



PARKGATE INFANTS &
NURSERY SCHOOL

13th January 2023



Start of Term!

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome children back to school after the holidays. I have been around the classes and it is lovely to see the children settled and enjoying their learning!

It was also lovely this week to celebrate Barnaby Bear's birthday. We had assembly in the hall, opened Barnaby Bears presents and sung happy birthday. Barnaby Bear is also available to celebrate your special days. These could be a family festival, a family holiday or even just a special day out. If your child would like to take Barnaby for a trip, then please write a letter to Barnaby and we will book the date in his diary!

A reminder that if the school needs to close for any reason (e.g. if there is significant snow and staff are unable to safely get to school) we will now notify parents by email using Arbor (the Everbridge system is no longer used).

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Pritchard

Deadline for Reception and Junior School Places

Please be aware that the deadline for making an application for a Reception or Junior school place for September 2023 is **15th January 2023**. You will need to apply direct to Hertfordshire County Council.

You can apply via the link:

[School admissions and transport | Hertfordshire County Council](#)

Caretaker Wanted!

We are looking for a new caretaker. Do you know someone who is interested in working 7-12 each morning?

The role includes opening the school in the morning, carrying out health and safety checks and general DIY jobs. If you know someone who would be interested then please contact the school office who will be happy to discuss the role with anyone who is interested.

We are also looking for a Wraparound Care Manager.

Both roles are advertised on www.teachinherts.com

Leaflet drop

To help us advertise vacancies available at school, we are requesting help from parents or carers with a leaflet drop in the local area.

If you have some spare time and are happy to leaflet drop for us, please contact the school office.

Scooters

Please can we ask that parents/carers supervise the children parking their scooters in our scooter park.

Unfortunately a number of scooters were piled on top of one scooter and a child's scooter has been damaged.

Attendance

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



Badger Class	93.7%
Fox Class	96.3%
Rabbit Class	93.7%
Squirrel Class	96.3%
Mole Class	97.6%
Hedgehog Class	91%

WEEK 3				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Vegballs in Homemade Tomato Sauce (ve) with Pasta	Mild Chicken Curry with Rice	Roast Pork with Sage and Onion Stuffing with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Fish Fillet Fingers with Oven Chips or Pasta
Quorn Burger with Diced Potatoes or Pasta (v)	Vegan Sausages with Potato Wedges or Pasta (ve)	Tomato Bolognese (ve) with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Veg Fingers with Potato Wedges (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pizza With Oven Chips or Pasta (v)
Egg Roll	Ham Roll	Cheese Baguette	Cheese Wrap	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 and Onion Stuffing with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta		

Stars of the Week



Badger— Ivan P-W

Fox— Bryan

Rabbit— Florence

Squirrel—Maya N.

Mole— Umaima

Hedgehog—Joshua

Well done to our Stars of the Week

Learning Awards



Badger—George

Fox—Savannah

Rabbit—Dora

Squirrel—Eloise

Mole—Thomas

Hedgehog—Evie

Well done!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Rabbit Library Visit

Reception Library Visit (TBC)

Reception Library Visit (TBC)

Parents Evening

Parents Evening

Half Term

Easter Bonnet Parade

Term Ends

Wed 15th January

Wed 1st February

Wed 8th February

Wed 8th February 3:30-6:00pm

Thu 9th February 5:00-8:00pm

Mon 13th—Fri 17th February

Fri 31st March

Fri 31st March 1:00pm

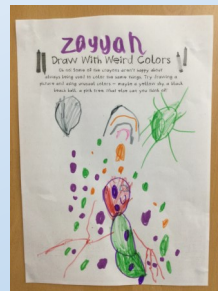
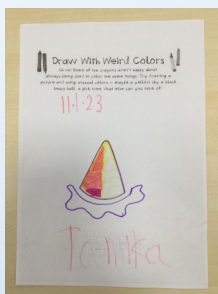
This week in Badger class.....

On Wednesday Badger Class worked with the Sports partnership and learnt how to be play buddies. We are looking forward to teaching and playing these games with the younger children.



This week in Parkgate Pirates.....

This week, we have been reading "The Day the Crayons Quit" by Drew Daywalt and the children really enjoyed learning about the importance of respecting each other's needs and wishes. They completed lots of lovely activities related to the theme of the book.



Winter Mini Reading Challenge

A great way to encourage your child's reading for pleasure! If your child completes the challenge, you can let Mrs Parr know (library@parkgatejm.herts.sch.uk) and they will receive a Parkgate certificate.

For more information about the challenge, check <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>





Super Star Sport

SPRING AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



Looking forward to welcoming your children back for our next Spring Term!! We have our popular Football Club, Fun Factory & Dodgeball, also our New Gymnastics! Don't miss out!



11 WEEK SUPER PROGRAM



TUESDAY- FUNTASTIC FOOTBALL (Reception, Year1&2)

START DATE: 10 JANUARY 2023 – END DATE: 28 MARCH 2023th
TIMES 3PM – 4PM

JUST £55 FOR OUR 11 WEEK SUPER STAR SPORT PROGRAM.



WEDNESDAY – FUN FACTORY (Reception, Year 1&2)

START DATE: 11 JANUARY 2023 – END DATE: 29 MARCH 2023th
TIMES 3PM – 4PM

JUST £55 FOR OUR 11 WEEK SUPER STAR SPORT PROGRAM.



THURSDAY- DODGETBALL (Reception, Year 1&2)

START DATE: 12 JANUARY 2023 – END DATE: 30 MARCH 2023th
TIMES 3PM – 4PM

JUST £55 FOR OUR 11 WEEK SUPER STAR SPORT PROGRAM.



