



A message from Mrs Barton

It has been another positive week at Parkgate. The children have continued to respond well to our routines and expectations and it has been lovely to see them enjoying their learning and demonstrating our school rules of Be Safe, Be Kind and Try Your Best.

Today, our Stars of the Week joined me for our second 'Hot Chocolate Friday'. I thoroughly enjoyed hearing about their achievements and celebrating the many ways they have impressed their teachers this week.

We have also launched an exciting new enrichment opportunity through our Golden Time. Where every Friday children have chosen a club that they will attend for the next six weeks, with activities including sports, drama, singing, debating through our 'Squabble Club', gardening and cooking. We hope this will give every child the opportunity to explore their interests, develop new skills and enjoy spending time with children from across the school.

Our new 'Proud to Be Parkgate' challenge has also been introduced in assembly. Each week, classes will earn points for being ready to learn, enjoying safe playtimes and demonstrating excellent corridor walking. At the end of the half term, the winning class will enjoy a special pizza lunch!

At break and lunchtime, we are continuing to review and develop the equipment available to the children. The new marble run introduced this week has been particularly well received. Next week, we are also excited to welcome Skill 7, who will be providing activities and support for our Year 5 and 6 pupils every lunchtime.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish you all a restful weekend and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday.

Dates for your diary

- Monday 14th September Family library drop in - after school
- Monday 14th September Year 6 Open morning (9am)
- Tuesday 15th September Year 4 Open morning (9am)
- Wednesday 16th September Year 3 Open morning (9am)
- Thursday 17th September Year 5 Open morning (9am)
- Tuesday 22nd September Infant sibling & individual photos
- Thursday 8th October Year 4 Tri Golf Tournament
- Thursday 15th October Flu Vaccinations
- Friday 16th October Year 4 Knutsford playing fields trip
- 26th - 30th October Half Term
- 2nd - 6th November Year 5 Bikeability
- Monday 9th November Year 6 School nurse visit
- Thursday 17th December Carol concert, Nativity & Christmas dinner
- Friday 18th December End of Term (1.30pm)
- Tuesday 5th January Start of Spring Term

Clubs

See the attachments to the newsletter email to find information about all clubs.

Clubs starting next week:

- Origami
- Girls Football Club
- Singing club - **now full**
- Skill 7

Sports News

We are delighted to share that our school has been awarded Gold in the School Games Mark!

🏆 This is a fantastic achievement and recognises our commitment to providing children with a wide range of opportunities to take part in PE, sport and physical activity. The award celebrates our focus on participation, teamwork, inclusion and competition, and we are incredibly proud of our pupils for their enthusiasm, effort and sporting spirit. A huge well done to everyone involved!



Lunch

Thank you for your patience while we move to the new lunch ordering system. If you're still having problems, please try these top tips:

- Make sure there is enough money in your child's meal account.
- Make sure you have checked out and have no meals left in your basket.
- If you have a glitch, empty your basket and start again.
- Money is only taken from your account after 1pm on the day the meal is eaten.
- After 8.30am, your order will show "deadline passed". This does not mean your meal hasn't been ordered - it means you can no longer change it.

Please note: If you order a school meal but your child brings a packed lunch, you will still be charged. To avoid this, please cancel the meal on Arbor before 8.30am.

Just a gentle reminder that we ask all children to bring healthy snacks to school. Please avoid crisps, chocolate, sweets and other sugary or highly processed snacks. Suitable snack options include:

- Fresh fruit
- Rice crackers
- Breadsticks

For lunch, please provide a healthy, balanced meal that includes some fruit or vegetables and a source of protein. A nutritious lunch helps children maintain their energy and concentration, supporting their learning throughout the afternoon. Thank you for your continued support in helping us encourage healthy eating habits.

Stars of the week	Raffle winners	Attendance for last week
3 Owl - Iona		3 Owl - 92.38%
3 Robin - Mayson	Rihan Arora	3 Robin - 97.69%
4 Heron - Harry	Sara Bumbar	4 Heron - 95.4%
4 Puffin - Emilia	Sara Danciu	4 Puffin - 97.85%
5 Parrot - Amla	Myles Fox	5 Parrot - 97.33%
5 Toucan - Penelope	Kit Gregson-Smith	5 Toucan - 95.33%
6 Eagle - Jacob	Madison Dent	6 Eagle - 93.78%
6 Falcon - Bryan	Dominic Osula	6 Falcon - 97.11%