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Headteacher's Newsletter

Wow- What a busy term! I was so impressed with the Christmas plays for both EYFS (Reception and Nursery) and Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2). It was lovely to hear so many positive comments from parents.

Staff

As I made you aware last term, we have been restructuring the support staff. I pleased that I am now in a position to share the final staffing for January:

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| Ducklings | Ms. Nichols | Mrs. Butt (EYFS Practitioner) Mrs. Ross |
| Hedgehog | Mrs. Siebu | Mrs. Sahoo |
| Mole | Ms. Clarke (EYFS Leader) | Miss Tsukalas |
| Squirrel | Miss McGrath | Mrs. Jarvis (HLTA) |
| Rabbit | Mrs. Jones (Deputy Headteacher) Mrs. McCarthy (Inclusion Leader) | Mrs. Redding-Jeffrey |
| Badger | Miss Jeeva | Mrs. Hunt |
| Fox | Miss Annal | Mrs. Ryan |

Mrs. Buckley and Mrs. Magwood are now working with Mrs. McCarthy as part of the inclusion team alongside Mrs. Butt in the afternoons.

Uniform

I would like to remind parents of our uniform policy which is available on the school website. I would particularly like to draw your attention to the following:

- Children should wear school shoes to school and not boots (if children wear boots or wellies to school then they can change into their plimsoles in school).
- Jewellery should not be worn in school except for 1 pair of plain stud earrings (no stones of any form or designs).
- Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back with hair bands. Hair bands should be simple (no bows) and head bands should be soft and plain.
- The PE kit should be a plain round neck T-Shirt in their team colour and a plain navy blue pair of shorts (no logos). Please check PE kits when they come home over the holidays.

I will be asking staff to monitor this in January and I will send letters to the parents of those children with the incorrect uniform.

Mornings

I would also like to remind parents that the bell is rung at 8.50 in the morning. In the spring term we will be focusing on independence with the children so at 8.50 children should be on the playground and in their lines. Children should be standing on their own in their lines and holding all that they need for school that day. Parents should be

standing back from the lines so that when the teachers come out they can see the whole line.

Severe Weather Guidance

I would like to remind parents that Hertfordshire County Council notifies parents if a school is closed due to bad weather using the Everbridge system. Please sign up via the following link <https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489>. The link will take you to a sign up page where you should click on the 'sign up' button at the top right hand side of the page.

Should we need to close we also place a notice on our school website and e-mail via Schoolcomms.

Parking

A reminder that parents should not park over driveways, or over the yellow lines facing the entrance to the school as it puts pupil safety at risk.

Barnaby Bear

Just to remind parents that we have a school bear called Barnaby. If you would like to take Barnaby on holiday with you in the school holidays or over the weekend, then please ask your child to write a letter to Barnaby. I am sure he would like a trip away!

Roof

I am sure that you have noticed that we have scaffolding on our roof at the moment. We are in the process of having the roof repaired and this work should be completed by the end of the holidays.

Parent Reps

A reminder that you can catch the school reps on the playground or using the parent rep e-mail address (which is the class name followed by .parent.rep@parkgateinfants.herts.sch.uk). We are missing parent reps for Rabbit and Squirrel classes. If you are interested in becoming a parent rep then please speak to the school office.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope that you all have a restful holiday and I look forward to welcoming you back in the new year. As always, please contact me if you have any queries or concerns. If you wish to make an appointment, please speak to Mrs. Ryan in the school office who will be able to book a mutually convenient time.



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