FRIDAY-GYMNASTICS (Reception, Year 1&2)

START DATE: 13th JANUARY 2023 – END DATE: 24th MARCH 2023
TIMES 3PM – 4PM

JUST £50 FOR OUR 10 WEEK SUPER STAR SPORT PROGRAM.

For any additional information, please email us at
operations@superstarsportnwl.com where Junior would be happy to answer
any questions you may have!

All of our clubs are COVID secure and we have risk assessments and procedures in place to ensure the upmost safety for the children. Our enhanced DBS checked, first aid trained coaches are fully qualified and will ensure the children are having a great time within the fun sports clubs.

HOW DO I BOOK???

Step 1: Enter the site www.superstarsportnwl.com

Step 2: Click 'BOOK NOW' on the home page

After clicking book now, you will be directed to another page on the site .

Step 3: Select your school/nursery location

Step 4: Select the block of sessions you would like to book your child onto and click 'info and booking'

Step 5: Once here please find the 'book this class'

www.superstarsportnwl.com

Step 6: Time to sign up your child!!!! (If you have not created a profile with us, there is a short profile creation process)

Step 7: Your child attends their Super Star Sport club!!!



Please see below for our fun and engaging program
week by week

Fun Factory Club

- ★ Week 1: Games rules
- ★ Week 2: Round Robin
- ★ Week 3: Card Games
- ★ Week 4: Board Games
- ★ Week 5: Pick a Friend
- ★ Week 6: Survival Mode
- ★ Week 7: Beat the Clock
- ★ Week 8: Charades
- ★ Week 9: Team building
- ★ Week 10: Create your own game
- ★ Week 11: Free Play



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Dodgeball Club

- ★ Week 1: Dodgeball Introduction
- ★ Week 2: Balancing
- ★ Week 3: Agility & Movement
- ★ Week 4: Dodging
- ★ Week 5: Ball Blocking
- ★ Week 6: Target practice
- ★ Week 7: Ball catching
- ★ Week 8: Dodgeball Round Robin
- ★ Week 9: 1v1 & 2v2
- ★ Week 10: Dodgeball Tournaments
- ★ Week 11: Dodgeball Tournaments



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Gymnastics Club

- ★ Week 1: Gymnastics Introduction
- ★ Week 2: Balance
- ★ Week 3: Core Body Skills
- ★ Week 4: Body Co-ordination
- ★ Week 5: Jumps & Lunges
- ★ Week 6: Rolls & Tumbles
- ★ Week 7: Footwork
- ★ Week 8: Apparatus Skills
- ★ Week 9: Gymnastics Games
- ★ Week 10: Create routine
- ★ Week 11: Show your routines



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HEY, FAMILIES OF WATFORD

JOIN OUR FREE HEALTHY LIFESTYLES COURSES TO MAKE
HEALTHY HABITS TOGETHER, AND HAVE FUN DOING IT!

ST MERYL'S PRIMARY
TUESDAYS 17:00 – 19:00

For 12 weeks
From Tuesday 17th Jan 2023

To be eligible for a free place, your family must live/go to school/be registered with a GP in Hertfordshire and include one child aged 5-15 who is above their ideal healthy weight.



Healthy eating



Fun activities



Making healthy habits at home!

To sign up for your family's **FREE** place...



beezeebodies.com/families



01707 248648

or scan me with
your smartphone
camera



@beezeefamilies



Winter health update - January 2023

For parents/carers and education and childcare settings

From Geraldine Bruce, Head of Health Protection, Hertfordshire Public Health

As children return to schools and childcare settings, we expect to see many more cases of flu, COVID-19 and other infections that affect children's breathing (known as 'respiratory infections'). There also continue to be high numbers of scarlet fever cases, which can spread quickly, but can be easily treated with antibiotics. To help us through this term, this leaflet has five simple steps we can take to protect children, minimise the spread of illness in schools and childcare settings and protect others.

<div>1</div>	<p><u>Stay home if unwell</u></p> <p>Infections can spread quickly in schools and other childcare settings. If your child is unwell and has a fever they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and their fever has gone.</p> <p>Adults should try to stay home when unwell and consider wearing a face covering to protect others if you do have to go out. Don't visit people in hospitals or care homes if you have a fever, a cold or symptoms of a stomach upset.</p>
<div>2</div>	<p><u>Keep hands clean</u></p> <p>It is important to help children understand that keeping hands clean can stop bugs from spreading. Help your child wash their hands regularly at home with soap and warm water. More information here.</p>
<div>3</div>	<p><u>Catch coughs and sneezes</u></p> <p>Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is a simple way to help stop illness from spreading. Keeping rooms well ventilated will also help prevent the spread of winter illness.</p>
<div>4</div>	<p><u>Get vaccinated if you're eligible</u></p> <p>Now is a good time to check your you and your family's vaccinations are all up to date. If you are unsure your child has had all their routine vaccinations, you can check their personal health record (Red Book) or ask your GP. You can also check the childhood immunisation schedule online.</p> <p>And it's not too late to get the free NHS flu jab or nasal spray this year if anyone in your family is eligible. The NHS will be contacting parents of children who have not yet had their flu immunisation. Flu nasal spray clinics are still taking place in some schools this month, or for children aged 2-3, please contact your GP to arrange an appointment.</p>
<div>5</div>	<p><u>Be scarlet fever aware</u></p> <p>Call your GP for advice if you think your child has scarlet fever. More information about scarlet fever can be found on the NHS website. If you are concerned about a rash that your child has, advice is available here: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/rashes-babies-and-children/</p>

Further updates and resources can be found here:

www.hwehealthiertogether.nhs.uk

www.gov.uk/government/news/back-to-school-advice-issued-amid-high-levels-of-flu-covid-19-and-scarlet-fever

www.e-bug.eu

www.gov.uk/government/publications/infectious-diseases-schools-and-other-childcare-settings