



A message from Mrs Barton

It has been another busy week at Parkgate, with opportunities for the children to learn beyond the classroom and welcome visitors into school.

Today, Year 4 had a wonderful trip to Knutsford Playing Fields to learn about water habits and pollution. On Monday, Year 3 welcomed Healthy Heroes into school and we were pleased that the children had the opportunity to take part in this visit.

We were also delighted to welcome Maggie into school for her training and assessment. Maggie is now a certified Dog Mentor and will be joining us regularly to support children with emotional regulation and positive behaviour. We look forward to seeing the difference she can make as she becomes part of our school community.

This week, the whole school was taught our new anti-racism curriculum. We also welcomed Skill 7 sports mentors into our Year 5 and 6 classes to offer their support around this very important topic. We want every child at Parkgate to feel safe, valued and respected and we will continue to help children understand racism, the impact it has and how to challenge it.

From Monday, we are introducing a new process for Year 5 and 6 children who walk to school and bring a mobile phone. Children must hand their phone to the member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) on the gate when they arrive each morning. Teachers will return phones at the end of the school day once the children are outside. Please talk through this new arrangement with your child so they know what to expect.

We understand that the Ofsted report is concerning and we are determined to ensure that the improvements identified are delivered quickly and effectively. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents and carers who have offered their support to me and our staff. Your kindness and encouragement have been very much appreciated.

We are committed to ensuring that your children receive the best possible education and school experience. As I have always said, I want to work with you to achieve this. Please do come and speak to me on the gate, or contact the office to arrange a phone call or meeting if you have any questions or concerns.

Parents' evenings take place next week and I look forward to seeing you then.

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

- 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 31st 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 Lincolnsfield 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

Parents Evening

The booking system **closes today at 6pm.**

Please arrive 10minutes before your time slot to give you a chance to see your child's work. Caterlink will be here with some tasters and to answer any questions you have about the school menu. The PTA will also be here with second hand uniform and to let you know how they support the school and how you can help.

Year 6 PGL - 2nd Installment

Please make the payment by 31st October 2026 to secure your child's place on the trip.

Please also complete the online medical form if you haven't already done so.

Earrings

A reminder that the only earrings worn at school should be simple studs, no hoops or drop earrings. This is for the health and safety of the children as they can easily get caught during activities. On P.E. days please remove your child's earrings before they come to school. Thank you.

Mobile Phone Policy

Our mobile phone policy has been updated on our website. Year 5 and 6 parents please check your emails and complete the forms as the new procedures begin on Monday morning.

School Lunch

Halloween Fun Lunch - Thursday 22nd October

Our Halloween Fun Lunch will be on Thursday 22nd October. Please order through Arbor by 8.30am on Thursday morning if your child would like a fun lunch that day.

Stars of the week	Raffle winners	Attendance for last week
3 Owl - Aidan N	Maleeha Akhtar	3 Owl - 98.21%
3 Robin - Oliver	Isla Robinson	3 Robin - 97.59%
4 Heron - Myles	Xavi Vella	4 Heron - 99.31%
4 Puffin - Evie	George Edwards	4 Puffin - 96.77%
5 Parrot - Harley	Sara Ahmed	5 Parrot - 97%
5 Toucan - Pearl	Dua Azmat	5 Toucan - 99%
6 Eagle - Maleeha	Elliott Painset	6 Eagle - 96.67%
6 Falcon - Luke	Zainab Ahmedzai	6 Falcon - 95%