



A message from Mrs Barton

It has been another busy week at Parkgate with opportunities for the children to come together, share their talents and take part in new experiences.

This week we are pleased to introduce Marsha Brown, our new Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). You will see Marsha on the gate every morning so please do come and introduce yourselves. Marsha has shared the following message:

"I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) here at Parkgate Junior School. I am very pleased to have joined the Parkgate school community and look forward to getting to know you all. I am committed to ensuring that every child feels safe, supported and listened to, and I look forward to working closely with parents and carers to promote the wellbeing, safety and happiness of all our pupils. Please do feel free to get in touch should you have any questions, concerns or would simply like to have a chat.

Mrs Brown"

We also held our Harvest Festival assembly where we welcomed a guest speaker from a local food bank. Our visitor spoke about the meaning of Harvest and explained how the food bank supports local families. Each class then sang the Harvest song they had been practising. We have some wonderful singers at Parkgate and it was lovely to hear the children performing together. I would like to say a very big thank you to our families for your kind donations to the food bank. Your generosity will help support people in our local community. We can all face difficult times at different stages of our lives and sometimes need a little extra support. If you would like more information about food banks or are struggling to buy food please speak to Marsha who will be happy to help.

Year 4 also went on a school trip to take part in tri-golf this week. This was an opportunity for the children to try a sporting activity and practise their skills together.

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 12th October Family library drop in - 3.20pm
- Thursday 15th October Flu Vaccination
- Friday 16th October Year 4 Knutsford playing fields trip
- Wednesday 21st October Parents Evening (**NO Singing Club**)
- Thursday 22nd October Parents Evening (**NO Gymnastics**)
- Thursday 22nd October Halloween Fun Lunch
- 26th - 30th October Half Term
- Saturday 21st October - Secondary school application deadline
- 2nd - 6th November Year 5-6 Bikeability
- Tuesday 3rd November PTA Diwali themed Arts & Crafts
- Monday 9th November Year 6 School nurse visit
- Friday 17th November Book Sale - 3.20pm
- Monday 30th November Year 5 National Space Centre
- Tuesday 1st December PTA Winter Disco & Dress down day
- Wednesday 2nd December Year 6 Lincolnfield trip
- Thursday 17th December Christmas Carol Concert & Christmas dinner
- Friday 18th December End of Term (1.30pm)
- Tuesday 5th January Start of Spring Term
- Tuesday 9th February Young Voices

Reminders

- Bikeability (yr 5 & 6) booking closes today at 6pm today on Arbor
- Parents evening bookings close at 6pm 16th October on Arbor
- Send your child in in their P.E. kits on their timetabled P.E. days
 - 3 Owl - Tues and Fri
 - 3 Robin - Tues and Fri
 - 4 Heron - Mon and Weds
 - 4 Puffin - Mon and Tues
 - 5 Parrot - Tues and Fri
 - 5 Toucan - Weds and Fri
 - 6 Falcon - Mon and Thur
 - 6 Eagle - Mon and Thur
- Send your child with a waterproof coats as weather is changing and if you have any pre loved donations of you coats and wellington boots they will be gratefully received.
- If your child arrives after the gates close, they must sign in at the office, please do not go straight to class.



Important Reminder - Zig-Zag Lines

Please be reminded that **parking, stopping or dropping off on the zig-zag lines outside school is strictly prohibited**. These markings are there to keep children safe and must be kept clear at all times.

Stopping or parking on the zig-zag lines is **both unsafe and illegal**, as it can obstruct visibility and put children and other pedestrians at risk.

Please help us keep everyone safe by **not stopping or dropping off on the zig-zag lines at any time**. Thank you for your cooperation.

Stars of the week

Raffle winners

Attendance for last week

3 Owl - Kalina	Sierra Luk	3 Owl - 94.83%
3 Robin - Aaron	Eesa Laiz	3 Robin - 98.28%
4 Heron - Saoirse	Lorena Shehi	4 Heron - 95.52%
4 Puffin - Darcie	Hania Nawab	4 Puffin - 96.77%
5 Parrot - Alice	Ioana Teodorescu	5 Parrot - 98.33%
5 Toucan - Frankie	Cecilia Briscall	5 Toucan - 98%
6 Eagle - Simon	Umaima Safeer	6 Eagle - 95%
6 Falcon - Ashyla	Aiden Beale	6 Falcon - 95.33%

SCHOOL LUNCH

Thank you for your patience during the teething period with our new lunch ordering system. We're pleased to say that all issues have now been resolved. Please remember to **place lunch orders before 8:30am**. You will not be able to check out unless there are **sufficient funds in your account to cover all lunches ordered**. Payment will be deducted after lunch.

 **Halloween Fun Lunch - Thursday 22nd October** 
 Our Halloween Fun Lunch will be on Thursday 22nd October. Please order through Arbor as usual.