



PARKGATE INFANTS &
NURSERY SCHOOL

3rd March 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, thank you for all the donations of Easter Eggs given today for the 'mini' spring fair taking place after school on Friday 24th March 3:00-4:30pm

Strike Action

You may be aware that the NEU have announced further strike on **Wednesday 15th March** and **Thursday 16th March** because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay.

I'm writing to inform you that unfortunately all classes will need to close on **Wednesday 15th March** and **Thursday 16th March**. We hope that you will appreciate that we have done our best to give you as much notice as possible.

We will only be open for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. On strike days I must legally keep to infant class size ratios (one teacher to every thirty children) and if I have too many parents who are requesting that their children attend school, I may need to re-evaluate this at the end of the week.

If both parents are critical workers and you are requesting a place at school, then you must complete the following form by **3pm on Monday 13th March 2023** (please be aware that the survey will close at this time). I would like to point out that the Department for Education have asked schools to prioritise places for 'NHS staff and other emergency services to protect essential public services.'

<https://forms.office.com/e/hrbNFTgQJ3>

I'm sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. Parkgate Infants and Nursery remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching.

If your child is entitled to benefit related free school meals and your child is not attending school on Wednesday 1st March, then you will be able to pre-order a packed lunch that can be collected from the school office on the day of the strike. Please email the school office if you would like to take up this offer.

If you have any questions, please contact myself via the school office.

Mr Pritchard

Yr2 trip to St Albans Abbey

Please ensure you have signed up and paid via Arbor.

School will provide a packed lunch for all the children (cheese sandwich, apple, biscuit, crisps and cucumber sticks).



Attendance

Well done to **Fox class** who had this weeks best attendance!



Badger Class	97.6%
Fox Class	92.3%
Rabbit Class	96.7%
Squirrel Class	99.6%
Mole Class	92.9%
Hedgehog Class	91.6%

WEEK 1

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BBQ Dusted Chicken with Rice	Mediterranean Roll with Potato Wedges (ve)	Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Cottage Pie with Diced Potatoes	Battered Fish with Oven Chips or Pasta
Italian Pasta Bake with Crusty Bread (ve)	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread (v)	Sausages in Yorkshire Pudding with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta (v)	Quorn Burger in a Bun with Diced Potatoes (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Oven Chips or Pasta (v)
Cheese Baguette	Egg Roll	Cheese Wrap	Ham Roll	Tuna Sandwich
Jacket Potato with Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
		Halal Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta		

Stars of the Week

Badger— Ameerah

Fox— Upasana

Rabbit— Dora

Squirrel—Pearl

Mole— Lillie

Hedgehog—Stefan

Well done to our Stars of the Week



Learning Awards

Badger—Cecilia

Fox—Nuriyah

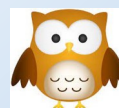
Rabbit—Max

Squirrel—No consent given

Mole—Ashal

Hedgehog—Myles

Well done!



DATES TO REMEMBER

Yr2 visit to St Albans Abbey	Monday 13 th March
Strike Day (school closed)	Wednesday 15 th March
Strike Day (school closed)	Thursday 16
Donate a teddy for non-uniform day	Friday 17 th March
PTA Uniform Sale	Friday 17 th March 3:00pm (on the playground)
Yr2 visit to Pizza Express (Class TBC)	Wednesday 22 nd March
Mini Spring Fair	Friday 24 th March 3:00-4:30pm
Yr2 visit to Pizza Express (Class TBC)	Wednesday 29 th March
Easter Bonnet Parade	Friday 31 st March
Term Ends	Friday 31 st March 1:00pm

PE Days

A reminder that children must wear their PE kits to school on their classes PE days. They should wear plain blue jogging bottoms or shorts, a plain T shirt in their team colour and their school jumper. Children must wear school shoes (not trainers).

Badger	Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
Fox	Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
Rabbit	Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
Squirrel	Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
Mole	Tuesday and Friday
Hedgehog	Monday and Wednesday

This week in Hedgehog class.....

This week we had a lovely morning visiting the library. We enjoyed our snowy walk and we sat and listened to the stories and enjoyed reading with our friends.

We also had an author visit our class. We learnt all about what an author is and listened to her read one of her books.



This week in Parkgate Pirates.....

This week, we celebrated "International Women's Day". We talked to the children about all the wonderful women in their lives. They were invited to make a flower for their amazing mums, using tissue paper.



HAPpy Holidays

Looking for something to keep your children entertained this Easter Holiday?

Through DfE funding, Hertfordshire County Council and Herts Sports Partnership have co-ordinated a huge range of activities running at different venues across the county.

Each activity will offer a nutritious meal and all of this is free for young people in receipt of benefits-related free school meals.

As an eligible family, you can book for free using your unique HAPpy Booking Code. When prompted, please make sure you enter the whole code, which includes the ! symbol which is found in the middle of the code.

You will be able to search for activities using your postcode or child's age – places are limited and strictly on a first come basis so be quick and book online from NOON on Monday 6th March 2023

<https://www.sportinherts.org.uk/booking>

Need help? Hertfordshire Libraries have computers you can use, and friendly staff who will be able to help.

Additionally, there are a range of online activities to look through, with ideas for learning more about history, music, and theatre, plus ways to keep your family active for 60 minutes each day!

View these at <https://www.sportinherts.org.uk/haf/enrichment>

Lastly, our information page has links to a variety of organisations and advice you and your family may find useful. Visit this at <https://sportinherts.org.uk/useful-local-services>

Parent Governor election

Attached is an application form for a Parent Governor election, the closing date is Monday 13th March.

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR AT
PARKGATE INFANTS AND NURSERY SCHOOL

NOMINATION FORM

Your Name:
(Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr)

Address:

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I have a child at the school and hereby nominate myself for election as a governor. I understand that if elected I will have to undergo a pre-appointment check. Biographical details (80 words maximum) for circulation with the voting papers are given below.

Signature:

Seconded* by:
(Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr)

Address:

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Signature:

The seconder must be a parent of a pupil at the school.

Biographical detail (80 words maximum)