



Dear Parents,

Over the next couple of weeks in school we will be showing the children how to use the assignments tab in Teams to complete work. We will then start a gradual role out to parents, starting with Year 6, where a piece of homework will be sent home using Teams and we will ask children to complete and return it using the assignments tab. Further information will be sent home to specific year groups at the appropriate time.

The Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust have forwarded the following link to COVID videos for Primary age school children which you may wish to view with your child;

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLhD910OQRr6YG5r8kPSGtBOMntkTfZqR1I>

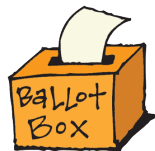
Kind regards

Lindsay McCarthy

Headteacher

### Parent Governor Election

Hopefully you have received your voting form and statements from parents who have applied for the position of Parent Governor. Please can I ask that all voting forms are returned by Wednesday 9th December.



### Christmas Arrangements

It gives me great pleasure to share with you our Christmas arrangements. As expected, things are a little different but hopefully the children will enjoy the plans we have in place, which include; a virtual Pantomime, a new version of The Secrets' Room and of course, Christmas Jumper Day. Just a reminder— if your child doesn't have a Christmas jumper then they can wear non-uniform or something in a festive colour. There is no expectation for parents to go and buy a new jumper.



Please visit [www.friendsofparkgate.com](http://www.friendsofparkgate.com) regarding payment for Secrets' Room Gifts, the Pantomime and the raffle.

### Diary of Events

**Mon 30th Dec** Christmas Hoops in the hall

**Fri 4th Dec** Non-Uniform Day (please can the children bring in a contribution for the Christmas Hampers, eg; unused toiletries/gift sets, bottles, chocolate...)

**Sun 6th Dec** Deadline for online ordering of Secrets' Room Gifts

**Mon 7th—Thurs 10th Dec** Christmas Cards Week

**Fri 11th Dec** Secrets' Room Gift Deliveries to children

**Fri 11th Dec** Christmas Jumper Day (or non-uniform)

**Mon 14th Dec** Christmas Raffle

**Mon 14th Dec—Fri 18th Dec** Classes will watch the virtual Pantomime

**Mon 14th—Thurs 17th Dec** Christmas Lunch

**Thurs 17th Dec** Christmas cards delivered

**Fri 18th Dec** Last Day of Term

**Fri 18th Dec** Links to the Year R and KS1 Christmas Productions will have been sent home to those parents who have given permission.

### Congratulations to our Values Ambassadors of the Week!

*It gives me great pleasure to announce our Values Ambassadors...*

Chestnut Class - *Harriet... **Achievement**...* great techniques when creating a clay hedgehog.

Willow Class - *Lottie-Marie ... **Excellence**...* a fantastic clay hedgehog.

Apple Class – *Odin... **Growth**...* amazing in all areas of learning, especially reasoning in maths.

Cherry Class – *Colby ... **Achievement** ...* writing a fabulous new ending to The Three Little Pigs.

Lime Class – *Henry ... **Growth**...* Super work and constant enthusiasm for learning.

Holly Class – *Edwin... **Excellence** ...* an amazing animal grouping poster.

Cedar Class – *Joseph... **Excellence**...* hardworking, kind, friendly—a model of The Park Gate Way!

Silver Birch Class – *Mason... **Growth**...* a positive attitude towards everything!

Hazel Class – *Hugo... **Achievement**...* great pastel artwork of the Northern Lights.

Yew Class – *Joshua ... **Aspiration**...* amazing work on his Northern Lights art.

Juniper Class – *Ollie... **Achievement**...* working confidently to solve equivalent fractions.

Sycamore Class – *Max... **Excellence and Trust**...* fantastic VIPERS work and always doing his best!

Maple Class – *Darcey L ... **Excellence**...* Fantastic presentation and standard of work all the time.

Oak Class – *Jude Hamilton... **Resilience**...* determination in maths — incredible progress!



## Diary Dates

Please note that diary dates are also available on the school website at [www.parkgateprimary.co.uk](http://www.parkgateprimary.co.uk)

### Confirmed Dates for 20/21

New Tour of the school and Welcome Meeting available on the website and Facebook page.

[Friday 4.12.20](#)    [Non-Uniform Day for raffle](#)

[Friday 11.12.20](#)    [Christmas Jumper Day](#)

Monday 7.12.20—Thursday 10.12.20 Christmas Cards to be posted in class post boxes

Monday 14.12.20—Thursday 17th December Christmas Dinner

[Monday 14.12.20—Friday 18th December](#)    [Virtual Pantomime](#)

Friday 18.12.20            Last Day of Term

Monday 4th January        Return to School

[Thursday 14th January](#)    [Individual portrait photographs](#)

[New dates will be added in blue.](#)