

# Park Gate Primary School News

## Number 12 : 3rd December 2021



Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for all your kind donations for the Christmas Raffle. The hampers are going to be superb alongside all the amazing prizes! I would like to thank the parents who have volunteered to help with sorting the raffle, we really appreciate it. Tickets are selling really well and I just wanted to let you know that all the money raised will go towards the replacement of all our classroom interactive whiteboards. We have so far managed to replace four, so 10 more to go! Closing date for raffle tickets is Wednesday 8th so do keep sending them in.

I would like to say thank you to our amazing school choir who will be singing at the Carol Concert on Monday evening in Middle Road. I know they will make us all very proud.

Kind regards

Lindsay McCarthy  
Headteacher

### Christmas Update

I know that lots of parents have already booked tickets for their child to select a gift in the Secret's Room and tickets will be available to book online until Thursday 9th December.

The pantomime is booked and thank you to those who have been able to make a contribution to the cost through the Friends. We look forward to watching the show in the last week of term.

The class Christmas card bags are ready to be filled from Monday 6th December if the children would like to send any cards.

Please remember full names and classes on the envelopes.



### Covid Measures for Christmas Plays



As I write the newsletter, we are still planning to go ahead with our small audience Christmas Plays for Year R, 1 and 2. I will continue to monitor Covid numbers on a daily basis and if numbers were to increase then we will move to our contingency plan of sending home a recording. In line with our school risk assessment and information received from the Hampshire Director of Public Health the following measures will be in place for all performances;

- All audience members to test using a LFT before attending the performance and through attendance, are confirming that a negative LFT has been recorded.
- Masks to be worn at all times.
- No one with symptoms of Covid to attend.
- To reduce the time indoors, entrance to the school will be 5 minutes before the performance and we ask that parents socially distance at the front entrance just before this time. With such a small audience everyone will have a good view.
- Guests to use hand sanitisers on arrival.
- Maximum of two guests for each child. No additional capacity for children on laps.
- Guests asked to leave the hall immediately after the performance.

Thank you so much for your support with the above measures, you have been so understanding. It feels like such a long time since we have been able to invite parents into school for such a special event and we really hope we can go ahead. We will record our shows and make them available for those family members unable to attend due to the restrictions.

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

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

Willow Class – **Noah...Achievement...** amazing sentence writing about the nativity. Super sounds and finger spaces.

Chestnut Class – **Beatrix...Achievement...** fantastic drawings and writing about the messy classroom!

Apple Class – **Millie...Achievement...** a brilliant new ending for The Three Little Pigs with great adjectives.

Cherry Class – **Gracie...Resilience...** working independently and creatively to produce a fantastic sock puppet.

Lime Class – **Ellie-May...Achievement...** great work with money and solving problems with her knowledge.

Holly Class – **Penny...Achievement...** fantastic effort when learning her lines for the Christmas Show.

Cedar Class – **Sahasra...Excellence...** for being such a fantastic member of Cedar Class.

Silver Birch Class – **Joshua...Excellence...** a fantastic diary entry about a Stone Age hunter.

Hazel Class – **Noah...Achievement...** working independently on a story at home.

Yew Class – **Jasper...Achievement...** impressive research and planning of your Icelandic Travel Brochure.

Sycamore Class – **Chloe...Partnership...** fantastic learning about the eight phases of the moon.

Juniper Class – **Heidi...Excellence...** always producing your best work. Your day and night explanation was great!

Maple Class – **Isla S...Excellence...** a well written and beautifully presented 'Perseus and Medusa' myth A joy to read!

Oak Class – **Joseph...Aspiration...** super engagement in history lessons, asking and answering questions.



## Diary Dates Autumn Term 2021

Dates	Events
Monday 6th December 2021 6.30pm—8pm	Carol Service Middle Road including Park Gate Choir
Tuesday 7th December 2021 9.30am	Year 2 Christmas Show for Lime Class
Tuesday 7th December 2021 2pm	Year 1 Christmas Show for Apple Blossom Class
Wednesday 8th December 2021 9.30am	Year 2 Christmas Show for Holly Class
Wednesday 8th December 2021 2pm	Year 1 Christmas Show for Cherry Blossom Class
Thursday 9th December 2021 9.30am	Yr R Christmas Show for Willow Class
Thursday 9th December 2021 (time TBC)	Christmas Raffle (virtual)
Friday 10th December 2021 9.30am	Year R Christmas Show for Chestnut Class
Friday 10th December 2021	Secret's Room (a chance for children to purchase a gift for someone at home)
Monday 13th December 2021 3.30pm	Christmas Choir Performance to parents/grandparents <b>CANCELLED</b>
Tuesday 14th December 2021	Non-Uniform Day for House with winning house points
Tuesday 14th December 2021 6pm	Carol Service <b>CANCELLED</b>
Wednesday 15th December 2021	Christmas Lunch Year R, 1 and 4
Wednesday 15th December 2021	Christmas Jumper Day (or a festive addition to non-uniform)
Thursday 16th December 2021	Christmas Lunch Year 2, 3, 5 and 6
Friday 17th December 2021	Last Day of Term