Parkgate Junior School

Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2026

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A message from Mrs Barton

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to Parkgate after half term. We have had a busy first week back, with plenty of opportunities for learning and celebration.

This week, some of our children have taken part in Bikeability, developing their cycling skills and learning how to stay safe when riding their bikes. These sessions are a valuable opportunity to build confidence and independence while reinforcing the importance of keeping ourselves and others safe.

Our 6 Eagle class also visited the library this week. Visits like these are a lovely way to encourage children to explore books, discover new interests and develop their enjoyment of reading.

Thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising the after-school Diwali arts and crafts celebration. We really appreciate the time and effort that goes into bringing our school community together and creating these opportunities for our children. I would like to wish all of our families celebrating on Sunday a very Happy Diwali. I hope you have a wonderful time celebrating together.

A special congratulations goes to 4 Heron, who have won 'The Parkgate Way' award for demonstrating our school rules: Be Safe. Be Kind. Try Your Best. They have shown this through their corridor walking, safe playtimes, readiness to learn and behaviour in class. As a reward for their efforts, they will be treated to a pizza lunch. Well done, 4 Heron – it is lovely to see you setting such a positive example for others.

As we begin this new half term, we will continue to recognise and celebrate the everyday choices that help make Parkgate a safe, kind and happy place to learn. Thank you, as always, to our parents and carers for your continued support.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Dates for your diary

- Monday 9th November Year 6 School nurse visit
- Monday 16th November Odd Socks Day
- Friday 17th November Book Sale – 3.20pm
- Thursday 26th November Flu Vaccinations
- 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 Year 3 Nativity
- Thursday 17th December Christmas dinner
- Friday 18th December End of Term (1.30pm)
- Tuesday 5th January Start of Spring Term
- Tuesday 9th February Young Voices

PGL – 3rd Instalment

Please make the payment by 30th November 2026 to secure your child's place on the trip.
Please also complete the online medical form if you haven't already done so.

Mobile Telephones – Year 5 & 6

Please could **ALL** year 5 & 6 parents complete this form whether your child is bringing a mobile telephone to school or not.

Children in year 3 and 4 should not be brining a mobile telephone to school as they are only needed for those travelling to and from school alone.

Stars of the week	Raffle winners	Attendance for last week
3 Owl – Houd	Florence Harris	3 Owl – 98.57%
3 Robin – Khaleesi	Joseph Mcgovern	3 Robin – 95.17%
4 Heron – Ibrahim	Dora Mohebpour	4 Heron – 93.79%
4 Puffin – Hadiya	Ayla Khan	4 Puffin – 95.3%
5 Parrot – Idris	Taranom Ranjbarkhanimani	5 Parrot – 94.49%
5 Toucan – Joel	Mishi Khan	5 Toucan – 98.62%
6 Eagle – Qasim	Pritesh Thulasithasan	6 Eagle – 92.33%
6 Falcon – Scarlett	Alice Zhou	6 Falcon – 98.99%

Communication

Please can we remind that all communication to the school must go through the school office.
Please do not email teachers or the head teacher directly.
The admin email address is monitored all day and is the quickest way to ensure your message is received and managed.

Anti-Bullying Week

Once again we will be starting the week celebrating our differences with 'Odd socks day' on **Monday 16th November.** Children will be doing a variety of activities in their classes throughout the week.
If you would like further information please see the link.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch wil be served on **Thursday 17th December**. If your child would like a Christmas dinner this must be ordered by **Friday 20th November 2026.**

Meals must be paid for via Arbor under '**trips**' and this form completed to select your child's choice. The menu is attached to this email.

If your child is entitled to **Free School Meals** you do not need to order on Arbor but you must still select your child's choice by completing the form.

If your child will be bringing a **packed lunch**, please also complete the form.

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.

Be safe, Be kind, Try your best