

Park Gate Primary School News

Number 7 : 22nd October 2021



Dear Parents,

Thank you for joining us remotely for Parents Evening this week. On 2nd December we invite you to come into your child's class between 3pm and 4pm to share their work. We hope you will be able to join us.

I have sent a separate letter today to parents of pupils in Year 5 regarding the arrangements for the Stubbington residential.

The cases of Covid-19 have continued to decline in school and I thank you for your continued vigilance with identifying symptoms early and testing children. We will continue to limit mixing to hopefully enable the children to enjoy clubs and year group activities. The additional measures which will remain after half term will be eating in classrooms (except Year R) and assemblies will continue to be recorded and viewed in classrooms.

I hope that you all have a super half term.

Kind regards

Lindsay McCarthy Headteacher

Christmas Performances for Years R, 1 and 2

We have been looking ahead to the festive season and thinking about the most sensible way to ensure that our younger children have the opportunity to perform a Christmas Show to their families this year.

Each year group (R, 1 and 2) will put on their own Christmas Performance for parents during the week beginning 6th December. We have designated each class their own performance for parents to attend. This is to prevent us having too many extra people in the school building at once. Often during shows the hall can be overcrowded and we did not want this to happen this year due to the current climate where COVID is still prevalent in the community. Each class has been allocated one performance:

Year R Willow Class	Thursday 9th December at 9.30am
Year R Chestnut Class	Friday 10th December at 9.30am
Year 1 Apple Blossom Class	Tuesday 7th December at 2pm
Year 1 Cherry Blossom Class	Wednesday 8th December at 2pm
Year 2 Lime Class	Tuesday 7th December at 9.30am
Year 2 Holly Class	Wednesday 8th December at 9.30am

Each child will be allocated 2 tickets for their class performance. We do hope that you understand our reasons for working in this way. This is, of course, open to change dependent on the climate nearer the time. We will endeavour to keep you updated of any changes should they need to happen.

Junior Road Safety Officers

Our new JRSOs have had their training this week and are ready to plan some events and activities for this academic year. Our first event will be a 'Your Time To Shine' day, where we will explore the importance of dressing brightly as the nights get darker earlier. This will be a non-uniform day to wear the brightest clothes possible with related activities through the day. Keep an eye out for further information coming soon.



School Clubs

We will begin our programme of After School Clubs after half term. A separate letter will be sent home with the new dates for the clubs, please take note of the dates as they don't all start the first week back.

Congratulations to our Values Ambassadors of the Week!

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

Willow Class – **Amelie**...*Achievement*... creating a fantastic autumn tree using her colours carefully.

Chestnut Class – **Evie**...*Achievement*... working so hard to learn her new sounds this week.

Apple Class – **Sienna**...*Kindness*...always being exceptionally kind and thoughtful to everyone.

Cherry Class – **Freddie**...*Growth*...producing brilliant independent work by making links to previous learning.

Lime Class – **Jacob**...*Excellence* ... creating an amazing tortoise soft toy using his sewing skills.

Holly Class – **Isabelle**...*Achievement*...brilliant, independent sewing of a sea creature softie.

Cedar Class – **Henry**...*Achievement & Excellence*... amazing determination and positive attitude towards all learning.

Silver Birch Class – **Marcus**...*Achievement*...fantastic addition of hundreds, tens and ones using mathematical vocabulary.

Hazel Class – **Emily**...*Achievement*... for an incredibly innovative and awesomely appealing top secret gadget

Yew Class – **Henri**...*Excellence*...a fantastic letter written to persuade Agent Phillips to buy his spy gadget.

Juniper Class – **River**...*Resilience*...pushing through challenges in Lacrosse sessions resulting in very proud teachers.

Sycamore Class – **Livia**...*Excellence*...recreating an incredible sketch of the poem 'The Listeners' for home learning.

Maple Class – **Rosie**...*Excellence*...for a brilliant home learning project, creating a nutritious weekly food menu.

Oak Class – **Holly**...*Resilience*... for not giving up in maths this week and applying new maths skills to word problems.



Diary Dates

Dates	Events
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
Tuesday 9th November 2021	School Photographer Returns (for those who were absent)
Monday 15th November 2021	Year 3 Visit to Butser Ancient Farm
Friday 19th November 2021	#Your Time To Shine Day—Non-uniform BRIGHT clothes
Thursday 2nd December 2021 3.00pm—4.00pm	Open classrooms for parents to view books
Tuesday 7th December 2021 9.30am	Year 2 Christmas Show for Lime Class
Tuesday 7th December 2021 2pm	Year 1 Christmas Show for Apple Blossom Class
Wednesday 8th December 2021 9.30am	Year 2 Christmas Show for Holly Class
Wednesday 8th December 2021 2pm	Year 1 Christmas Show for Cherry Blossom Class
Thursday 9th December 2021 9.30am	Yr R Christmas Show for Willow Class
Friday 10th December 2021 9.30am	Year R Christmas Show for Chestnut Class
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.