

# Park Gate Primary School News

## Number 14 : 17th December 2021



Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see the children enjoying their Christmas Dinner in school this week and I would like to thank our catering staff for all their hard work.

I would like to say a huge, personal thank you for all your support this term. Our children and staff have worked so hard and achieved great things and as always the Park Gate community has joined together to support each other during a continued time of change.

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Hannaway and wish her all the best with her move to Australia. We also say goodbye to Mrs Leach and Mrs Martindale and we also wish them all the best for the future.

I hope that you all have a happy and peaceful Christmas and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday 5th January.

Kind regards

Lindsay McCarthy Headteacher



### Arrangements for January

I have reviewed our risk assessment with regards to the start of the Spring Term and we will be continuing with our control measures. The number of positive covid cases in school have been low during the second half of the Autumn Term and with our aim of keeping children in school as much as we can within the operational guidance it seems sensible to continue with our current arrangements.

The cleaning, ventilation, handwashing and mask wearing by adults in corridors and shared spaces will continue. We will also continue to limit mixing by avoiding year group mixing in the hall by recording assemblies and eating in classrooms (except Year R).

The gate will also continue to be open for 5 extra minutes at the beginning of the school day. The gate will therefore be open from 8.30am—8.45am.

If your child is unable to return to school on 5th January due to a positive covid test result or they have symptoms, please can you inform the school office by emailing [adminoffice@parkgate.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@parkgate.hants.sch.uk)

**I will contact you immediately if any additional guidance is received.**

### Illumination Street 2021

Mrs Cahill kindly entered our Christmas Hoops into a competition run by Illumination Street. We have been shortlisted for the category of Best Children's Display and we will find out on 20th December if we have won! The public vote is open and details have been sent home.

A huge thank you on behalf of all the staff for your kind gifts, cards and lovely words.



### School Clubs

It has been lovely to see so many children in school enjoying clubs this term. We will issue a new list of clubs in the new year.



### Reading Stars

Congratulations to everyone who has achieved their Violet Star! We will continue to count reading during the Christmas holiday. It's the White Star next for 100 reads!



### Cake Sale

Thank you for all your cake donations and for supporting the cake sale on Thursday.



Thank you also to the Year 5 children who initially approached the School Council with their fundraising idea, and thank you to the School Council and Miss Flood for organising the sale. Over £250 was raised and will be donated to Cash for Kids, Wave 105 local charity.

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

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

Willow Class – **Grace**...*Achievement*...using her sounds brilliantly to write Christmas words.

Chestnut Class – **Gemma**...*Achievement*...fabulous writing for Father Christmas!

Apple Class – **Evie**...*Kindness & Trust*...being the most wonderful, kind and helpful friend to others.

Cherry Class – **Myra**...*Achievement*...being a super mathematician, completing word problems independently.

Lime Class – **Thomas**...*Growth*...always finding out new facts and asking great questions.

Holly Class – **Joseph**...*Resilience*...working really hard and independently on coordinates in maths.

Cedar Class – **Everyone!**...*Excellence*...making everyone in the Year 3 team proud by working so hard all term!

Silver Birch Class – **Everyone!**...*Excellence*...making everyone in the Year 3 team proud by working so hard all term!

Hazel Class – **Mia**...*Excellence*...being a true pleasure to teach all term.

Yew Class – **Lewis**...*Partnership & Kindness*...so supportive to others during computing, helping others.

Sycamore Class – **Niamh**...*Excellence*...producing outstanding artwork using lino printing and collage.

Juniper Class – **Naomi**...*Aspiration*...effort and attention to detail when creating 'Peter Thorpe' inspired artwork.

Maple Class – **Noah S**...*Aspiration & Excellence*...being the best author he can possibly be—outstanding!

Oak Class – **Alfie**...*Resilience*...impressive fractions work—so determined to succeed!



## Diary Dates Spring Term 2022

Dates	Events
Tuesday 4th January	Day Closure for Staff Training
Wednesday 5th January	The Children Return to School
Friday 14th January	Cheerleading Experience Day
WB: 17th January	Yr R—6 Life Education Visits
21st—25th February	Half Term
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day
Friday 13th March	Red Nose Day
WB: 21st March	Parents Evening Week
Wednesday 30th March 6pm	Year 3/4 Show
Thursday 31st March 6pm	Year 3/4 Show
Sunday 3rd April	Year 6 Residential Leaves
Wednesday 6th April	Year 6 Residential Returns
Friday 8th April	Day Closure for Staff Training
11th—22nd April	Easter Holiday
25th April	Children return to school

### Summer Term Day Closure

Thursday 21st July 2022