

Park Gate Primary School News

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Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to see the children enjoying their Christmas dinner in school this week and I would like to thank our catering staff for all their hard work. It is quite a job cooking Christmas lunch for all the children and staff!

Congratulations to all the children who have achieved their reading stars. We will continue to count reads over Christmas.

I would like to say a huge, personal thank you for all your support this term. Our children and staff have worked so hard and achieved great things and as always the Park Gate community has joined together to support each other. It has been lovely to see so many parents in school for events, learning outcomes, workshops and parents evenings.

I hope that you all have a happy and peaceful Christmas and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 2nd January.

Kind regards
Lindsay McCarthy
Headteacher

Free Emotional Health Courses for Parents

There are now free courses available from bump to 19+ years for parents to access, and these include;



- Understanding your child (0-19 years)
- Understanding your child with additional needs (0-19 years)
- Understanding your child's feelings
- Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Understanding your relationships
- Understanding the impact of the pandemic on your child/teenager
- Understanding your teenager's brain
- Understanding your brain (for teenagers only)
- Understanding your feelings (for teenagers only)

All the information needed to sign up for these free courses can be found at: <https://inourplace.co.uk>

Parent Guide to Special Educational Needs

A new, helpful guide to supporting pupils with Special Educational Needs has been created by Hampshire County Council and has been sent home to parents alongside the newsletter.



The wonderful Friends of Park Gate!

The Friends have continued to work hard in the last week of term, supporting the Christmas Carols and organising a disco for the children. All the fundraising this term means that an amazing £7425.00 has been raised towards our new adventure playground! Thank you so much to SJ and everyone involved.



Congratulations to everyone who has performed at Park Gate this week, including the choir, Beyond the Beat, Listen2Me and Rock2theBeat. A fantastic week of music!

A huge thank you on behalf of all the staff for your kind gifts, cards and lovely words.



Congratulations to our Values Ambassadors of the Week!

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

Willow Class – **Gracie...Achievement...**writing a fantastic list to Father Christmas, thinking about all the sounds in the words.

Chestnut Class – **Oliver...Resilience, Growth & Aspiration...**for having such a fabulous attitude to learning.

Apple Class – **Brogan...Excellence...** being an excellent role model of The Park Gate Way every, single day!

Cherry Class – **Betsy...Resilience ..**for demonstrating great confidence in the classroom. Everyone is so proud!

Lime Class – **Lawrence...Growth...**his hard work, concentration and resilience have resulted in a fantastic term!

Holly Class – **Torsten.....Partnership & Excellence...**sharing all his science knowledge brilliantly with the class.

Silver Birch Class – **Luke...Excellence...**super sewing, successfully using running stitch and over stitch to create a stocking.

Cedar Class – **Evie...Excellence...**creating such a wonderful version of the Nativity, making great language choices.

Yew Class – **Ellie-May...Aspiration...**fantastic attitude towards improving her times tables.

Hazel Class – **Beth...Excellence & Trust...** an excellent day of outdoor learning, being so curious and kind.

Juniper Class – **Everyone ...All the Values!...**a brilliant day of outdoor learning. We all had an amazing time!

Sycamore Class – **Everyone...All the Values!...**a brilliant day of outdoor learning. We all had an amazing time!

Maple Class – **Joe ...Excellence...** a positive, hard working attitude throughout our 'How Civilised' project.

Oak Class – **Samuel ...Trust...**great focus, listening carefully to others and valuing everyone's opinion.

Diary Dates

Dates	Events
Tuesday 2nd January	The Children Return to School
Wednesday 31st Jan—Friday 2nd February	Bikeability Year 6
Wednesday 7th February 3pm—4pm	Open Classrooms for Parents
Friday 9th February	Day Closure for Staff Training
12th—16th February	Half Term
Monday 4th March	Year 6 Residential leaves
Wednesday 6th March	Year 6 Residential returns
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Thursday 8th February	Year 4 Visit to Fareham
Wednesday 13th March 6pm	Year 3/4 Show (Year 3 Parents)
Thursday 14th March 6pm	Year 3/4 Show (Year 4 Parents)
Friday 15th March AM	Chestnut Class Library Visit
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day
WB: 18th March	Parents Evening Week
Friday 22nd March AM	Willow Class Library Visit
Tuesday 26th March	Year 3 Visit to Selborne
Tuesday 26th March EVE	Collaborative Concert at Brookfield (Choir)
Wednesday 27th March EVE	Collaborative Concert at Brookfield (Choir)
Friday 28th March	Day Closure for Staff Training
29th March—12th April	Easter Holiday
Monday 15th April	Children return to school

Further Day Closures for Staff Training

Friday 9th February 2024

Thursday 28th March 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024

