



Dear Parents,

Thank you for supporting the non-uniform day today with all your kind donations for the Friends Christmas Raffle and for purchasing raffle tickets.

I would like to thank J. West Christmas Trees for their kind donation of a Christmas Tree for our school. We have also sent home 10% off vouchers if you wish to purchase a Christmas tree.

I sent home yesterday a letter regarding the additional £600 grant issued to the school for families who have been directly impacted financially by Covid-19. After reading the letter, please do email me if you would benefit from the scheme. This is different to the food vouchers scheme detailed below.

We currently have vacancies for woodwind lessons. If you are interested in your child learning an instrument then please contact the school office for further details.

Kind regards

Lindsay McCarthy Headteacher

Food Vouchers Scheme for Christmas holiday and February half term

The Government has distributed funds to Local Authorities to support families whose children are eligible for free school meals during the Christmas and February holidays. Hampshire has expanded eligibility to include all children with a social worker and all children open to early help services. Each child is entitled to £15 per week of food vouchers, therefore we will distribute £30 per child to those families who qualify before the end of term to cover the Christmas period.

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 regarding payment for Secrets' Room Gifts, the Pantomime and the raffle.

Diary of Events

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

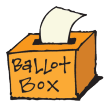
Thurs 17th Dec Christmas cards delivered

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.

Parent Governor Election

Please can I ask that all voting forms are returned by Wednesday 9th December.



Congratulations to our Values Ambassadors of the Week!

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

Chestnut Class - *Sophie.. Excellence...* being a fantastic member of the class.

Willow Class - *Evie ... Achievement...* being a fantastic author.

Apple Class – *Zoe... Excellence...* incredible writing of a new ending for The Three Little Pigs.

Cherry Class – *Elsie ... Achievement ...* fantastic work in all areas of learning this week.

Lime Class – *Lelund ... Trust...* can be trusted to follow The Park Gate Way.

Holly Class – *Henry... Achievement ...* amazing animal fact writing.

Cedar Class – *Imogen... Excellence...* being an amazing maths wizard!

Silver Birch Class – *Rae... Kindness...* a role model 'Park Gater'.

Hazel Class – *Ariella... Achievement...* a wonderful, persuasive travel brochure.

Yew Class – *Sophia ... Excellence...* impressive effort in maths all week.

Juniper Class – *Hector... Resilience...* working really hard at telling the time.

Sycamore Class – *Megan... Growth...* excellent progress and attitude in maths.

Maple Class – *Layla and Caitlin ... Kindness...* for supporting Mrs Cahill in computing!

Oak Class – *Sophia... Kindness...* supporting everyone in the class with her amazing kindness.



Diary Dates

Please note that diary dates are also available on the school website at 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 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 17.12.20	Christmas Dinner
Monday 14.12.20—Friday 18.12.20	Virtual Pantomime
Friday 18.12.20	Last Day of Term
Monday 4th January 2021	Return to School
Thursday 14th January 2021	Individual portrait photographs

New dates will be added in blue.

Christmas Dinner

A letter will be emailed home on Monday with details of our Christmas dinners. There is no need to pre-order this year. Children will order on the day of their dinner.



Be Bright, Be Seen Competition Winners!

We had a brilliant Be Bright, Be Seen day a couple of weeks ago where the children and adults dressed brightly to raise awareness about being seen on darker nights. During the day, the children took part in a competition to either design a bright outfit or a cycle helmet.

Our school Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) have been busy judging the competitions and we can now announce the winners!

Congratulations to...

Willow	Eliot
Chestnut	Edith
Apple Blossom	Toby
Cherry Blossom	Poppy
Lime	Joshua
Holly	Oliver
Cedar	Tilly
Silver Birch	Jasper
Hazel	Oliver
Yew	Cerys
Sycamore	Gabriella
Juniper	Ava
Maple	Izzi
Oak	Elle



Our Winning Entries