

# Park Gate Primary School News

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Dear Parents and Carers

It is the end to another busy week here at Park Gate. Many of our after school clubs started this week and it has been lovely to see the children enjoying a variety of different activities. Collaborative Choir and Science clubs will begin next week.

World Book Day is on the horizon—Thursday 3rd March. We are currently making plans and will let you know as soon as possible about the theme of our day.

The weather continues to be very cold at the moment so we ask that all children bring a coat into school each day.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Lindsay McCarthy

Headteacher

### Children's Mental Health Week—7th-13th February 2022

Coming up in school on the week starting 7th February we have Children's Mental Health Week. This year the focus is on 'Growing Together'. In school we will be exploring this through a set of assemblies and in class too. We will be sending home a short activity where we will ask the question: How have you grown at Park Gate? The children will be asked to think about the different ways in which they have grown and represent one way on a leaf for a tree on display in the school hall. Please help your child to think about how they have grown during their time at Park Gate. This could be about physical growth, mentally, academically, through friendships, tolerance and understanding as a few ideas. They can represent this through drawings or writing and we will add this onto our school tree. We will post pictures when the tree is complete.



### Portsdown Cross Country

The next race is on today. Good luck to all those who will be running for Park Gate.

### Bags to School Collection

Thank you to all of you who donated a bag of clothes to the Bags To School Collection. We have raised a fantastic £267 from your old clothes! This is all helps to raise vital funds for the school.



### A Move to the Digital!



As a school, we have made a further leap into the digital age! We have now been using a piece of software in school called ScholarPack. It has many uses in school, one of which we are mastering is digital registers. The staff have taken to these very quickly and has helped us to reduce the amount of paper we need to use in school on a daily basis.

Watch this space as we will be moving our communication system to parents over to the ScholarPack App soon! More details to follow shortly.

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

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

Willow Class – **Hollie...Excellence...** writing an excellent fact about a polar bear.

Chestnut Class – **Poppy...Kindness & Trust...** always following the Park Gate Way and being a kind friend.

Apple Class – **Ruby...Apple...**super writing about the bus stop and why the Gingerbread Man might have been there.

Cherry Class – **Maddie...Achievement...** for trying so very hard to improve her handwriting.

Lime Class – **George...Achievement...** a great working week and following the Park Gate Way.

Holly Class – **Florence...Excellence...** sharing great ideas about Goldilocks when writing a Wanted poster.

Cedar Class – **Rosie...Excellence...** a fabulous week; super focus on tasks and great pride in the presentation of her work.

Silver Birch Class – **Ethan...Resilience...**great maths when securing his understanding of division.

Hazel Class – **Chloe...Partnership...** working collaboratively and independently when needed at all times this week.

Yew Class – **Todd...Resilience & Aspiration...** working so hard to improve his handwriting. The results are fantastic!

Sycamore Class – **Hallie...Aspiration...**amazing maths with multiplication, overcoming small challenges along the way.

Juniper Class – **Poppy...Excellence...** trying so hard to master a new method in multiplication.

Maple Class – **Kelsey...Achievement...** brilliant improvement in her arithmetic, becoming more accurate every day.

Oak Class – **Harry...Aspiration...** impressing all staff with his superb effort and focus in all lessons.



## Diary Dates Spring Term 2022

Dates	Events
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