

Park Gate Primary School News

Number 1 : 8th September 2023



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first Park Gate News of the school year. I hope that you all had a super summer.

The children have made such a positive start back to school and have managed the heatwave so well. Hopefully next week will be a bit cooler!

Diary dates for the Autumn Term are attached to the newsletter and are available on the school website. Any additional dates will be added in blue each Friday.

We are really looking forward to the term ahead and look forward to welcoming you to our Welcome Meetings taking place next week.

Kind regards
Lindsay McCarthy Headteacher

Welcome Meetings

The diary dates detail the dates and times of our Welcome Meetings for parents of children in Years 1—6.



The meetings will be face to face at school. Please come to the main reception area and you will be directed to your meeting. For anyone unable to attend these meetings, we will be sending out the PowerPoint slides to the year group after the meeting. These meetings allow you to meet the teachers and understand the year ahead for your child.

We are also keen for parents to come into school and look at the work completed by the children in the first two weeks of term. Therefore parents are welcome to come into school with your children from 3pm—4pm on Thursday 14th September.

Beginning of the School Day

In line with our Attendance Policy, the school day starts at 8.40am and registers are taken at 8.50am. All children need to be in the classroom ready for registration at 8.50am. The school gates will continue to be open from 8.30am—8.45am, however anyone arriving after 8.45am will need to enter the school through the main reception doors.



Uniform, Jewellery and Hair

Please can we remind parents to ensure that the correct uniform is worn at all times. Stud earrings can be worn to school, but no hoops or dangly ones. Earrings that cannot be removed need to be taped up for PE days. Please do this before your child comes to school or place a small roll of surgical tape into their bags for them to put on before their PE lessons. Long hair should always be tied back.



Reading Stars will begin on 8th September

We are looking forward to presenting the children with our new reading stars awards and ask that you record reads at home from 8th September 2023. Please look out for a letter from Miss Spears that has been sent out today.

Congratulations to our Values Ambassadors of the Week!

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

Apple Class – **Everyone!**...*Achievement*...a wonderful first week in Year One. What an incredible start to the year!

Cherry Class – **Everyone!**...*Aspiration*...a fantastic start to Year One. You have all worked so hard.

Lime Class – **Everyone!**...*Partnership*...a fantastic first week full of amazing teamwork!

Holly Class – **Everyone!**...*Resilience & Aspiration*...a fantastic first week in Year 2, trying their best in everything!

Cedar Class – **Sadie**...*Achievement*... using new skills to create a clay face with some fantastic hair!

Silver Birch Class – **Archie**...*Excellence*...using new skills to make a fantastic clay face.

Hazel Class – **Elsbeth**...*Partnership*... great confidence in your first week at Park Gate.

Yew Class – **Kaden**...*Aspiration*...an excellent self portrait using charcoal pencils.

Juniper Class – **Emmie**... *Achievement*...wonderful listening and marvellous concentration.

Sycamore Class – **Aiden**...*Partnership & Trust*...actively engaging in all learning and following instructions carefully.

Maple Class – **Summer**...*Excellence*...an amazing first week at Park Gate! Welcome to our school.

Oak Class – **Harry**...*Excellence*... an impressive learning attitude all week.

Safe Parking

Please can I ask that we all use the voluntary one-way system at the beginning and end of the school day. Can I also ask everyone to park in the allocated bays or neighbouring streets. Please do not block pathways or residents driveways.



NUT FREE SCHOOL

Just a reminder that we do have some children in school with serious nut allergies. We must not have any nuts or items containing nuts on the school site. Also, please do not put chocolate spread in sandwiches for packed lunches as this often contains nuts.



School Menu

The menu for the first half of the autumn term has been emailed out today. School lunches cost £3.00 per day for children in Year's 3-6.



Please ensure sufficient funds are in your Scopay account before ordering a lunch and please keep an eye on your credit balance.

Diary Dates

Dates	Events
Monday 8th September	Start counting Reading Stars!
Monday 11th September 4.00pm	*Year 4 Welcome Meeting for Parents (in person) * The Powerpoints for all Welcome Meetings will be sent home
Monday 11th September 5.00pm	*Year 5 Welcome Meeting for Parents (in person)
Tuesday 12th September 4.00pm	*Year 3 Welcome Meeting for Parents (in person)
Tuesday 12th September 5.00pm	*Year 2 Welcome Meeting for Parents (in person)
Wednesday 13th September 4.00pm	*Year 6 Welcome Meeting for Parents (in person)
Wednesday 13th September 5.00pm	*Year 1 Welcome Meeting for Parents (in person)
Thursday 14th September 3.00pm—4.00pm	Informal Classroom Visits for Parents to view 'This is Me' Project Work
Tuesday 19th September	Homework Booklets sent home
Wednesday 27th September 5.00pm	Focus on Phonics Workshop for Parents (in person)
Friday 29th September	Photographs (Individual and Siblings)
Tuesday 3rd October 2.15pm	Join us for Coffee and Cakes (Parents & Staff : Informal chat. Pre-school children welcome)
WB: 9th October	SCARF Week
Thursday 12th October	Year 3 Butser Farm Visit
WB: 16th October	Parents Evening Week
Friday 20th October 9.00am –11.00am	Maths Workshop for Parents
23rd—27th October	Half Term



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Monday 13th November 3.30pm—4.30pm 4.30pm—5.30pm	Tours of the School for Year R September 2024
Wednesday 15th November (am)	Choices Workshops for Year 6 pupils
Thursday 16th November 3.30pm—4.30pm 4.30pm—5.30pm	Tours of the School for Year R September 2024
Monday 20th November 3.30pm—4.30pm 4.30pm—5.30pm	Tours of the School for Year R September 2024
Wednesday 22nd November 8.45am—9.45am	Join us for Coffee and Cakes (Parents & Staff : Informal chat. Pre-school children welcome)
Wednesday 22nd November 3.30pm—4.30pm 4.30pm—5.30pm	Tours of the School for Year R September 2024
Thursday 23rd November (am)	Choices Workshops for Year 6 pupils
Monday 27th November 6.00pm	Year 6 SATS Meeting for Parents
Wednesday 29th November 3.00pm—4.00pm	Open Classrooms for Parents
Tuesday 5th December 2.00pm	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show—Year 1 parents
Wednesday 6th December 9.30am	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show—Year 2 parents
Wednesday 6th December 2.00pm	Year R Nativity—Willow Class
Thursday 7th December 9.30am	Year R Nativity—Chestnut Class
Wednesday 13th December 6.00pm	Carol Service
Friday 15th December	Last Day of the Autumn Term



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