

Park Gate Primary School News

Number 2 : 17th September 2021



Dear Parents,

What a busy week it has been! All Year 1-6 staff have now completed their Welcome and Information Meetings for parents. Thank you to those parents that were able to be with us on Teams. We have sent a link to the recording of your child's year group meeting for those of you that were unable to attend.

Year 5 had their first swimming lesson at Holly Hill Leisure Centre this week. The children were great and looking forward to 9 more weeks of swimming. The coach does find it difficult to navigate down Northmore Road at approximately 2.50pm on a Monday afternoon. Please try to keep the road clear of parking, particularly on the bend as you approach the school field. Thank you for this.

Kind regards
Lindsay McCarthy
Headteacher

House Captains



We have had four House Captain assemblies this week and the school have been voting for their new representatives. Well done to all of those children who stood for the

positions. You gave some great speeches.

It gives me great pleasure to announce our new House Captains:

Talisman	Archie & Gabriella
Gauntlet	Harrison & Esme
Vanguard	Owen & Isla Th.
Sovereign	Henry & Maisie

After School Clubs

On Wednesday we sent an online form to parents in Years 1-6 with the choices of after school clubs that are available in the Autumn Term. If your child would like to attend an after school club, please ensure you have completed this form by 9am on Monday 20th



September. Club lists will be created and further information will be sent home shortly to detail which clubs your child will be attending.

Children Starting School September 2022

If you have a child who is due to start school next year in September 2022, we will be hosting tours of the school in small groups on a selection of dates. These tours will take place after school on the following dates:

Monday 15th November	There will be two sessions on each date: 3.30– 4.00pm and 4.15-4.45pm.
Wednesday 17th November	
Thursday 18th November	
Tuesday 23rd November	

If you have a child starting school in September 2022 and would like a tour of the school, please telephone the school office on 01489 575444 to book onto one of the tours.



Rock To The Beat

All of our children who will be taking part in the Hampshire Music Service 'Rock to the Beat' music lessons have now met their teachers and are



excited to be starting their lessons next week. They have brought home an instrument hire agreement which must be returned to school before their first session on Thursday 23rd September. We are looking forward to seeing how the bands progress together.

Congratulations to our Values Ambassadors of the Week!

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

Willow Class – *Everyone! ...Excellence...* a fantastic first week at Park Gate!

Chestnut Class – *Everyone!...Excellence...* a fantastic first week at Park Gate!

Apple Class – *Alfie...Excellence...* creating a brilliant self-portrait. A master artist!

Cherry Class – *Sadie...Excellence...* fantastic re-drafting of her self-portrait. A masterpiece!

Lime Class – *Kadi...Achievement...* super, creative ideas to write a 'Happy' poem.

Holly Class – *Benardo...Aspiration...* super concentration and always trying his best.

Cedar Class – *Ella...Excellence...* fantastic writing with careful language choices.

Silver Birch Class – *Charlie...Trust...* coming into school every day with a smile on his face!

Hazel Class – *Phoebe...Aspiration...* fully engaging in maths and making amazing progress.

Yew Class – *Lillie-Grace...Resilience & Aspiration...* working through some challenging mathematical tasks.

Juniper Class – *George...Excellence...* amazing sewing skills with attention to detail.

Sycamore Class – *Jack...Excellence...* working so hard to produce a beautiful cushion,

Maple Class – *Isla T...Trust...* always being ready to learn and showing consideration to her peers.



What to do if you are a parent/carer who has COVID-19 and is self-isolating, and therefore cannot transport your child to and from school

In line with the latest [Government COVID-19 guidance](#), if a parent/carer is self-isolating with COVID-19, your child should have a PCR test as soon as possible and can still attend school if they do not have symptoms. If you are in this situation and are unable to transport your child to and from school because you are self-isolating, and you have not been able to identify a trusted friend or relative who could help, please let the school know so we can try to assist. Please note that if your child tests positive for COVID-19 they are legally required to self-isolate.

Please email adminoffice@parkgate.hants.sch.uk if you require assistance.

Applying for a place in Year 7

All information about applying for a school place is available on the county website at: www.hants.gov.uk/admissions, where parents can also apply online.

Important Dates

Applications open on Monday **13 September 2021**

The national **closing date** is Sunday **31 October 2021**

The national **notification date** is Tuesday **1 March 2022**

Waiting lists for oversubscribed schools will be established on **10 March 2022**



Diary Dates

Dates	Events
Thursday 23rd September 2021	Rock2theBeat Lessons begin
Sunday 3rd October 2021	Year 6 PGL Residential to leave
WB: 4th October 2021	Life Education in School
WB: 4th October 2021	Walktober begins
Wednesday 6th October 2021	Year 6 PGL return
WB: 18th October 2021	Parents Evenings
25th October—29th October 2021	Half Term
Monday 1st November 2021	Year 5 Stubbington Residential to leave
Friday 5th November 2021	Year 5 Stubbington Residential to return
Thursday 2nd December 2021 3.00pm—4.00pm	Open classrooms for parents to view books
Tuesday 7th December 2021 2pm	KS1 Christmas Show
Wednesday 8th December 2021 9.30am	KS1 Christmas Show
Wednesday 8th December 2021 2pm	Yr R Nativity
Thursday 9th December 2021 9.30am	Yr R Nativity
Monday 13th December 2021 3.30pm	Christmas Choir Performance to parents/grandparents
Tuesday 14th December 2021 6pm	Carol Service
Friday 17th Dec 2021	Last Day of Term

I will continue to add Autumn Term Dates during the term. New dates will be added in blue.