



26 January 2024



Dear Parents,

Healthy Lunches

Children are entitled to a free healthy meal if they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. You are also able to send your child into school with a packed lunch. A healthy nutritious packed lunch will help your child make the most of their learning, helping them to concentrate throughout the school day. A healthy lunch does not have to be complicated or expensive. There is a lot of useful information on the NHS website which I have included a link to below:

[Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/healthierfamilies/lunchbox-ideas-recipes)

Please be aware that Parkgate Infants and Nursery is a nut free school so please do not send in food that contains nuts.



Roof Update

The roof work has continued this week. The roofers have been busy drilling boards into the roof. It is a little noisy whilst this takes place but please be aware that this will only last a short time.

NSPCC Number Day

Next Friday is NSPCC Number Day. Children will be doing lots of different number activities in school. The theme for the day is Dress up for Digits. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme!

Barnaby Bears Birthday

The children loved celebrating Barnaby Bears birthday today– the children loved opening Barnaby's presents in assembly and singing happy birthday. The children also particularly loved eating the bear cookies made by Mrs Varandas in the kitchen!

Please remember if you have a family festival or celebration over the weekends, Barnaby would love to join in. Write a letter to Barnaby which can be handed into the school office.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Pritchard

DATES TO REMEMBER

2.2.24 NCPCC Number Day
 7.2.24 Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm
 8.2.24 Parents Evening 5pm-8pm
 9.2.24 Mole Sharing Assembly
 9.2.24 Staying Safe Day
 16.2.24 Rabbit Sharing Assembly
 19.2.24—23.2.24 Half Term

Attendance

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



Badger Class	96.4%
Fox Class	95.2%
Rabbit Class	98.1%
Squirrel Class	91.6%
Mole Class	88.8%
Hedgehog Class	97%

WEEK 1

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Quorn Burger in a Bun (v)	Beef Bolognese	Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Pork Sausages with Gravy	Fishcake with Oven Chips or Pasta
Baked Bean and Cheese Slice (V)	Sweet Potato and Pea Samosa Burrito (v)	Quorn Fillet with Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta (V)	Cheese Pinwheel (V)	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Oven Chips or Pasta (V)
Cheese Sandwich (v)	Cheese Baguette (v)	Ham Sandwich	Tuna Roll	Egg Roll (v)
Tomato Pasta with Cheese (v)	Jacket Potato with various toppings	Jacket Potato with various toppings	Cheesy Pasta (v)	Jacket Potato with various toppings
		Halal Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta		

Stars of the Week



Badger— Anish
 Fox— Maya A
 Rabbit— Ammara
 Squirrel— Omosefe
 Mole— Ayla
 Hedgehog— Anthony

Learning Awards

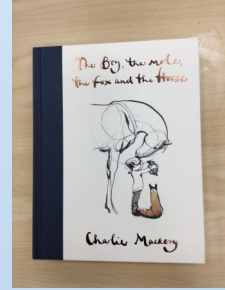


Badger— Eloise
 Fox— Richard
 Rabbit— Zach
 Squirrel— Hassan
 Mole— Owen
 Hedgehog— Caleb

Well done!

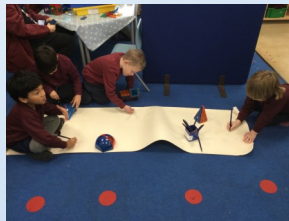
This week in Parkgate Pirates ...

This week, we have been reading the book by Charlie Mackesy called: "The Boy, the Mole, the Fox & the Horse". We talked to the children about the importance of friendships and being kind to each other. We also talked about our personal achievements and talents and how important it is to be proud of who we are and never give up trying to achieve our goals. Children were invited to make friendship bracelets using various coloured beads. Some children even made a bracelet for their mums and dads to show them how much they care about them and appreciate them.



This week in Hedgehog Class...

This week in maths we have been using our positional language to describe where things are in relation to others. We have been using the BeeBots to help us practise our directions, we have really enjoyed programming the BeeBot to turn and to go forwards and backwards. We have also enjoyed using the magnetic tiles to build rockets and space buggys, we even draw a picture of what we think outer space would look like!



Parents Evening

Parents evening will take place on:

Wednesday 7th February from 3.30pm until 6.30pm

Thursday 8th February from 5pm until 8pm

You can book an appointment with your child's class teacher via Arbor from 8am on Monday 22nd January 2024.

Nursery Admissions

We offer 30 Nursery places (15 and 30 hour provision). Parents apply directly to the school for nursery places. Please see our policy and application form on the school website.

Please note 30-hour places will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis, and priority will be given to those eligible for 30-hour free childcare funding (**a 30-hour funding code must be provided at the time of application**). Children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 are eligible for a September 2024. Applications close on the **23rd February 2024**.



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Dear Parents & Carers,

The School PTA - Friends of Parkgate Infants & Nursery School are holding an Extraordinary General Meeting on Monday 5th February at 9:00am.

The main purpose of the meeting is to vote in a new committee and discuss fundraising plans for 2024.

The meeting will be held in the school hall. All Parents are welcome to attend; we would really appreciate your feedback and ideas.

We hope to see you on there!

Many thanks,

Friends of Parkgate Infants Committee

Hayward Services is hiring!

We are looking for cleaning operative [at Parkgate](#) Infant school

Pay rate: £11.44 per hour

Hours: to work 2 hours and 15 minutes per day

Monday to Friday 17.00 to 19.15

or 17.30 to 19.45

(key holder)



If you believe you are the right person for this role,
please contact our recruitment line on **01753 323**

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or email

recruitment@haywardservices.co.uk



Under 5's Pop Up Dental Clinics



Wednesday 10th January	Beechfield Family Centre
Thursday 11th January	Leavesden Family Centre
Thursday 25th January	Leavesden Family Centre
Thursday 8th February	Leavesden Family Centre
Wednesday 14th February	Leavesden Family Centre
Thursday 15th February	Beechfield Family Centre

Clinics run 9.30- 12.00 and 13:30-16:00

What we will be offering:

Free Dental screening for under 5's

A dentist will check your child's teeth with a mouth mirror. We will then give you tailored advice around toothbrushing and diet

Topical fluoride application

Topical fluoride can be applied, this helps strengthen teeth and prevent decay.

Free Toothbrush and toothpaste

We have age appropriate toothbrushes and fluoride toothpastes to give to all children who are screened, and stickers too!

Come and meet the dental team!

Please note that these sessions are drop in, and there may be a short wait at busy times.

