

Park Gate Primary School News

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Dear Parents and Carers

Current Covid cases at Park Gate at present remain low and I thank you for your vigilance with looking out for symptoms, testing and keeping us informed.

From Monday 17th January, people who are self-isolating with Covid-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if a child tests negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to school immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of the tests is positive, your child should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation. Further information can be found through the following link.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/self-isolation-for-those-with-covid-19-can-end-after-five-full-days-following-two-negative-lfd-tests>

Please can you continue to keep the office informed preferably by email so we can continue to monitor when children will be returning to school.

Kind regards
Lindsay McCarthy
Headteacher

School Clubs

Information regarding our Spring Clubs has now been sent home electronically. If your child is interested in attending a club please sign them up through the online form.



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**.

Change of arrangements for Year 3/4 Show

We have reviewed the arrangements for the Year 3/4 Show and with the children not being involved in performances for what feels like so long, we wanted to put plans in place to try and make this happen. We will therefore follow the model from the Year R, 1 and 2 Christmas Shows, with the children performing to each class audience separately. This will enable us to reduce the number of people in the hall.

Therefore the new dates for the shows are as follows;

Tuesday 29th March 9.30am Cedar Class Audience

Tuesday 29th March 1.30pm Silver Birch Audience

Friday 1st April 9.30am Hazel Audience

Friday 1st April 1.30pm Yew Audience



School Uniform Sale

Thank you to our parent volunteers for arranging the uniform sale today.



Congratulations to our Values Ambassadors of the Week!

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

Willow Class – **Daisy**...*Excellence*...always putting 100% effort into her learning.

Chestnut Class – **Sophie**...*Growth & Achievement*...amazing 'Stickman' writing using her phonics.

Apple Class – **Marcie**...*Resilience*...such fantastic resilience in maths this week.

Cherry Class – **Josh**...*Achievement*...amazing use of phonics knowledge when writing Blossom News.

Lime Class – **Reeva**...*Resilience*...taking on new challenges in maths activities.

Holly Class – **Alfie**...*Partnership*...sharing his fantastic ideas about mixed-up fairy tales.

Cedar Class – **Oscar**...*Excellence*...a fantastic first week at Park Gate.

Silver Birch Class – **Bethany**...*Achievement*...fantastic maths work, using arrays and repeated addition for multiplication.

Hazel Class – **Layton**...*Excellence*...listening really carefully and working hard. A great start to 2022!

Yew Class – **Jake**...*Aspiration & Achievement*...choosing such adventurous similes, metaphors and personification.

Sycamore Class – **Yong**...*Excellence*...out of this world contribution to the Space Academy Outcome!

Juniper Class – **Finn**...*Aspiration*...engaging so well with his learning, showing such a positive attitude.

Maple Class – **Lily-Anne**...*Aspiration*...having such high expectations of herself in maths.

Oak Class – **Amelia**...*Achievement*...such amazing progress since the beginning of the year.



Cheerleading Experience Years 3 and 4

I would like to thank Storm Athletics who visited Park Gate today to work with our Year 3 and 4 children. The children had a fantastic time!



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The Coram Life Education & SCARF team will be visiting our school next week.

The children's charity Coram Life Education provides Health and Wellbeing Education support to schools. Workshops are delivered by skilled educators and the SCARF resource is the framework of our PDL (Personal Development Learning) education curriculum.

The fun, interactive and age-appropriate workshops help children to understand the importance of physical and emotional health; they learn vital life-skills that are also known to help their overall achievement.

Early Years and Key Stage 1: children will learn about keeping their bodies healthy, managing feelings, being a good friend and the safe use of medicines.

Key Stage 2: children explore emotional needs, choices that can affect health and wellbeing, qualities of friendship and how to cope with bullying and the influence of friends. They also consider the effects and risks with the use of drugs, including medicines, alcohol and tobacco as well as an understanding of how few people in their age group actually use non-medical drugs – this is social norms education.

Workshops will be taking place in the classrooms as follows;

Date	Class Name	Year
Mon 17 th Jan	Maple Class	6
	Oak Class	6
	Lime Class	2
	Holly Class	2
Tues 18 th Jan	Hazel Class	4
	Yew Class	4
	Apple Blossom Class	1
	Cherry Blossom Class	1
Weds 19 th Jan	Sycamore Class	5
	Juniper Class	5
	Willow Class	R
	Cedar Class	3
Thurs 20 th Jan	Silver Birch Class	3
	Chestnut Class	R

Diary Dates Spring Term 2022

Dates	Events
WB: 17th January	Yr R—6 Life Education Visits
21st—25th February	Half Term
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day
Friday 18th March	Red Nose Day
WB: 21st March	Parents Evening Week
Tuesday 29th March 9.30am	Year 3/4 Show Cedar Class Audience
Tuesday 29th March 1.30pm	Year 3/4 Show Silver Birch Class Audience
Wednesday 30th March (eve)	Collaborative Choir Concert
Thursday 31st March (eve)	Collaborative Choir Concert
Friday 1st April 9.30am	Year 3/4 Show Hazel Class Audience
Friday 1st April 1.30pm	Year 3/4 Show Yew Class Audience
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