



Dear Parents,

I hope that you have all had a positive week. I am now set up to send virtual Headteacher Awards to pupils working at home and our Friday Celebration Assemblies will include all the children, at school and at home, who have been recognised by school staff for their hard work.

I am pleased to inform you that our building improvements are continuing with the refurbishment of the Year 5 and 6 girls and boys toilets. We are expecting these to be complete after half term.

World Book Day is on 4th March and the staff are busy preparing. In our usual Park Gate style I am sure there will be something a bit different for this year. More information will follow shortly.



We have Parents Evenings planned for the week beginning 22nd March. I appreciate this is a little way off, but I just wanted to confirm that these meetings will go ahead either through Teams or a telephone call.

Kind regards

Lindsay McCarthy
Headteacher

Important information regarding reporting positive Covid-19 cases during February half term for pupils still attending school.



If your child tests positive for COVID-19, **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 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 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. Please email adminoffice@parkgate.hants.sch.uk on the 22nd February if your child is self-isolating when we return to school and to report any further positive cases where symptoms developed more than 48 hours since being in school.

Children's Mental Health Week

This week the children have been engaging in a variety of activities designed to support their mental health.



I hope that today's Park Gate Pause has given all of the children some well needed screen-free time and that they have embraced the day to express themselves in different ways. Please send any photos of the activities the children have done to :

teamsadmin@parkgate.hants.sch.uk. Mrs Chapman will upload them to Facebook later next week.

Congratulations to our Values Ambassadors of the Week!

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

Chestnut Class - Luke...**Excellence**... *putting all his effort into home learning with lovely presentation too.*

Willow Class - Phoebe...**Excellence**...*for always giving all her effort into learning at home. Fantastic work!*

Apple Class – Ella-Rose...**Resilience**...*astounding work from home. A superstar every day!*

Cherry Class – Hannah...**Aspiration**...*a phenomenal postcard, pretending to write like The Gingerbread Man.*

Lime Class – Rebecca...**Achievement**...*great sketching skills to produce an amazing self-portrait.*

Holly Class – Caleb...**Kindness**...*for thinking of others by making a generous food donation to others in need.*

Cedar Class – Leila...**Achievement**...*great research about a tree frog for a non-chronological report.*

Silver Birch Class - Lewis...**Excellence & Resilience**...*always having a positive attitude towards work.*

Hazel Class – Hugo...**Excellence**... *fantastic vocabulary choices and posing excellent questions to a character.*

Yew Class – Layla...**Partnership**...*showing excellent collaboration skills every time she works with a partner.*

Juniper Class – Alfie...**Achievement**...*great contributions in live lessons and super descriptive writing.*

Sycamore Class – Max...**Excellence**...*an awesome descriptive piece of writing about what the BFG can hear.*

Maple Class – Izaak...**Excellence**...*an active learner. Top effort resulting in excellent outcomes!*

Oak Class – Bobby...**Achievement**...*working super hard in all areas being so engaged in live lessons.*



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 Cancelled	Year 3/4 Show (if guidelines allow) We will move this project to the Summer Term
Thursday 18th March 2021 6pm Cancelled	Year 3/4 Show (if guidelines allow) We will move this project to the Summer Term
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/information will be added in blue.