

Park Gate Primary School News

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Dear Parents,

It has been such a great start to the term with the children really engaged in their new learning. The Curriculinks will be sent home next week to keep you up to date on the curriculum for the Spring Term .

We are in the process of arranging after school clubs for this term. We will aim to start clubs the week beginning 24th January. This will give us two weeks to monitor Covid-19 cases and enable us to make a decision about which clubs are then able to go ahead. Hopefully it will be all of them!

Just a reminder about a recent announcement regarding testing. Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

Kind regards
Lindsay McCarthy
Headteacher

Lunch Menus for the Spring Term

Menus have been sent home for your information.



Road Safety

Our Junior Road Safety Officers worked extremely hard last term to spread the message of keeping children safe when arriving and leaving school and the vast majority of parents have worked with the school to keep our local roads safe. We currently have a few cars blocking the flow of traffic at the beginning of the day by stopping in the road when dropping children at school. This is extremely dangerous. There are plenty of places to park within a two minute walk of the school and please can I ask that these are used.



School Uniform Donations

Thank you for your uniform donations. To help us with storage, please can I ask that as a temporary measure only sweatshirts, cardigans and polo tops with the school logo are donated to the school. We don't require donations of trousers, skirts, etc at the moment.



Reading Stars

Today we have awarded our first Silver Reading Stars! Congratulations to all of those children who have achieved this next star. 100 reads is the target so please keep reading with your child at least 3 times a week!



Year R applications for September 2022

If you have family members or friends who have children due to start school in September 2022, the closing date for applications is 15th January 2022.



Thank you to Mrs Cahill for entering Park Gate in the Illumination Street competition and for all those who voted for us. We came 2nd place for Judges Choice and Public Vote and were awarded a £125 voucher.

Congratulations to our Values Ambassadors of the Week!

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

Willow Class – **Everyone!**...Growth & *Achievement*...settling back into school so brilliantly, remembering The Park Gate Way.

Chestnut Class – **Toby**...Growth & *Achievement*...being a superstar in phonics and maths. A great start to term!

Apple Class – **Luke**...*Achievement*...fantastic writing all about Scotland.

Cherry Class – **Amelia**...*Aspiration*...super independent work to create a fact file about Scotland.

Lime Class – **Itoro**...*Growth*...using excellent listening skills to gain lots of historical knowledge.

Holly Class – **Matthew**...*Achievement*...great listening and super contributions to class discussions.

Cedar Class – **Emily**...*Achievement*...a super start to multiplication in maths, gaining confidence in using arrays.

Silver Birch Class – **Freddie**...*Excellence*...using excellent vocabulary and contributing fantastic ideas with the class.

Hazel Class – **Zoe**...*Aspiration*...always being engaged in her learning and setting a great example to others.

Yew Class – **Alice**...*Excellence*...amazing contributions to the class when making an unusual discovery in the grounds.

Sycamore Class – **Tilly-Belle**...*Partnership*...fantastic defence and attacking play in benchball.

Juniper Class – **Amelia**...*Resilience & Kindness*...always trying your hardest and being so kind and thoughtful to everyone.

Maple Class – **Everyone!**...*Aspiration*...for returning to school with an amazing 'can-do' attitude.

Oak Class – **Jake**...*Achievement*...a brilliant first week back. Great job! Keep it up!



Diary Dates Spring Term 2022

Dates	Events
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
Monday 25th April	Children return to school

Summer Term Day Closure

Thursday 21st July 2022