

# Park Gate Primary School News

## Number 4 : 29th September 2023



Dear Parents,

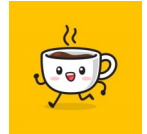
Our after school clubs have started this week and have been very well attended. I have seen children drawing, sewing, being gymnasts and coding on the iPads. I hope the children are enjoying the new clubs.

Thank you to those of you who were able to come and see our Pop-Up Strawberry Art Gallery today. The children have created some fantastic pieces of artwork, some of which will appear on the external walls of the school in the coming weeks.

Mrs McCarthy is doing well. She is following advice from the doctors and is ensuring that in these first two weeks, she is resting her foot and letting the healing process begin.

Kind regards  
Allison Chapman  
Deputy Head

**Coffee and a Catch Up!** We would like to invite parents along to our first informal 'catch up' where there will be tea, coffee and biscuits available. Members of staff will be on hand to chat and we will think about future sessions for areas of focus. We hope to see you there— Tuesday 3rd October at 2.15pm.



### Friends of Park Gate Primary.

Lots of exciting events coming up, including;

Halloween Costume Sale, Halloween Disco, Half Term Halloween Trail, ~~Wreath Making~~ SOLD OUT, Christmas Jumper Sale, Festive Friday Shopping Event & Christmas Fayre.

See website for details and ticket sales.

[www.friendsofparkgate.com](http://www.friendsofparkgate.com)



### The BBC 500 Words competition is now open!

Every year the BBC hold a story writing competition where children are invited to get creative and write a story that they would like to read themselves. There are two age categories; 5-7 years and 8-11 years. The competition is now open so if your child is interested follow the link below for more details:



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/about-500-words/>

### Phonics Meeting

Thank you to those parents who attended the Phonics Meeting on Wednesday evening. We hope that you found the information useful and that you now have a better understanding of how we teach phonics at Park Gate. For those of you who were unable to attend, we would direct you to the Parents section of the Little Wandle website where there are videos on the programme and importantly, how to correctly pronounce the sounds:

[www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk](http://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)



### Friends of Park Gate Donations

Please drop your outgrown or unused Christmas Jumpers and Halloween costumes to the office.



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

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

Willow Class – **Maisie P...***All of the Values...*always being so hard working, kind, friendly and smiley.

Chestnut Class – **Dylan...***Kindness...*always being such an amazingly kind friend to everyone in Chestnuts.

Apple Class – **Violet...***Growth...*great independence in her learning all week.

Cherry Class – **Amy...***Partnership...*always giving her best in every lesson.

Lime Class – **Noah...***Excellence...*working so hard in spelling lessons and amazing everyone with his great vocabulary.

Holly Class – **Gracie...***Kindness...*always following The Park Gate Way and being especially kind and helpful to all.

Silver Birch Class – **Joanna...***Partnership...*actively engaging in maths starters and working collaboratively.

Cedar Class – **Gracie...***Excellence...*impressive writing about the three periods of the Stone Age.

Hazel Class – **Mason...***Excellence...* working extra hard when exchanging in column addition.

Yew Class – **Seth...***Resilience & Aspiration...*writing and editing some fantastic instructions.

Juniper Class – **Lillie-Mae...***Excellence...*super listening, following instructions and 100% effort in her work.

Sycamore Class – **Primrose & Ollie...***Partnership...*working well with your partner to recreate the planets' distances from the sun.

Maple Class – **Mason ...***Excellence...*great enthusiasm in science, particularly when dissecting a pig's heart.

Oak Class – **Tilly...***Resilience...* such a positive attitude which has shone through in all her work this week.

## 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.



## Diary Dates

Dates	Events
Tuesday 3rd October	Flu immunisation
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 4.30pm—5.30pm	Tours of the School for Year R September 2024
Tuesday 14th November	Bags 2 School clothes collection
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
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
Monday 11th December 1.30-2.30	Tea, Cakes and Carols (for Grandparents of children in the choir and governors)
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.

