



19th May 2023



Attendance!

I have been concerned about the level of children's absence over the last few weeks. I know that young children are susceptible to spreading and picking up bugs and I would like to start by saying that we do not expect children to come to school if they are unwell.

Please though consider the attendance chart opposite (sorry it is a little grainy as I have scanned my paper copy). Good attendance should be above 96%.

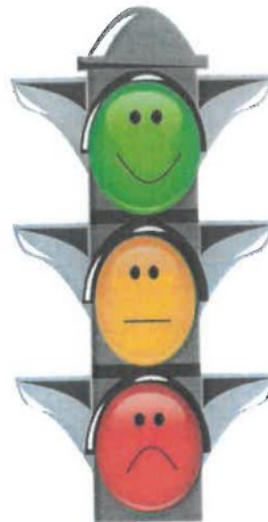
Please be aware that if your child's attendance is 90% then they have missed 20 phonics sessions alongside 20 English and Maths lessons. This will lead to significant gaps in learning. As knowledge learning and skills at Parkgate Infants have a clear progression, these gaps need to be filled so that children are able to access other aspects of the curriculum when they are older.

Mr Pritchard

How many days off?

The impact absence has on your attendance.

Attendance % rate	Total number of days off in a school year
100%	0
95%	10
92.5%	15
90%	20
80%	40



School Attendance Target = 96%

Parking

Please could we remind parent that they should not to park on the single yellow lines opposite the school gates. Please be aware that should parents continue to park here then they could face action from the police or the Local Authority.

Absence Reporting

Can we remind all parents of the procedures for reporting absence:

- If your child is unwell you must call the office before 9.30am and leave a message, or you can email admin@parkgateinfants.herts.sch.uk
- You must leave details of your child's name, class and the reason for absence - please don't just say 'feeling unwell' or 'under the weather'. Please give specific details on your child's illness.

Book Swap Trolley

Every Wednesday after school there will be a children's book swap trolley in the playground. It will be a mixture of donated books, second-hand charity shop ones and books removed from the school library.

Children can bring a book (in good condition please!) and swap it for one from the trolley.

Comics & Magazines

If your child is finished with their comics or magazines and no longer wants them, we would love to have them!

They should be in good condition and no writing in them, please! They will be used for break and lunchtimes and depending on what/how many we get, we may start a comic swap after school.

Attendance

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



Badger Class	98.5%
Fox Class	95.2%
Rabbit Class	97.8%
Squirrel Class	93.5%
Mole Class	99.6%
Hedgehog Class	90.4%

WEEK 3 (w/c 2/5; 22/5; 19/6; 10/7; 18/9; 9/10)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pork Sausage with BBQ Sauce with New Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Veggie "Meatball" Sub with Potato Wedges or Tricolour Pasta (Ve)	Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Mild Chilli Con Carne with Rice or Potato Wedges	Fish Fillet Fingers with Oven Chips or Wholemeal Pasta
Cheese and Sweet Potato Slice with New Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta (V)	Roasted Tomato Pasta with Potato Wedges or Tricolour Pasta (Ve)	Creamy Quorn Pie with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta (V)	Quorn Burger in a Bun with Rice or Potato Wedges (V)	Cheese and Tomato Pizza With Oven Chips or Wholemeal Pasta (V)
Tuna Roll	Cheese Sandwich	Ham Roll	Chicken Mayo Baguette	Egg Roll
Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Tuna	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
		Halal Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta		

Stars of the Week



Badger— Sanjana

Fox— Savannah

Rabbit— Rihan

Squirrel—Anish

Mole— Hassan

Hedgehog—Harry A.

Well done to our Stars of the Week

Learning Awards



Badger—Tamika

Fox— Lara

Rabbit—Dora

Squirrel—no consent given

Mole—Yahya

Hedgehog—Lina

Well done!

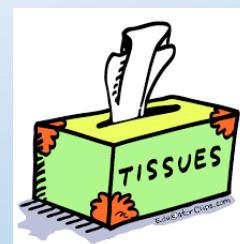
DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 22 nd May	Cultural Diversity Day Special Menu (copy attached)
Fri 26 th May	PTA Frozen Friday—Ice lolly Sale
Mon 29 th May—Fri 2 nd June	Half Term
Mon 5 th June	Inset Day (no school for children)
Tue 6 th June	Fox Class Assembly
Tue 6 th June	World Environment Day Special Menu
Tue 13 th June	Badger Class Assembly
Fri 16 th June	PTA Break the Rules Day
Tue 20 th June	Squirrel Class Assembly
Thu 22 nd June	2.30pm Musical Extravaganza
Tue 27 th June	Rabbit Class Assembly
Fri 30 th June	Sports Day
Tue 4 th July	Hedgehog Class Assembly
Fri 7 th July	Reports sent home
Tue 11 th July	Mole Class Assembly
Fri 14 th July	Year 2 Leavers Assembly/Party
Mon 17 th July	5-6.30pm Family Evening
Thu 20 th July	Theme Day
Fri 21 st July	1.15pm End of term

Donation Request

As it's now hayfever season, we are in need of boxes of tissues for our classes. If you can spare a box of tissues, it's much appreciated!

Thank you!



