



A message from Mrs Barton

It has been another busy week at Parkgate. The children have continued to work hard and show their commitment to our school rules of Be Safe, Be Kind and Try Your Best.

I would like to say a very big thank you to the families who have bought items from our Amazon wish list. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated and these contributions will help us provide resources and opportunities for the children.

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTA's Annual General Meeting this week and to those who have offered their time and support. Our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) brings parents, carers and staff together to organise events and raise funds to benefit the children. Everyone is welcome to get involved, whether you can help regularly or lend a hand at an occasional event. If you would like to find out more please contact the PTA via email pta@parkgatejm.herts.sch.uk or talk to one of our amazing volunteers at the tuck shop after school on Friday.

We also have vacancies on our school governing board. Governors play an important role in supporting and challenging school leaders and helping shape the future of Parkgate. If you are interested in becoming a governor or would like to find out more about what the role involves, please contact the school office.

Preparations have also begun for welcoming our school dog, Maggie, who will be coming into school this month. We are taking time to prepare carefully so that her introduction is calm and positive for the children. We will share more information with you as preparations continue.

Please can I also remind families of the importance of healthy snacks and packed lunches. A balanced lunch and a healthy snack, such as fruit or vegetables, help children maintain their energy and concentration throughout the school day. Thank you for supporting us with this.

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 4th October Family library drop in - 3.20pm
- Thursday 8th October Harvest Donations for Watford Food Bank
- Thursday 8th October Year 4 Tri Golf Tournament
- Thursday 15th October Flu Vaccination
- Friday 16th October Year 4 Knutsford playing fields trip
- Wednesday 21st October Parents Evening
- Thursday 22nd October Parents Evening
- Thursday 22nd October Halloween Fun Lunch
- 26th - 30th October Half Term
- 2nd - 6th November Year 5 Bikeability
- Monday 9th November Year 6 School nurse visit
- Friday 17th November Book Sale - 3.20pm
- Monday 30th November Year 5 National Space Centre
- Wednesday 2nd December Year 6 Lincolnsfield trip
- Thursday 17th December Nativity & Christmas dinner
- Friday 18th December End of Term (1.30pm)
- Tuesday 5th January Start of Spring Term
- Tuesday 9th February Young Voices

Photographs

A reminder that photograph order forms have been sent home; please place orders via Horizon Photo, and direct any queries to info@horizonphoto.co.uk

Head Lice Reminder

We have had a few cases of head lice (nits) in school. Please check your child's hair carefully and treat if necessary before they return to school.

As an additional precaution, **all** children must have their hair tied up when coming to school, including both boys and girls with longer hair.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us prevent the spread of head lice.

Harvest Assembly

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival with the children on Monday 5th October, with a special visit from Watford Foodbank, who will talk to the children about their important work in our local community.

We would be grateful for any non-perishable food donations, which can be brought into school by **Thursday 8th October**.

Thank you for your generous support!

Cycle Training

Year 5 and 6 children have the opportunity to take part in cycle training after the half term. Please see the email sent today for full information.

Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. All bookings can be made via Arbor from 6pm on Monday 5th October.

Parents Evening

Parents' Evening bookings will **open today at 6pm** and can be made via **Arbor**.

The booking system will **close at 6pm on Friday 16th October**. Please remember to book **one appointment slot per child**. Multiple bookings may mean all bookings being cancelled.

A little reminder that the office team won't be able to make bookings on your behalf, so please book early to secure a time that suits you.

Stars of the week	Raffle winners	Attendance for last week
3 Owl - Alfie	Grace Sima	3 Owl - 93.1%
3 Robin - Khaleesi	Lorenz Egbor	3 Robin - 92.41%
4 Heron - Grace	Beth Stewart	4 Heron - 96.55%
4 Puffin - Asher	Maya Gohil	4 Puffin - 92.26%
5 Parrot - Noel	Asher Byfield-Lyons	5 Parrot - 97.67%
5 Toucan - Curtis	Levi Byfield	5 Toucan - 95.33%
6 Eagle - Ameerah	Mayson Efford	6 Eagle - 98.33%
6 Falcon - Avantika	Nuriyah Nullwala	6 Falcon - 98.67%