



Dear Parents,

I hope that you are all keeping well and those at home are accessing the remote working without too many problems. Mrs Chapman has sent out a useful update today so please do have a read.

We have been busy issuing devices to families who do not have the technology at home for their children to work remotely. If this is an issue for your family then please contact the school through adminoffice@parkgate.hants.sch.uk . I would like to thank the families and local community who have donated devices to the school to help with this and we have also received a further donation of laptops from Glentech Ltd. Although we can't guarantee we will have capacity immediately we will do our very best to source devices where they are needed.

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

Benefit-related Free School Meals

We will continue to ask parents to book packed lunch boxes each day by 9am for next week as the voucher scheme for Park Gate will not be operational in time for vouchers to be issued from 18th January. The reason for the delay is that the school has been allocated a specific slot from the voucher company during next week to order vouchers. Vouchers will then be allocated and in place from 25th January 2021.

Reading Stars

Please keep emailing in Reading Stars directly to me at l.mccarthy@parkgate.hants.sch.uk . Please can you do this whether your child is attending school or working at home and that way I won't miss anyone. If over the next few weeks you have emailed in and I haven't presented your child's certificate in assembly, please do email me again. I hope that I won't miss anyone but just in case!

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.

With the current rules around essential journeys only, we will deliver certificates to avoid you all making additional, unnecessary journeys.

Congratulations to our Values Ambassadors of the Week!

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

Chestnut Class—Maddie...**Partnership**...*Working so well on her home learning.*

Willow Class - Sienna...**Excellence**...*Independently revisiting her maths learning.*

Apple Class – Spencer...**Achievement**...*Trying his absolute hardest and completing brilliant work.*

Cherry Class – Harvey...**Achievement**...*Phenomenal writing about the Gingerbread Man.*

Lime Class – JJ...**Growth**...*Growing his writing skills, especially descriptive vocabulary.*

Holly Class – Ella...**Achievement**...*Writing a fantastically detailed description of the Big, Bad Wolf.*

Cedar Class – Ivy-Rose...**Achievement**...*Wonderful 'Hogwart's House Race' Board Game!*

Silver Birch Class - Zoe...**Aspiration**...*Superb effort all week, especially when designing and making her game.*

Hazel Class – Grace...**Partnership**...*Being a fantastic role model and a lovely friend.*

Yew Class – George...**Excellence**...*Working so enthusiastically all week.*

Juniper Class – Owen...**Excellence**...*Excellent use of geographical language when writing about Arizona.*

Sycamore Class – Lacey...**Trust**...*Outstanding effort when answering questions and being a lovely friend to others.*

Maple Class – Lucas...**Excellence**...*Excellent, hardworking, focused attitude!*

Oak Class – Chloe...**Resilience**...*Working incredibly hard in maths this week.*



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
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.