Park Gate Primary School News
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Dear Parents,

Another week achieved! Well done to one and all.

It has been lovely to see so many of you commenting and uploading photos to our new Facebook page. It is proving to be a bit of reassurance during these crazy times that we find ourselves in. Keep posting your photos so we can all keep connected!

With our increased use of technology and the internet, there is a lot of support available to keep your child safe online. Below are some useful links taken from the most recent Government guidance on internet safety to help parents and carers:

Thinkyouknow (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)
Internet matters (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
Parent info (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
LGfL (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
Net-aware (support for parents and carers from the NSPCC)

Please remember that school is open on Good Friday and Bank Holiday Monday to provide childcare for key worker and vulnerable families. Time Out Holiday club is available for the rest of the Easter holiday. If you require any further information about the Easter arrangements, please telephone the school office today.

After today we are officially on our Easter break. Remember that we will not be setting tasks for the children to complete over the holiday period, but keep going with daily reading and some Times Tables Rock Stars practise. Bug Club will still be available throughout the holiday so remember to log in and keep reading.

I know that this year it will be a little different, but I would like to wish all of our families a very Happy Easter.

Keep safe everyone and try to keep busy whilst staying at home!

Kind regards
Lindsay McCarthy
Headteacher

Park Gate Facebook Page

The Facebook page is now officially up and running. There are quite a few other Park Gate pages out there so make sure that you are looking at the one with our school logo on:

www.facebook.com/parkgateprimaryhampshire

Please use the page to upload photos and videos of things you have been doing at home. It has been great to see some of the children getting up to all sorts of interesting things!

Also, keep an eye out for stories and messages from the staff!

Benefits-related Free School Meals

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. Lunches will not be collected daily. A box of food for the week 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. A summary of food collection is as follows;

Monday 6th April - one week supply of lunches

Monday 13th April– one week supply of lunches (this is a change to previously advertised)

Monday 20th April—one weeks supply of lunches

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

Times Tables Rock Stars

Well done to everyone in Years 2, 3, 4 and 6 that took part in our Times Tables Rock Stars competition this week. Classes were pitted against their opposite class to see who could answer the most questions correctly. Here are the results:

Cedar Tree	5,935	14,075	🏆 Silver Birch
Oak Class	4,815	3,513	Maple Class
Hazel class	909	8,452	🏆 Yew Tree Class
Holly Class	5,819	4,883	LimeClass

Special shout outs:

Year 6 - Harry and Archie
Year 4 - Archie and Hector
Year 3 - Bobby and Stanley
Year 2 - Alice and Ruby   Overall Winner: Silver Birch

Keep an eye out for further challenges on Rock Stars!

Something to share with the children...

Why did the jellybean go to school?

Because he wanted to be a Smartie!