



19 January 2024



Dear Parents,

### **Moments Matter, Attendance Counts**

Firstly, a little reminder that if your child is unwell and will not be in school you must telephone the school office to let us know. Please do not message staff using Seesaw.

I am sure that you will have noticed the increased press around attendance. The government have recently launched a national campaign to improve attendance. 40 of children who are persistently absent (absent more than 10% or have attendance below 90%) reached expected level in Year 6 compared to 84% of children who attend regularly.

The chief medical officer and the NHS say that it is usually appropriate for children to come to school with a mild respiratory illness and general cold symptoms e.g. a cough, runny nose or sore throat.

We always take a 'support first' approach when it comes to attendance so if you need support please speak to the school office.

### **Roof Update**

The roof work is starting in earnest next week. After so much planning and preparation it is good to see that work will finally be starting and we will keep you posted with how it is going.

### **Curriculum Sessions**

As part of our 'Working Together, Parent Partnership' initiative we will be holding a number of curriculum sessions. These will all start at 8.45 and will last around an hour. You will have the opportunity to learn about the curriculum and see examples of the children's work.

The sessions will be in:  
15th February– Science  
14th March– Computing  
25 April– Geography  
2nd May PHSE  
20th June– PE  
9th July– History.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend,

Mr Pritchard

## DATES TO REMEMBER

|         |                            |
|---------|----------------------------|
| 19.1.24 | Fox Sharing Assembly       |
| 26.1.24 | Badger Sharing Assembly    |
| 2.2.24  | NCPCC Number Day           |
| 7.2.24  | Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm |
| 8.2.24  | Parents Evening 5pm-8pm    |
| 9.2.24  | Mole Sharing Assembly      |
| 9.2.24  | Staying Safe Day           |
| 16.2.24 | Rabbit Sharing Assembly    |

19.2.24—23.2.24 Half Term

## Attendance

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



|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| Badger Class   | 92.4% |
| Fox Class      | 95.7% |
| Rabbit Class   | 89.3% |
| Squirrel Class | 93.4% |
| Mole Class     | 87.3% |
| Hedgehog Class | 91.6% |

### WEEK 3

| MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   |
|---|---|---|--|--|
| Chicken and Sweetcorn Meatballs with Diced Potatoes or Rice | Chicken Pie with Creamed Potatoes or Rice               | Roast Beef and Gravy with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta                             | Quorn Hot Dog with Potato Wedges or Garlic Bread   | Salmon Fillet Fingers with Oven Chips or Wholemeal Pasta       |
| Bean and Vegetable Grill with Diced Potatoes or Rice (V)    | Mild Vegetable Curry with Creamed Potatoes or Rice (Ve) | Potato Topped Vegetable Pie with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta (V)                  | Beany Pasta Bake Potato Wedges or Garlic Bread (V) | Cheese and Tomato Pizza With Oven Chips or Wholemeal Pasta (V) |
| Tuna Roll   | Cheese Sandwich (v)                                     | Ham Sandwich  | Cheese Baguette (v)                                | Egg Roll (v)   |
| Jacket Potato with various toppings                         | Tomato Pasta with Cheese                                | Jacket Potato with various toppings   | Jacket Potato with various toppings                | Cheesy Pasta (v)   |
|   |   | Halal Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta |  |  |

## Stars of the Week



Badger— Eva  
 Fox— Beth  
 Rabbit— Prisha  
 Squirrel—Iqra  
 Mole— Hitarth  
 Hedgehog— no consent

## Learning Awards



Badger— Victor  
 Fox— Nassim  
 Rabbit— Abigail  
 Squirrel—Scarlett  
 Mole— no consent  
 Hedgehog— Sara

**Well done!**

## This week in Parkgate Pirates ...

This week, we have been talking to the children about the winter season and specifically about robins as they are one of the few birds that sing in the winter. The children enjoyed listening to the 'Robin's Winter Song' story, making robins using their fingers and coloured ink pads and creating their own beautiful winter themed pictures.



## This week in Squirrel Class...

Viking longboats!

As part of our History of Transport unit we looked at early travels and how Vikings travelled. We found out that people used to travel to trade goods, steal land, money and jewels. From research we found out the Vikings travelled the most and that their boats had a specific design. The red and white sails were to scare enemies as well as the dragon head. We worked in pairs to create our very own Viking longboat!



## Parents Evening

Parents evening will take place on:

**Wednesday 7th February from 3.30pm until 6pm**

**Thursday 8th February from 5pm until 8pm**

You can book an appointment with your child's class teacher via Arbor from 8am on Monday 22nd January 2024.



## Friends of Parkgate Infants & Nursery School

Registered charity:1201774

*Northfield Gardens, Watford, Herts, WD24 7RL.*

*Tel. 01923 221984*

*email: [friendsof@parkgateinfants.herts.sch.uk](mailto:friendsof@parkgateinfants.herts.sch.uk)*

Find us on  Facebook  Instagram @FriendsofParkgate

---

Dear Parents & Carers,

The School PTA - Friends of Parkgate Infants & Nursery School are holding an Extraordinary General Meeting on Monday 5th February at 9:00am.

The main purpose of the meeting is to vote in a new committee and discuss fundraising plans for 2024.

The meeting will be held in the school hall. All Parents are welcome to attend; we would really appreciate your feedback and ideas.

We hope to see you on there!

Many thanks,

Friends of Parkgate Infants Committee



## Hayward Services is hiring!

We are looking for cleaning operative [at Parkgate](#) Infant school

Pay rate: £11.44 per hour

Hours: to work 2 hours and 15 minutes per day

Monday to Friday 17.00 to 19.15

or 17.30 to 19.45

(key holder)



If you believe you are the right person for this role,  
please contact our recruitment line on **01753 323**

**227**

or email

**[recruitment@haywardservices.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@haywardservices.co.uk)**