

Park Gate Primary School News

Number 6 : 15th October 2021



Dear Parents,

I would like to thank the parents of pupils in Year 6 for your support with the decision to postpone the residential. I have spoken to the children this morning as the final decision arrived too late yesterday to speak to them before leaving school at the end of the day.

With the focus of Walktober being all about enjoying the outdoors, it would be lovely to see the children completing their challenge cards and sending these in to school on Monday 1st November with any photographs. The children are aware that there will be prizes for the most active Octobers. Please let me know if you would like me to resend you the Challenge Card.

Kind regards

Lindsay McCarthy Headteacher

Phonics Information Meetings for Parents of Year R, 1 and 2

After half term we will be holding phonics information meetings for parents of children in Years 1 and 2. The meetings will take place via Teams, which you will be sent a link to nearer the time. We aim to explain how we approach the teaching of phonics in the classroom and to give you ideas for how you can help your child at home to acquire these vital early reading skills. If you are unable to attend, the meetings will be recorded and sent out to year groups after the event. **For Year R, we will post a video of information on Tapestry for you to watch. Please watch the video before Parents' Evening next week.**

Year 1: Wednesday 3rd November at 4.30pm

Year 2: Thursday 4th November at 4.30pm



Park Gate Primary School Learning Support Assistant 2 : Vacancy

Closing Date: Monday 18th October 2021 12.00 Noon

Contract/Hours: 8.20am – 3.00pm (including 30 mins lunch cover). Fixed term until 31st August 2022

Salary Type: Support Staff LSA2

Job/Person Summary

We are looking for an enthusiastic, flexible and creative person to join our vibrant primary school. Your duties would predominantly be to work in a year group in Key Stage 1, supporting children in all areas of their learning. As part of the role you will also be required to support pupils in the year group who have an EHCP. The job would also include a 30 minute lunch duty.

We are looking for someone who has:

Empathy with pupils and sympathetic to their needs

Experience of delivering interventions

Basic literacy and numeracy skills

Good communication skills and able to clarify and explain instructions clearly

Professionally discrete and able to respect confidentiality on particular issues

Well-developed interpersonal skills enabling effective relationships with a variety of different people

Team Worker

Application Procedure

To request an application pack, please contact Mrs Vicky Hughes, Finance Officer by telephone 01489 575444.

Park Gate Primary School is committed to safeguarding children and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We will ensure that all our recruitment and selection practices reflect this commitment. All successful candidates will be subjected to Criminal Records Bureau checks along with other relevant employment checks.

Parents' Evening via Teams or Telephone

Hopefully you have now signed up for a Parents' Evening slot and had confirmation of your time and date. Teachers in Years 1-6 will set these appointments up on your child's Teams calendar. Please join the meeting through the calendar at your allotted time. Parents in Year R will have an invitation emailed to your personal email account. The teacher will let you into the meeting when they are ready. Anyone who has requested a telephone call, please be ready at your allotted time.

Congratulations to our Values Ambassadors of the Week!

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

Willow Class – **Torsten...Achievement...** a brilliant week learning new sounds in his reading.

Chestnut Class – **Oilly...Kindness...** being such a kind and caring friend to everyone in the class.

Apple Class – **Luke R...Growth...** demonstrating incredible reasoning skills in maths, answering and solving problems.

Cherry Class – **Daniel...Achievement...** writing a fantastic thought bubble for Big Skeleton from Funnybones.

Lime Class – **Luna...Excellence ...** a beautiful painting of the wavy sea using careful brush strokes.

Holly Class – **Seth...Aspiration...** a great 'Sea of Dreams' story, using some great adjectives and adverbs.

Cedar Class – **Joey...Growth...** confidence in maths this week, crossing boundaries when adding 2-digit numbers.

Silver Birch Class – **Emily...Excellence...** writing a fantastic postcard using fronted adverbials, adjectives and conjunctions.

Hazel Class – **Ivy-Rose...Excellence...** for a truly exceptional attitude towards all of her learning.

Yew Class – **Darcie...Resilience...** working through a challenging new method in maths and have now mastered it.

Juniper Class – **Bobby...Partnership...** a fantastic work ethic demonstrated in every single lesson.

Sycamore Class – **Grace...Excellence...** an outstanding newspaper report on The Highwayman.

Maple Class – **Logan...Excellence...** for a great attitude towards all aspects of learning this week.

Oak Class – **Everyone!...Achievement & Aspiration...** working so hard to learn the long multiplication method.



Diary Dates

Dates	Events
Sunday 17th October 2021	Year 6 leave for PGL POSTPONED NEW DATE TBC
WB: 18th October 2021	Parents' Evenings
25th October—29th October 2021	Half Term
WB: Monday 1st November 2021	Parents Evenings—Year 6
Monday 1st November 2021	Year 5 Stubbington Residential to leave
Wednesday 3rd November 2021—4.30pm	Year 1 Phonics Information Meeting for Parents via Teams
Thursday 4th November 2021—4.30pm	Year 2 Phonics Information Meeting for Parents via Teams
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.