

# Park Gate Primary School News

## Number 3 : 22nd September 2023



Dear Parents,

We have heard from Mrs McCarthy and her operation on her foot has gone to plan and she is now at home with strict instructions to stay still for the next few weeks. She is grateful for your kind thoughts and wishes.

This week all of the children in Years 1-6 have created a piece of strawberry artwork, inspired by our local history and a particular artist. They have created some excellent pieces of art which will be on display at the end of next week. An email with the details will be sent out soon.



All clubs will start from next week (except Cross Country, which starts today and Choir which starts on 9th October). Please check your email for confirmation of which club your child is attending and dates when it is running. We hope the children enjoy their clubs.

Kind regards  
Allison Chapman  
Deputy Head

### Fareham In Bloom Winners!

Park Gate Primary School have won the 'Community' category of this year's Fareham In Bloom! Thank you to all of you that voted for us. Our gardening Club and some of last year's Year 5 pupils helped to re-develop the area outside the main school office alongside various other environmental projects in the school grounds. A HUGE thank you to Miss Stream and her green-fingered gardening team.



### Sports Leaders

Thank you to all of the children who applied to be our Sports Leaders. We had lots of applications that were all of a high standard. Congratulations to Sophia A, Alfie H, Joe M, Ruby C, Lexie G and Lilly H. These children will be helping out at sporting events in the coming weeks.



### School Council

Lots of children stood up in front of their class and stood for School Council. Here is our new School Council for 2023-2024...



Year 1	Alice F-S & Finlay D
Year 2	Cerys R & Hollie W
Year 3	Harvey M & Everly H
Year 4	Spencer B & Bella R
Year 5	Henry W & Thomas S
Year 6	Harvey B & Aimee Y

### Eco Warriors

Again, we were overwhelmed with applications for this role. Well done to everyone who applied. Here are our new Eco Warriors for 2023-2024....



Year 1	Alfie T & Morghana K
Year 2	Leonie W & Torsten C-S
Year 3	Cally-Jo M & Maria W
Year 4	Grace S & Ito A
Year 5	Archie B & Ava C
Year 6	Layton K & Ivy-Rose P

### JRSO

Well done to the Year 5 children who applied for the role of Junior Road Safety Officer (JRSO). Our new team will be: Henry B, Ella S, Edwin C and Bethany B.



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

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

Willow Class – **Zachary**...*Excellence*...always showing such beautiful manners and being such a kind member of the class.

Chestnut Class – **Rupert**...*Excellence*...following The Park Gate Way, trying your best and playing with friends.

Apple Class – **Alfie**...*Growth*...a fantastically smiley start to every day. You brighten everyone's day!

Cherry Class – **Alexandra**...*Resilience*...amazing strawberry artwork with careful detail.

Lime Class – **Beatrix**...*Excellence*...using fantastic maths vocabulary to explain her thinking every day this week.

Holly Class – **Wyatt**...*Aspiration & Excellence*...an incredible attitude to learning and confident answers in maths lessons.

Cedar Class – **Cally-Jo**...*Aspiration*...fantastic contributions in all maths lessons. Your enthusiasm is inspiring!

Silver Birch Class – **Alfie**...*Partnership*...actively engaging in history lessons, listening and sharing knowledge.

Hazel Class – **Harvey**...*Resilience & Growth*... making great improvements to his strawberry artwork.

Yew Class – **Zak**...*Resilience*...a fabulous William Morris inspired piece of strawberry artwork.

Juniper Class – **JJ**...*Aspiration*...super enthusiasm and effort when learning about the solar system.

Sycamore Class – **Edwin**...*Aspiration*...a fantastic and enthusiastic attitude towards the new project—Space Academy.

Maple Class – **Henry**...*Resilience & Excellence*...a super week and produced some fantastic work.

Oak Class – **Samuel M**...*Excellence*... writing a moving diary entry as Marlon from 'Pig Heart Boy'.

## Applying for Secondary School Places—Now open for Year 6

Parents and carers with children due to move to secondary school next year can now [apply for their child's school place for September 2024](#). Secondary school applications are open until 31 October.

Applications can be [submitted online](#), while paper forms can be requested by emailing [admissions.team@hants.gov.uk](mailto:admissions.team@hants.gov.uk).

Please follow the below guidance when submitting your application:

\*Name three schools on your application to give you the best chance of being offered a place at one of your preferred schools.

\*Submit your application on time, before the 31 October deadline.

\*Use the County Council's [school catchment area finder](#) to check the catchment school for your address.

\*Read the schools' admissions policies and look at previous years' admissions data to get an indication of how many places schools can allocate and the criteria that will be used to allocate places.

\*Think about how your child will get to school. See the [travel to school](#) pages to help plan your journey and find out if you are eligible for help with transport. You must name your catchment school as one of your preferences if you wish to apply for transport assistance.



### Breaktime Fruit Snack

All children in Years R, 1 and 2 have a piece of fruit each day supplied by the Government for their morning snack. If your child would like to bring in their own piece of fruit or veg, this is fine too. We do ask that this is only a piece of fruit or veg and not items such as fruit flakes or fruit winders style snacks. Years 3-6 may also bring in a piece of fruit or veg as their snack.



## Diary Dates

Dates	Events
Wednesday 27th September 5.00pm	Focus on Phonics Workshop for Parents (in person)
Friday 29th September	Photographs (Individual and Siblings)
Friday 29th September	Strawberry Art Gallery—All welcome to come and see our Strawberry Gallery from 3-3.30pm
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
Tuesday 17th October 2.30pm	Yew Tree Class Listen 2 Me Concert to Parents
Friday 20th October 9.00am –11.00am	Maths Workshop for Parents
23rd—27th October	Half Term

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Monday 30th October	Halloween Disco—KS1 4.00-5.00pm KS2 5.30-7.00pm
Tuesday 31st October	Closing date for Secondary School Applications
Monday 13th November 3.30pm—4.30pm	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	Tours of the School for Year R September 2024
Monday 20th November 3.30pm—4.30pm	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
Saturday 25th November	Family Photo Shoot
Monday 27th November 6.00pm	Year 6 SATS Meeting for Parents
Wednesday 29th November 3.00pm—4.00pm	Open Classrooms for Parents
Thursday 30th November	Christmas Wreath Making 7.00-9.30pm
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
Tuesday 12th December 2.30pm	Cedar Class Listen 2 Me Concert for Parents
Wednesday 13th December 6.00pm	Carol Service
Thursday 14th December	Christmas Disco—KS1 4.00-5.00pm KS2 5.30-7.00pm
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.

