



9th June 2023



Summer Events!

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to start the family assemblies this week with Fox class. At the family assemblies the children share some of the lovely things that they have been learning in school. Please be aware that each class will have an assembly this term. The dates are:

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| Tue 13 th June 9:00am | Badger Class Assembly (in the hall) |
| Tue 20 th June 9:00am | Squirrel Class Assembly (in the hall) |
| Tue 27 th June 9:00am | Rabbit Class Assembly (in the hall) |
| Tue 4 th July 9:00am | Hedgehog Class Assembly (in the hall) |
| Tue 11 th July 9:00am | Mole Class Assembly (in the hall) |

As the end of the summer term approaches we have a number of events coming up at the end of term, please see the dates at the end of this newsletter. There are letters coming out about many of the events over the next few weeks.

Please be aware that the weather is going to be hot over the weekend and into next week. Please make sure that children wear a sun hat to school, sun cream and bring a water bottle.

We would also like to remind parents that children's uniform should match our uniform policy which is available on the school website. Next Friday however is the PTA break the rules day, please be aware that children pay for every rule they break. We will not be monitoring the number of rules broken!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Pritchard

Absence Reporting

Can we remind all parents of the procedures for reporting absence:

- If your child is unwell you must call the office before 9.30am and leave a message, or you can email admin@parkgateinfants.herts.sch.uk
- You must leave details of your child's name, class and the reason for absence - please don't just say 'feeling unwell' or 'under the weather'. Please give specific details on your child's illness.

Sun hats & sun cream

Please ensure your child has a sunhat (labelled with their name) in school and have sun cream applied before coming into school.

Staff are not able to reapply this during the day so we would suggest applying an all-day type of sun cream before school.



Attendance

Well done to **Fox class** who had this weeks best attendance!



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| Badger Class | 95.1% |
| Fox Class | 98.3% |
| Rabbit Class | 96.7% |
| Squirrel Class | 98% |
| Mole Class | 96.1% |
| Hedgehog Class | 93.8% |

WEEK 2 (w/c 24/4; 15/5; 12/6; 3/7; 11/9; 2/10)

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|--|---|--|
| Caribbean Chicken with Rice or Wholemeal Pasta | Organic Beef Bolognese with Spaghetti or Diced Potatoes | Roast Pork Loin and Gravy with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta | Quorn Hot Dog with Potato Wedges or Tricolour Pasta (V) | Crispy Coated Salmon with Oven Chips or Wholemeal Pasta |
| Veggie Burritos with Rice or Wholemeal Pasta (Ve) | Savoury Puff Roll with Diced Potatoes (Ve) | Quorn Fillet and Gravy with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta (V) | Special Fried Rice with a Spring Roll (V) | Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Oven Chips or Wholemeal Pasta (V) |
| Tuna Sandwich | Ham Roll | Chicken Mayo Wrap | Cheese Sandwich | Egg Baguette |
| Jacket Potato with Cheese | Jacket Potato with Baked Beans | Jacket Potato with Tuna | Jacket Potato with Baked Beans | Jacket Potato with Cheese |
| | | Halal Roast Chicken and Yorkshire Pudding with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta | | |

Stars of the Week



Badger— Arhaan
 Fox— Fianna
 Rabbit— Pearla
 Squirrel—Judah
 Mole— Aiden B.
 Hedgehog—Aiden W.

Well done to our Stars of the Week

Learning Awards



Badger—Radia
 Fox— Vinuli
 Rabbit—Florence
 Squirrel—Reuben
 Mole—Gabriel
 Hedgehog—Eliza

Well done!

DATES TO REMEMBER

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Tue 13 th June 9:00am | Badger Class Assembly (in the hall) |
| Fri 16 th June | PTA Break the Rules Day |
| Tue 20 th June 9:00am | Squirrel Class Assembly (in the hall) |
| Thu 22 nd June | 2.30pm Musical Extravaganza |
| Tue 27 th June 9:00am | Rabbit Class Assembly (in the hall) |
| Fri 30 th June | Sports Day |
| Tue 4 th July 9:00am | Hedgehog Class Assembly (in the hall) |
| Fri 7 th July | Reports sent home |
| Tue 11 th July 9:00am | Mole Class Assembly (in the hall) |
| Fri 14 th July | Year 2 Leavers Assembly/Party (9am) |
| Mon 17 th July | 5-6.30pm Family Evening |
| Thu 20 th July | Theme Day |
| Fri 21 st July | 1.15pm End of term |

Donation Request

As it's now hayfever season, we are in need of boxes of tissues for our classes. If you can spare a box of tissues, it's much appreciated!

