Park Gate Primary School News

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first Park Gate News of the school year. I hope that you all had a super summer. It is so fantastic to have all the children back in school and I am so proud of every single one of them for how quickly they have adapted to the new routines.

We all know that things will be very different and we will continue to find alternative ways to ensure our school community remains together.

You will see on my newsletter that I have put a section recapping some procedures and I will continue to provide updates where any changes are required.

I am really looking forward to working with you all this year and please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards

Lindsay McCarthy

Headteacher

Reading Stars will begin on 14th September

We are looking forward to presenting the children with our new reading stars awards and ask that you record reads at home from 14th September 2020. Please look out for a letter from Miss Flood next week with further details.

We are winners! Dunelm Schools Giveaway!

We had a lovely surprise this week when Dunelm contacted us to tell us we had won a competition! Park Gate received a selection of games and storage boxes thanks to all of our parents voting for us in Dunelm's recent community competition. We received the most votes and I am really grateful to you all. They will be holding future competitions directed at schools so do keep voting when they are posted on their Facebook page—Dunelm Fareham Community Facebook Page!

Children Starting School September 2021

Unfortunately due to the current situation we will not be holding the annual Information Evening for new parents or conducting tours of the school. We ask that any parents who have a child starting school in September 2021 and would like to find out more information about our school please email : adminoffice@parkgate.hants.sch.uk

We will provide parents with a recording of our Information Evening and a video tour of the school.

Pick Up and Drop Off Arrangements

I would like to thank you all for following the one way system and being vigilant with social distancing as you move around the school site. If you wish to wear a mask during drop off and pick up this is absolutely fine.

Please can you arrive at the specified time for your year group unless you have more than one child at the school, where you arrive at the earliest time and pick up at the later time. This will keep the waiting time on the school grounds to a minimum. Arrival and pick-up times are;

8.20 am—Year 6 only using top gate
8.30am & 2.45pm—Year 6 who haven't arrived in time to use top gate & Year R
8.35am & 2.50pm— Year 5
8.40am & 2.55pm— Year 2 and 4
8.45am & 3.00pm— Year 1 and 3

To protect adults as much as possible, now the children are settled, we ask that in the mornings and at pick up time parents do not stop to talk to the teachers. If you would like to speak to the teacher please contact the school office by telephone or email or alternatively Mrs Chapman and myself are outside on the playground and can pass on any messages.

I appreciate that some parents have needed to show other family members the school routines this week but can I ask that from Monday only one adult drops off and collects.

Congratulations to our Values Ambassadors of the Week!

It gives me great pleasure to announce our Values Ambassadors…

Apple Class – Reeva—**Growth**….*A brilliant first week at school.*
Cherry Class – Samuel—**Trust**….*Being so responsible and helpful.*
Lime Class – Bethany—**Kindness**….*Helping others in the class and being a great role model.*
Holly Class – Zane—**Resilience**….*Super effort using a hundred square.*
Cedar Class – Layton—**Achievement**….*Fantastic maths work.*
Silver Birch Class – Jasper—**Trust**….*Being a star! Super positive all of the time!*
Hazel Class – Ellie—**Achievement**….*Great attitude in maths lessons.*
Yew Class – Bodie—**Resilience**….*Impressive self-portrait skills.*
Juniper Class – Oliver—**Achievement**….*Amazing sewing skills.*
Sycamore Class – Kelsey—**Resilience**…*Super resilience shown towards all of her learning.*
Maple Class – Lucy—**Excellence**….*Creating a fantastic, humorous letter to her future self.*
Oak Class – Pheobe—**Excellence**….*Super, impressive sewing skills.*

Diary Dates

Please note that diary dates are also available on the school website at www.parkgateprimary.co.uk

Confirmed Dates for 20/21

Monday 7.9.20 **Children return to school**

Welcome Meetings replaced by Powerpoints sent out at the end of the Summer Term

New Year R Information Evening and Tour of the school replaced by recorded events

Year 5 and Year 6 Residential Visits moved to the Summer Term 2021

WB: Monday 12.10.20 **Life Education visit in school (more information to follow)**

Monday 19.10.20 **Parents Evening (via telephone or Teams)**

Tuesday 20.10.20 **Parents Evening**

Wednesday 21.10.20 **Parents Evening**

Thursday 22.10.20 **Parents Evening**

Friday 23.10.20 **Day Closure for Staff Training**

Monday 26th Oct—Friday 30th Oct Half Term Holiday

Christmas arrangements to be confirmed

Friday 18.12.20 **Last Day of Term**

I will continue to add Autumn Term Dates during the term. New dates will be added in blue.