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## **Headteacher's Newsletter**

I have loved hearing about the amazing activities and achievements that children do outside of school e.g. one child has recently participated in a gymnastics tournament. This really embodies our school vision 'Anything is Possible'. Please let us know when your child achieves something outside of school so we can celebrate them.

### **Year 2**

We have a number of events coming up for our Year 2 children. On the Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July we have our end of year play. These start at about 9.15am and will last around 45 minutes. Please do not bring younger children to the Friday performance and I would remind parents bringing younger children to the Thursday performance to take them out if they are becoming noisy.

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July we also have our leavers assembly and disco. It starts at 5.30 with a 15-minute assembly which parents are invited to. Children then will have a disco.

### **Reports**

Reports went out last Friday. If you have any questions about your child's report, then please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see your child's teacher.

### **Family Evening**

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July between 5 and 6.30 we have our family evening. You are invited to come into school to see the work that children have been doing this year. You also be invited to take a look around the school. Mrs Jones has also prepared a phonics trail and there will be a prize for every child who completes the trail.

### **Questionnaires**

Thank you to those parents who have completed questionnaires. I have passed these on to the governing body who will be looking at the responses during our 'vision day' next week. I will come back with some feedback before the end of term.

### **Hertfordshire Improvement Partner**

Our Hertfordshire Improvement Partner Anne Peck visited last week. Anne spent the morning visiting different classes and talking to children and staff about behaviour. It was agreed that behaviour and attitudes at Parkgate Infants and Nursery are now outstanding. I would like to personally thank the staff for their hard work and commitment.

### **Uniform**

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents that children should come to school with a hat and water bottle. We would also ask that you apply sun cream before children come to school in the morning.

### **Staffing**

We have confirmed our final staffing arrangements for September and I am now in a position to share these with you.

**Nursery Ducklings-** Ms Nichols

**Reception Mole-** Ms Clark

**Reception Hedgehog-** Mrs Seibu

**Year 1 Squirrel-** Miss McGrath

**Year 1 Rabbit-** Mrs Jones and Mrs McCarthy (Mrs McCarthy will teach Wednesdays).

**Year 2 Badger-** Miss Jeeva

**Year 2 Fox-** Miss Annal

Mrs Letchford will also continue cover leadership time for Ms Clark on a Thursday morning alongside covering our PPA time.

Teacher recruitment continues to be a significant challenge for schools in Watford, but I am confident that I have secured the best staff for the school in September. I would like to once again thank Mrs Spowart (who is retiring to care for an elderly relative) and Miss Firminger (who will be going travelling) for their contribution to the school.



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