trainers please – boots are permitted but should be plain
- White or grey socks



Our Nursery day

Our morning session begins at 830am and finishes at 1130am. You can drop your child off at the Blossoms door on the playground and collect from the 'snow door' (pictured below) at 1130am.

Our afternoon sessions begins at 1230pm and finishes at 330pm. You can drop your child off at the 'snow door' (pictured below) at 1230pm and collect from the Blossoms door on the playground at 330pm.

Please be on time to drop off and pick up your child.



The 'snow' door.



Blossoms Class door.



The main school gate



The path to the playground and the 'snow' door

Take a look around...

Blossoms Nursery



Our construction area



Our home corner



Our maths area



Our creative area

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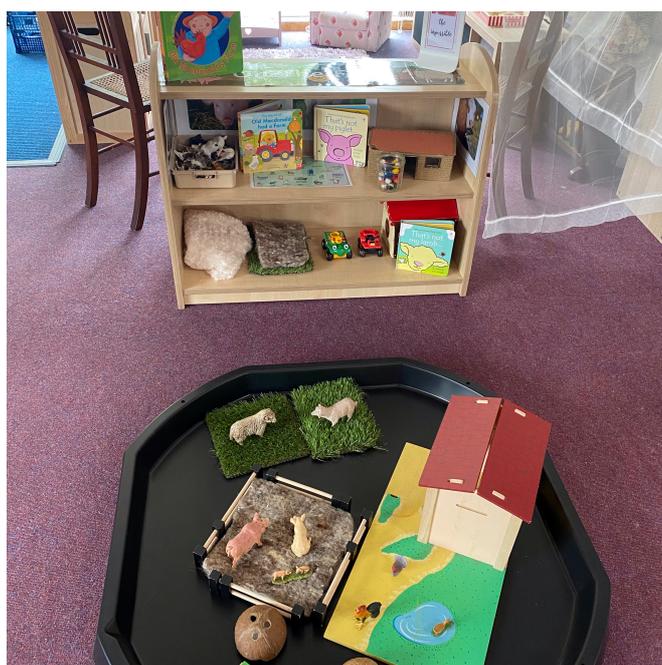
Blossoms Nursery



Our cosy book corner



Our talking area



Our small world area



Our den making area

Take a look around...

Blossoms Nursery



Our Investigation area



The costume shop



Blossoms theatre.



Fantastic fingers

Additional support services

We are very lucky at Parkdale to be surrounded by additional support services.

We have our own Speech and Language Therapist, Mrs Harris with us every Thursday to support with our language needs.

We also have Mrs Walker who provides Pastoral care and Family Support. Our SENDCo Mrs Taylor is also on hand to support pupils with additional needs.

Staff contacts

We are always here to answer questions, offer support and assist you whilst your child is in our care at Parkdale. There are many ways to contact us...

Via our closed Facebook page search - Parkdale Blossoms

Via Email-

Mrs Ward, Nursery Class Teacher, rward@parkdale.notts.sch.uk

Miss Desborough, Early Years Lead, ldesborough@parkdale.notts.sch.uk

Mrs Harris, Speech and Language Therapist, info@speechtherapy-tlc.co.uk

Mrs Walker, Pastoral Lead, home.link@parkdale.notts.sch.uk

Mrs Taylor, SENDCo, ataylor@parkdale.notts.sch.uk

