



23rd June 2023



Summer Events!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Sports Day

Today we had a lovely sports day. Thank you for all your cheering. I would also like to thank the Friends of Parkgate Infants for organising both the refreshment stall and the raffle at the end of sports day.

Next Tuesday we have the Nursery sports day and Mrs Cooper sent a letter earlier in the week with information about how this will work. Nursery children can wear sports clothes on this day.

NEU Strike

Please be aware that on Wednesday 5th & Friday 7th July the NEU have announced two days of teacher strikes. Please be aware that school is closed to all children on these days.

Staffing September

As we come closer to the end of term, we are able to plan for September and the exciting changes that September will bring. As part of this, we start preparing for our new classes and how they will be best supported. We are already busy, meeting to discuss transition and how we can support your children with upcoming changes; they will meet their new staff in the coming weeks.

There is a current national shortage of teachers and teaching staff so I am very pleased to share that we are fully staffed for September. I do however need to share that after 8 years at Parkgate Infants it is time for Miss Annal to leave us to gain experience in school with Junior age children.

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistants
Ducklings	Mrs Paton	Mrs Butt Mrs Ross
Mole	Miss Lee	Mrs Ryan
Hedgehog	Mrs Letchford/ Miss Upwood	Mrs Hewitt
Rabbit	Mrs Cooper/ Mrs McCarthy	Miss Geelan
Squirrel	Mrs Hussain	Miss Hunt
Fox	Mr Howell	Mrs Tredgold
Badger	Miss Johnson	Mrs Jarvis

Over the last term we have been reviewing the leadership structure. We have chosen to move away from having a deputy headteacher to having two assistant headteachers. I am also very pleased to announce that Mrs McCarthy will be taking the role of Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion. We are currently recruiting for an Assistant Headteacher for Curriculum. Mrs Paton will be our Early Years Leader.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr Pritchard

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/#>

Attendance

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



Badger Class	87.2%
Fox Class	81.7%
Rabbit Class	92.7%
Squirrel Class	95.1%
Mole Class	85.2%
Hedgehog Class	85.7%

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



To be announced on Monday

Learning Awards



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DATES TO REMEMBER

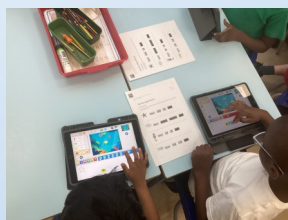
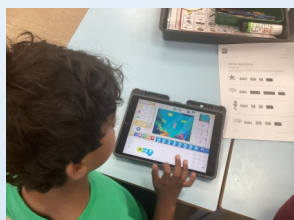
Mon 3 rd July	Eid Mubarak Special Menu (copy attached)
Tue 4 th July 9:00am	Hedgehog Class Assembly (in the hall)
Wed 5 th July	Strike day (school closed for all children)
Fri 7 th July	Strike day (school closed for all children)
Tue 11 th July 9:00am	Mole Class Assembly (in the hall)
Fri 14 th July 9:00-10:00am	Year 2 Play
Fri 14 th July 4:00-5:30pm	Year 2 Leavers Assembly & disco
Mon 17 th July	5-6.30pm Family Evening
Thu 20 th July	Theme Day
Fri 21 st July	1.15pm End of term

Ashridge Estate trip for Reception (Wed 12th July)

A reminder to Reception parents/carers to book and pay for their Ashridge Estate trip.
Our Arbor system is now open and will close on Friday 7th July.
 If you need an Arbor log-in, please do not hesitate to ask the school office.

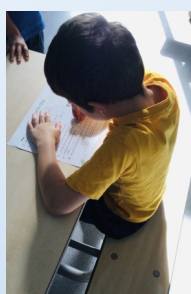
This week in Squirrel Class ...

In Computing this week, we have been using the Scratch Jr program on iPads. We learnt how to change the background on our project as well as make them move in different ways, including moving left and right and even shrinking smaller and growing bigger. Here we are adding more than one character and adding different algorithms for them.



This week in Parkgate Pirates ...

This week, we have been talking to the children about their upcoming sports day and they took part in lots of fun activities, including making and designing their very own rosettes and cheerleading pom poms!



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Wishes you and your family

Eid Mubarak



28th JUNE

EID AL-ADHA MENU

Lamb Flatbread

or

Quorn and Butternut Squash Curry (V)

served with

Bombay Style Potatoes

or

Savoury Rice

Broccoli

And Mildly Spiced Cauliflower and Green Beans

Turmeric and Orange Shortbread

or

Fresh Fruit Salad

THIS MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON SUPPLIER STOCK AVAILABILITY.



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Summer Library news

We are delighted to announce Ready, Set, Read! - the Summer Reading Challenge 2023.

The Summer Reading challenge is designed to keep children reading over the summer holidays. It is a fun, free activity that broadens reading horizons, improves mental well-being, encourages a healthy reading habit, and helps to maintain reading levels ready for the start of the next academic year.

To complete the Summer Reading Challenge, a child reads six library books of their choice, returning to the library to share what they have been reading with staff and volunteers. Each participant receives a collector folder and is awarded stickers for every book they read. Children who complete the challenge are presented with a certificate, a medal and a special finishing gift.

Ready, Set, Read! is presented by The Reading Agency in partnership with the Youth Sport Trust, and delivered by libraries across the UK. The 2023 sports and games theme aims to keep children's minds and bodies active.

It is free for children to join the library and to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge.

Ready, Set, Read! packs will be available in all 46 Hertfordshire libraries from Saturday 8 July.





Join us at Hertfordshire's Hoovesfest 2023, Saturday 8th July!

*****Hoovesfest is a fun packed family festival designed to bring communities together in an inclusive and supportive way*****

Fun packed family day ★ Live music ★ Colourful inflatables
Bringing communities together ★ Sports zone ★ Crafting stalls
Foodie truck heaven ★ Beverages ★ Special guest surprise

BUY TICKETS
www.hoovesfest.co.uk

10am - 8pm
10-11am - quiet hour
11am onwards general admission

NeuMinKind
are excited to host a Talent and Passions tent

The tent will be a **relaxed, inclusive and positive space** and we would like to invite all differently abled people (physically, neurodivergent or otherwise) to showcase your performance, art and creative work!

If you wish to take part we would love to see you on the day or for more information please contact
amanda.neuminkind@gmail.com

Our founder Karen Hannan, would love to answer your questions and talk about all things related to 'inclusion', 'celebrating neurodiversity', the experience of being neurodivergent and social equity.

Marden Hill, near Hatfield, SG14 2NE

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Holiday Camp

Nascot Wood School

Nascot Wood Rd, Watford WD17 4YS

31st Jul - 4th Aug
21st Aug - 25th Aug

8:45AM - 3:30PM

To book visit:

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