



Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families are all keeping well. I am so pleased that we have seen a week of sunshine and dry weather, so hopefully you have been able to get out in the garden or take some daily exercise.

I would like to thank you for all the lovely emails which have been sent into school. It really is so uplifting to read the comments.

Children who are entitled to Benefits-related Free School Meals (this is not the universal free school meals which all children in Year R, 1 and 2 receive), are still able to access a lunch from school to take home. If you are entitled to a free school meal and haven't yet accessed this service, please do telephone the school if your circumstances change as we can provide you with lunches. From Monday 30th March, how we allocate free school meals will change. Lunches will not be collected daily. A box of food will be prepared to be collected each Monday from 11am. We will continue to place the boxes on the table outside. Food will be provided throughout the Easter holiday with a slight change. A summary of food collection is as follows;

Monday 30th March - one week supply of lunches

Monday 6th April - one week supply of lunches

Monday 13th April— one day lunch bag

Tuesday 14th April—4 days supply of lunches

I will keep you updated with the meals calendar for after Easter when we know more.

Keep safe everyone and I look forward to seeing the photos on our Facebook page!

Kind regards

Lindsay McCarthy Headteacher

### Park Gate Facebook Page

#### Coming Soon!

We are in the process of creating our very own Facebook Page. The purpose, especially at this difficult time, is to celebrate and share some of the things you have been up to at home.

A letter will be sent home with further details as soon as the page is published.

Look out for some familiar faces—we will use the Facebook Page to share these with you rather than the Blog.

### The Blog

I hope the home learning is going well. The teachers are working very hard to plan a variety of tasks and suggested activities and I am very grateful to all of them for all their hard work. We fully understand if you are not able to complete some of the tasks and just a reminder that you can telephone the school or send an email to [adminoffice@parkgate.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@parkgate.hants.sch.uk) if you have any questions.

Bug Club is going really well and it is great to see so many children logging on. Some children have locked themselves out of their accounts this week, but a quick call to the school is fine and we can reset them for you.

Teachers are issuing books on Bug Club weekly and we encourage children to keep reading other books alongside those available. It is also really beneficial for children (especially the younger years) to reread books.



### Easter Homework

We will not be putting the English and maths tasks on the Blog over the Easter holiday. Please can the children continue to read and use Times Table Rock Stars.



### Reading Stars

We want to continue to reward our children for their reading and will therefore be awarding the Reading Stars Badges when we return to school. Please can I ask parents to just keep a tally of the reads that the children complete. No need to write it in their diaries or date them. When we return we will just ask for the total number and then present the badges and certificates.



Please pass on to the children that I hope they have had a good week and that I am looking forward to when they can all return to school.

