



Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see the children enjoying their Christmas Dinner in school this week and I would like to thank our catering staff for all their hard work.

The Christmas Raffle was a great success thanks to all the hard work of Friends and everyone who donated prizes and purchased tickets. An amazing £2418.55 was raised!

Finally, I would like to say a huge, personal thank you for all your support this term. Our children and staff have worked so hard and achieved great things and as always the Park Gate community has joined together to support each other during a term like no other.

I hope that you all have a happy and peaceful Christmas and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 4th January.

Kind regards  
Lindsay McCarthy Headteacher



### Arrangements for January

I have reviewed our risk assessment for full school opening and confirm that the Autumn Term arrangements will continue as they are when we return in January. This includes the same staggered start and end times, hot lunchboxes and children remaining in their bubbles. I will monitor the situation closely and amend our arrangements in line with government advice as and when this is published. Please can I ask that we keep the pathway leading to the school as clear as possible after the children have been dropped off. I do wish to emphasise the importance of children not arriving late for school as missing the start of the day is often very unsettling for them. School times remain as follows;

Year 6	8.20am	2.45pm
Year 6 (with siblings) and R	8.30am	2.45pm
Year 5	8.35am	2.50pm
Year 4 and Year 2	8.40am	2.55pm
Year 3 and Year 1	8.45am	3.00pm

Time Out will still be the only club we can offer but we will review this at half term.



### Important information regarding reporting positive Covid-19 cases during the Christmas Holiday

Just a reminder about reporting Covid-19 cases during the holiday.

#### Reporting positive cases for pupils and staff between Saturday 19th December and Thursday 24th December (6 days after the last teaching day)

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 between the above dates, **having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school**, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. In these circumstances, please email [l.mccarthy@parkgate.hants.sch.uk](mailto:l.mccarthy@parkgate.hants.sch.uk) reporting your child's name (who has a positive result), their class, the date that they first showed symptoms, the date that your child was last at school and the date that the positive result was given. I will check my emails daily at 2pm and then take the relevant action required. Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), **having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school**, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching, therefore parents do not need to email me directly with positive cases after 24th December. I do ask, however, that parents email [adminoffice@parkgate.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@parkgate.hants.sch.uk) on the 4th January if your child is self-isolating when we return to school and to report any further positive cases.



A huge thank you on behalf of all the staff for your kind gifts, cards and lovely words.



### Reading Stars Success!

This term we have awarded 311 Green Stars. Congratulations everyone! We will continue to count reading during the Christmas holiday.



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

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

Chestnut Class - *Maria*... **Excellence**... super Christmas list writing using her sounds.

Willow Class - *Reggie*... **Kindness** ... always helping his friends with a smile on his face.

Apple Class - *Kadi* ... **Excellence** ... for trying her hardest in EVERYTHING!

Cherry Class - *Joshua* ... **Growth** ... always trying his best in EVERYTHING!

Lime Class - *Hollie* ... **Resilience**... working hard all term and great phonics work.

Holly Class - *Finn*... **Achievement** ... great focus and concentration in all his work this week.

Cedar Class - *Emily* ... **Excellence**... fantastic sewing skills to create a brilliant Christmas stocking.

Silver Birch Class - *Mia*... **Achievement** ... Super contributions in RE when discussing the symbol of light.

Hazel Class - *Stanley*... **Achievement**... a beautifully presented and informative Iceland travel brochure.

Yew Class - *Amelia* ... **Resilience**... great work in maths - even when it got tricky!

Juniper Class - *Harry*... **Excellence & Partnership**... great science work and super scientific understanding.

Sycamore Class - *Isla-Belle*... **Achievement**... a great standard in all work this week.

Maple Class - *Rufus* ... **Aspiration**... a fantastic diary entry- The Day I Mummified Tutankhamun!

Oak Class - *Elle*... **Excellence & Resilience**... superb planning and writing, explaining how to mummify!



## Diary Dates

### Confirmed Dates for 20/21

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

Date	Event
Monday 4th January 2021	Return to School
Thursday 14th January 2021	Individual portrait photographs
Monday 15th—Friday 19th February 2021	Half Term
Thursday 11th March 2021	Year 5 Stubbington Day
Wednesday 17th March 2021 6pm	Year 3/4 Show (if guidelines allow)
Thursday 18th March 2021 6pm	Year 3/4 Show (if guidelines allow)
WB: Monday 22nd March 2021	Parents Evenings
Friday 2nd April—Friday 16th April 2021	Easter Holidays
Monday 19th April 2021	Day Closure for Staff Training
Friday 23rd July 2021	Day Closure for Staff Training

New dates will be added in blue.

#### PE at Park Gate

Our first PE at Park Gate newsletter has been sent home. Congratulations to our first PE All Stars who have been selected by their teachers for their achievements in PE this term. Miss Spears and Miss Selway (our PE Leaders), will be creating a newsletter each half term and our next PE All Stars for Spring 1 will be included.

