



Dear Parents,

What a week!

I know as a school community; parents, staff and children, we have needed to adapt so quickly to a new way of working and we could not have imagined when we arrived on Monday morning the speed of change that has taken place.

I can't thank you enough for all the support you have given to the staff and myself this week. It has been such a boost for us all. We are so determined to give all our children the best learning experience we possibly can. I recognise the difficult job parents at home have with juggling home schooling and jobs so as we move further into our Teams journey we are trying to ensure our daily tasks are as flexible as possible and the resources we use enable children to be as independent as they can be. This is our ultimate aim and we are on day two of our Teams provision so please do bear with us!

I just wanted to give a mention to Mrs Chapman who has worked tirelessly to sort any issues with Teams. She is truly amazing.

Take care everyone. Please remember to give us a call or send us an email if you need any support.

Kind regards

Lindsay McCarthy Headteacher

### Teams Dance

It's time to dance again! Miss Turner will be leading us in our dance routines through a Stream recording which will be posted on Teams on Friday for the children to enjoy at any point during the day.



### Year R applications for September 2021

If you have family members or friends who have children due to start school in September 2021, the closing date for applications is midnight on Friday 15th January 2021

### Benefit-related Free School Meals

We are waiting for Government instruction on how to access free school meals vouchers, which we are expecting shortly. **In the meantime, please can I ask that you contact the school office by 9am daily if you would like to order a school lunch to collect.** We are not expecting this to be a long term issue and as soon as the information arrives we will be able to issue the vouchers .

### Reading Stars

This term we are really keen to continue to count Reading Stars and be able to award the child/ren their badges and certificates. Please can you keep recording them at home and then email me at [l.mccarthy@parkgate.hants.sch.uk](mailto:l.mccarthy@parkgate.hants.sch.uk) when your children reaches the next milestone so that we can virtually present their awards. You will be able to collect the awards from outside the school if you are passing on your walk.

Just to confirm;

Green : 40 reads

Yellow : 100 reads

Maximum of seven reads a week will be counted.

Working out the maths, we won't fit in enough reads for purple awards before February half term.



**Values Ambassador Awards will return on Friday 15th January and will be awarded to children at school and at home. We will present the certificates in the virtual Friday assembly and this will be available to view through Teams at any point during the day.**



## 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
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.