

# Park Gate Primary School News

## Number 2 : 15th September 2023



Dear Parents,  
Thank you to all the parents who were able to come in after school yesterday to see the work completed by the children in the first two weeks of term and to say hello to the teachers. Thank you also to everyone who attended the Welcome Meetings. The powerpoints have been sent home and provide useful information about the individual year groups.

Our Year R children have made a fantastic start to school and we are looking forward to welcoming them full time into school from Monday 18th September.

Kind regards  
Lindsay McCarthy  
Headteacher

### Strawberry Inspired Art

Next week the children in Years 1-6 will be creating some strawberry inspired art to help brighten up the external walls of the school.



### Volunteering in School

We are looking forward to welcoming parents into school to help and ask that if you would like to volunteer that you have registered your interest by Wednesday 20th September. We will then begin the process of completing the necessary safeguarding checks.

### Water Bottles

I thought it would be helpful to clarify our position on water bottles. In our arrangements letter sent in July we kindly asked if children could bring sports cap bottles to school for their water. This was to avoid 'Air-Up' bottles being accidentally broken or screw cap bottles spilling onto work. We appreciate that parents may choose not to send a sports cap bottle.



### 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.



We look forward to working with lots of children in various positions of responsibility this year.

Talisman	Mia & Rae
Gauntlet	Lewis & Quinn
Vanguard	Bella & Alice
Sovereign	Todd & Olivia

### After School Clubs

Thank you for completing the Autumn After School Club form. Confirmation of clubs for your child will be sent home by email next week. Clubs will start the week beginning 25th September with the exception of cross country which will begin on Friday 22nd September. I would like to thank all the staff for giving their time to run clubs.

### Homework

Weekly homework begins next week. Homework for Years 1–6 is sent out on a Tuesday and returned on a Monday. Year 2 have already received their Homework Booklets.

### Congratulations to our Values Ambassadors of the Week!

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

Apple Class – **Frank**...*Excellence*...super listening, super attitude and a superstar week!

Cherry Class – **Ronnie**...*Excellence*...*fantastic settling in to school. Great listening and brilliant in all lessons.*

Lime Class – **Henri**...*Resilience*...working so hard this week and coming into school with more confidence. Well done!

Holly Class – **Clark**...*Aspiration*...writing a beautiful poem about being happy.

Cedar Class – **Edith**...*Partnership*... offering support to others with their learning this week. We are so proud of you.

Silver Birch Class – **Oliver**...*Excellence*...marvellous music! Fantastic listening and playing confidently.

Hazel Class – **Jessica**...*Aspiration*... setting yourself high aspirations in the classroom with excellent listening skills too.

Yew Class – **Alfie**...*Aspiration*...fantastic efforts in his handwriting. Keep it up!

Juniper Class – **Caleb**...*Aspiration, Kindness, Trust & Resilience*...100% effort—a Juniper Superstar!

Sycamore Class – **Heidi**...*Resilience & Achievement*...for not giving up when sewing with 3 different stitches.

Maple Class – **Rhys**...*Excellence*...outstanding contributions in lessons with descriptive sentences and vocabulary.

Oak Class – **Chloe**...*Trust*... following instructions immediately and is always ready to learn.

## Diary Dates

Dates	Events
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
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.