Thank you!



Happy Camps

Hertfordshire County Council is once again funding HAPpy activity camps for children and young people who attend a Hertfordshire school and are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals.

This summer, activities will be running in different venues across the county for children and young people aged between 5-16 years with those in receipt of benefits-related free school meals eligible for free, and all include a nutritious meal each day.

Please find more information here: <https://sportinherts.org.uk/happy/booking/#>



This week in Hedgehog Class ...

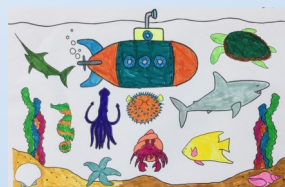
The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch

This week we have started our learning on our new topic 'Down by the sea'. We have really enjoyed reading 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and we worked hard to build our own lighthouses. We also talked about the lunch in the story and made our own sandwiches, we then enjoyed a picnic on the field!



This week in Parkgate Pirates ...

This week's theme was "Under the sea" and the children really enjoyed colouring various ocean creatures, completing the 'Ocean Life' crossword puzzle and reading books about Oceans.



BREAK THE RULES DAY

FRIDAY 16TH JUNE



HOW TO BREAK THEM?

1. Wear any jumper, hoodie or cardigan
2. Wear trainers to school
3. Colour your hair, do a crazy hair style or wear accessories
4. Bring squash in your water bottle (no fizzy)
5. Paint your nails
6. Wear temporary tattoos or face paint
7. Wear crazy coloured socks

**NORMAL SCHOOL SHORTS/
TROUSERS/SKIRT/
DRESS/T-SHIRT**



**50P PER
RULE BROKEN**

CONTRIBUTIONS ARE VOLUNTARY



ORAL HEALTH FOR CHILDREN

WHAT IS TOOTH DECAY?

The hard outer surface of a tooth is broken down or damaged by bacteria and acid making holes in the teeth, called cavities. It can cause pain and infections, and cause problems with eating, speaking, playing, learning, smiling and socialising. Tooth decay occurs when foods and drinks with sugars and starches are left on the teeth.

- Tooth decay is the most common reason for hospital admission in children aged 6-10
- Children with poor oral health have an increased risk of damage to adult teeth



There were 26,000 hospital admissions for children needing dental extraction in 2014 - 2015
(study carried out every 10 years)

REDUCE THE RISK OF TOOTH DECAY

- Take your child to the dentist when their first milk teeth appear
- Brush teeth twice a day with fluoride toothpaste - no rinsing
- Support children under 7 with brushing
- Children should see a dentist yearly at least
- Children should have fluoride varnish at each visit (which is free)

WHERE TO ACCESS A DENTIST

Scan the QR code or search "Find a dentist" for the NHS website.



Dental care is free for children and young people aged 0-19 years old.

TOP TIPS ✨

- Brush teeth in the morning and at bedtime for 2 minutes with fluoride toothpaste
- Use a pea-sized amount of toothpaste
- Spit out after brushing and don't rinse, otherwise the fluoride won't work as well ✨
- Fizzy drinks, fruit juices and sugary snacks should be limited to mealtimes

HOW TO MAKE IT FUN

- Everyone can brush their teeth together - why not try a staring contest?
- Brushing to the beat - why not brush to your favourite song?
- Go electric?
- Use a timer - see who gets to two minutes without stopping





LEAF Open Farm Sunday

VISIT A FARM AND DISCOVER THE WORLD OF FARMING

Find out about the story behind our food and the work farmers do to manage the countryside

Sunday 11th June 2023. 11am to 3pm.

Foxholes Farm Shop, London Road, Hertford, SG13 7NT

Hot & Cold Food

Local Ice Cream

Talk to Our Farmers about Food & Farming

Kitchen Garden Tours

Food/Crafts Stalls

Feeding/Petting the Animals

Farm Machinery Viewing

Tractor & Trailer Rides (£1 per person)

Undercover Sandpit

Wildlife Trust

Free Entry. Car Parking £5.

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