Walk to School Week

We are joining Living Streets Walk to School Week campaign to promote and encourage our children and families to swap the school run for a school walk, wheel, cycle, scoot or 'Park and Stride'.

Starting **Monday 22nd May until Friday 26th May**, children who walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or park and stride to school everyday will receive a sticker and certificate. Through this challenge, children will be well on their way to reaching the recommended 60 minutes minimum of physical activity per day before reaching the school gates.

For more information on the campaign, please visit: <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school/parents-info>



This week in Hedgehog Class ...

Our New Garden

This week we have introduced Hedgehog class to some new, updated areas in our garden. It has been lovely to see them enjoying the new resources.

They have been drawing minibeasts in the creative area and writing labels for them, singing and dancing on the stage and using the tape measures to see how long their building was in the construction area!

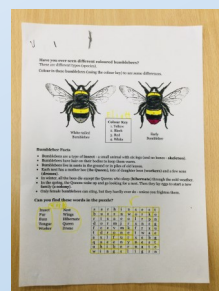


This week in Parkgate Pirates ...

World Bee Day

The children have been discussing the importance of bees as pollinators to flowers, fruit and vegetables and how they help the flowers grow as part of our topic "World Bee Day", which is celebrated on 20th May every year.

The children produced some great work and really enjoyed this topic!



Special Menu

On **Monday 22nd May** we are celebrating Cultural Diversity Day with a special menu:



The graphic features a light blue background with a large white circle at the top containing the HCL logo (the letters 'HCL' and a stylized leaf icon). To the left of the circle is a red biplane flying over white clouds. A green banner on the right reads 'ON THE 22ND OF MAY WE'RE CELEBRATING'. In the center, a globe is surrounded by eight diverse cartoon children. The words 'CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY' are written in a large, blue, curved font across the middle. Below this, a light blue rectangular box contains the menu text. At the bottom of the graphic, there are two rows of stylized hands in blue, green, and yellow. The footer includes social media icons for Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, and Instagram, followed by the handle '@HCLCatering'. To the right of the social media icons is a globe icon and the website address 'www.hcl.co.uk'.

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ON THE 22ND OF MAY
WE'RE CELEBRATING

CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

MENU

MIDDLE EASTERN LAMB FLATBREAD
SERVED WITH BOMBAY POTATOES
OR
FRUITY CARIBBEAN CURRY (V)
SERVED WITH CARIBBEAN RICE & PEAS
Chocolate & Orange muffins
~~JAMAICAN COCONUT AND LIME MUFFINS~~
OR
TROPICAL FRUIT SALAD

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May Half Term Fun

Monday 29 May - 2 June 2023

Join us in a celebration of art this May Half Term

Express your creative side with workshops on different artforms
each day, inspired by our new Open Art exhibition.

Discover more at discoverbucksmuseum.org
or scan the QR code



Monday 29 May - Become An Illustrator Course

Led by graphic illustrator Wendy Wootton, find out how to hone your drawing and design skills to be the best illustrator you can be.

Tuesday 30 May: Wire Sculpture Studios

Use wire to create a model person magnet as instructed by our art teachers.

Wednesday 31 May: Printing Workshops

Take inspiration from our exhibitions to make a design for a greeting card printed using polystyrene tiles.

Thursday 1 June: Textured Painting Masterclass

Create an abstract picture on canvas using thick and textured paints.

Friday 2 June: 3D Sea Collage Photo Frame Make & Take

You will be taught several simple 3D crafting techniques, using fabric, shells and other craft materials to use in decorating a photo frame.

Booking Details - booking essential

- There are 3-4 sessions each day and each session lasts for 1 hour. Activities are aimed at 7 years+ however 5 years+ are welcome but will need some adult support.
- £5 per attendee

Make a day of it and why not visit the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery and the rest of the Museum while you're here. We're open Monday 29 May - Saturday 3 June, 10am - 5pm.

For more event details, charges and to book please scan the QR code or visit discoverbucksmuseum.org

Join in

Share photos of your day using #DiscoverBucks and don't forget to tag us!

Superstar Sports

Dear Parent/Carer,

As Super Star Sport work with our children currently, we wanted to make you aware that they will be running a sports/activity camp at a local primary school during the May/June half term! Some of their activities include:

- A variety of sports
- Arts and crafts
- Water fights
- Party days

Please find the flyer and schedule below:

SUPER STAR SPORT

MAY/JUNE HALF TERM

PARTY DAY

ARTS & CRAFTS

KARATE/BOXING WORKSHOP

WATER FIGHTS

BOYS & GIRLS WELCOME

A VARIETY OF SPORTS

Watford Field Infant and Nursery School
Neal St, Watford WD18 0WF

30th May - 2nd June
8:45AM - 3:30PM

£22 PER DAY

£85 FOR FULL WEEK

SCAN HERE TO BOOK!

To book visit:
www.superstarsportnwl.com

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MAY HALF TERM ACTIVITY CAMP

30th MAY - 2nd JUNE

PARTY
DAY

Boys &
Girls
Welcome

Ages
4+

Watford Field Infants
Neal St, Watford WD18 0WF

TUESDAY

★ Arts & Crafts

THURSDAY

★ Sports day

WEDNESDAY

★ Water fight

FRIDAY

★ Party day

For more information:

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TO BOOK!