

Park Gate Primary School News

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for joining us for the family picnic, it was lovely to see you all.

I would also like to thank you all for your support this year. It has been a successful year at Park Gate with the strong academic progress pupils have made across the school and a full calendar of events, clubs and visits.

As a school we have a very strong home school partnership and I know that all the staff appreciate all the support you have given throughout the year. I still feel very privileged to be the head of such a fantastic school. We would like to build on the partnership further next year by offering more opportunities for parents to come into school, for example through volunteering or just coming in and having a coffee with us. Please see the diary dates for the first coffee and cakes. We have also made our Welcome Meetings in person for September. We will of course send home the powerpoints to those parents who can't make it.

For September arrangements drop off and pick up will remain as they are now. We will continue to open our school gates from 8.30am to 8.45am each morning with registration by 8.50am. Year 5/6 children will continue to enter through the top gate and we encourage Year 3/4 to walk around to their classes independently, however, please feel free to walk your child around to their outside classroom doors until they feel confident.

Year R, 1 and 2 will be collected at 2.55pm with Year R parents waiting in Year R outside area and Year 1 & 2 near the fence by their classes. Year 3—5 will be walked around to the playground for collection at 3pm. Year 6 will leave by the top gate to either meet parents or walk home alone. If your child is in Year 5 and you would like to meet them at the top gate please could you email the school office so teachers are aware of this.

I wish you all a happy and restful summer break. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 5th September.

Kind regards Lindsay McCarthy Headteacher

Goodbye Miss Blackburn and Mr Sharpe!

We wish Miss Blackburn and Mr Sharpe all the best for the future and thank them for their hard work and dedication to Park Gate.

Thank You Mrs Handley!

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Handley on behalf of the whole of Park Gate Primary for all her hard work as Chair of Friends. She has organised lots of events, raising an incredible amount of money for the school.



Thank you!

On behalf of all of the staff I would like to say thank you for all your lovely gifts, cards and messages. So kind.



School Logo Items

We want to ensure that we make second hand logo items such as jumpers, cardigans and polo tops as accessible as possible to parents next year. When we return after the summer I will provide further details on how you can request these.

To help with our stocks, if you have any good quality items of school uniform with the school logo which your child has outgrown please could you drop it to reception (either over the next couple of days or when we return).

We do not require any 'grey' items such as trousers and skirts or summer dresses. Thank you so much.



Summer Reading Challenge!

We are delighted to announce that the annual Summer Reading Challenge is returning to Hampshire Libraries this month. The challenge, which supports children's literacy during the summer holiday, runs from **15 July until 16 September 23**. This year's sports theme 'Ready, Set, Read!' celebrates the excitement of sports and games, and aims to promote healthy habits as well as a love of reading. The challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to read six books over the summer holidays and take part in fun activities that promote physical and mental wellbeing. Families and carers can sign-up children online, or by visiting their closest Hampshire Library - it's free to join the library and take part in the challenge.



Goodbye Year 6!

I would like to wish all the children in Year 6 the very best for the future. We will miss you all! If this is your last child through Park Gate, thank you for your support over many years.



Congratulations Park Gate!



We are delighted to announce that Park Gate Primary School have achieved the School Games Silver Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including our Sports Leaders, volunteers and school staff who made our competitions possible. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. A special thanks to Miss Selway for leading our PE this year.

DIARY DATES



Dates	Events
Friday 21st July	Day Closure for Staff Training
Autumn Term 2023 Diary Dates	
Friday 1st September	Day Closure for Staff Training
Monday 4th September	Day Closure for Staff Training
Tuesday 5th September	Children Return to School
Thursday 7th September 5.30pm	Reading Meeting for Parents (Teams)
Monday 11th September	Start counting Reading Stars!
Monday 11th September 4.00pm	Year 4 Welcome Meeting for Parents (in person)
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)
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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
Wednesday 6th December 9.30am	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show
Wednesday 6th December 2.00pm	Year R Nativity
Thursday 7th December 9.30am	Year R Nativity
Wednesday 13th December 6.00pm	Carol Service
Friday 15th December	Last Day of the Autumn Term

Further Day Closures for Staff Training

Friday 9th February 2024

Thursday 28th March 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024