

# Park Gate Primary School News

## Number 1 : 10th September 2021



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 see all the children and I am so proud of every single one of them for how quickly they have adapted to the new routines. It really is a delight to walk around the school and see them all so engaged and happy.

I would like to thank our wonderful Year 6 lunch helpers who have been fantastic in supporting our younger children with the new lunchtime routines.

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 13th September

We are looking forward to presenting the children with our new reading stars awards and ask that you record reads at home from 13th September 2021. Please look out for a letter from Miss Flood next week with further details.

### Thank you Co-op Park Gate!

Our Early Years area has received £200 towards improving the outdoor Early Years area. The funding was received following an application made by Mrs Smith and we are so grateful. Thank you!

### Our lovely, new mud kitchen!

Thank you to Mr Lee for creating our new mud kitchen in our Early Years area. The children are going to have hours of fun creating new recipes.



### Diary Dates

Please see the attached key dates for the Autumn Term. Let's hope we can enjoy these events in person this year.

### Children Starting School September 2022

Confirmation of our arrangements will be included in next week's newsletter.



### Welcome Meetings

Diary dates detail the dates and times of our Welcome Meetings for parents of children in Years 1—6. Parents have been sent a link to the meeting through Teachers2Parents. Meetings will be recorded for those who can't attend and will be sent to all parents in that year group.

### After School Clubs

I am delighted that we will be able to offer a full programme of After School Clubs for the Autumn Term. You will receive an electronic form detailing the clubs on Wednesday 15th September. Once you have received the form, please could you respond as soon as possible with your choices.



### Pick Up and Drop Off Arrangements

Thank you so much for your patience with our new morning and end of day routines.

It is lovely to see our younger children going straight into class rather than spending time queuing.

I appreciate that the end of the day may feel much busier with the expectation that schools no longer timetable a staggered finish time, however please do feel free to use any of the three exits which are available (front gate, car park gate or walking around the school building).



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

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

Apple Class – *Maria...Trust...*Listening so well and making a fantastic start to Year 1.

Cherry Class – *Eliot...Aspiration...*Engaging fully in every lesson. Super job!

Lime Class – *Ivor...Growth...*Growing his skills by listening to other children in the class.

Holly Class – *Poppy...Trust...*Always being ready to learn and following the Park Gate Way.

Cedar Class – *Jenson...Aspiration...*Sharing his wonderful sense of humour and always engaging in the lesson.

Silver Birch Class – *Loukyasri...Achievement...*A great first week at Park Gate. Well done!

Hazel Class – *Layton...Kindness...*Following the Park Gate Way perfectly.

Yew Class – *Sophia...Partnership & Kindness...*A super start—supporting and encouraging others.

Juniper Class – *Charlie...Resilience...*A fantastic week—doing his best work.

Sycamore Class – *James...Resilience...*Overcoming tricky sewing stitches!

Maple Class – *Joshua...Aspiration...*Having such high expectations of himself, especially in English.

Oak Class – *Aiden...Excellence...*Making a fantastic start to the new school year.



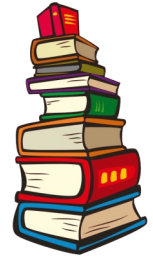
**What to do if you are a parent/carer who has COVID-19 and is self-isolating, and therefore cannot transport your child to and from school**

In line with the latest [Government COVID-19 guidance](#), if a parent/carer is self-isolating with COVID-19, your child should have a PCR test as soon as possible and can still attend school if they do not have symptoms. If you are in this situation and are unable to transport your child to and from school because you are self-isolating, and you have not been able to identify a trusted friend or relative who could help, please let the school know so we can try to assist. Please note that if your child tests positive for COVID-19 they are legally required to self-isolate.

Please email [adminoffice@parkgate.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@parkgate.hants.sch.uk) if you require assistance.

### School Library

Our school library will soon be open for business. Please can I ask everyone to check at home for school library books and return these to the class teachers. We still have 180 books which have not been returned from last year. Thank you.



### PE Uniform

Please can children wear the correct PE uniform on PE days. The PE uniform is House-coloured T-shirt (plain and unbranded—school logo is preferred), dark shorts/dark tracksuit bottoms and a dark jumper/hoodie. No jean shorts to be worn. Teachers will send a letter home to parents reminding them of the uniform where required.

### Applying for a place in Year 7

All information about applying for a school place is available on the county website at: [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions), where parents can also apply online.

#### Important Dates

**Applications open on Monday 13 September 2021**

The national **closing date** is Sunday **31 October 2021**

The national **notification date** is Tuesday **1 March 2022**

**Waiting lists** for oversubscribed schools will be established on **10 March 2022**



## Diary Dates

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Events</b>
Monday 13th September 2021 pm	Year 5 Swimming begins
Monday 13th Sept 2021 4pm	Year 4 Welcome Meeting on Teams
Tuesday 14th Sept 2021 4pm	Year 3 Welcome Meeting on Teams
Tuesday 14th Sept 2021 5pm	Year 2 Welcome Meeting on Teams
Wednesday 15th Sept 2021 4pm	Year 1 Welcome Meeting on Teams
Wednesday 15th Sept 2021 5pm	Year 6 Welcome Meeting on Teams
Thursday 16th Sept 2021 4pm	Year 5 Welcome Meeting on Teams
Thursday 16th Sept 2021	Year 6 House Captains Presentations and Vote
WB: Monday 20th September 2021	Rock2theBeat Lessons begin
Sunday 3rd October 2021	Year 6 PGL Residential to leave
WB: 4th October 2021	Life Education in School
WB: 4th October 2021	Walktober begins
Wednesday 6th October 2021	Year 6 PGL return
WB: 18th October 2021	Parents Evenings
25th October—29th October 2021	Half Term
Monday 1st November 2021	Year 5 Stubbington Residential to leave
Friday 5th November 2021	Year 5 Stubbington Residential to return
Thursday 2nd December 2021 3.00pm—4.00pm	Open classrooms for parents to view books
Tuesday 7th December 2021 2pm	KS1 Christmas Show
Wednesday 8th December 2021 9.30am	KS1 Christmas Show
Wednesday 8th December 2021 2pm	Yr R Nativity
Thursday 9th December 2021 9.30am	Yr R Nativity
Monday 13th December 2021 3.30pm	Christmas Choir Performance to parents/grandparents
Tuesday 14th December 2021 6pm	Carol Service
Friday 17th Dec 2021	Last Day of Term