

# Our Achievements

## Golden Leaves

In October Golden Leaves were awarded to:

Kayleigh Penhall, Joshua Harfield, Dylan Munford, Llewelyn Parry, Ryan Taylor, Maggie-May Leslie, Jack Osborne, Erin Rockett, Emillia Walsh, Tareef Ahmed, Joe Moore, Isobel Beaven, Amelia Wall, Alfie Faithfull, Joshua Windebank, Wesley Thompson, Kodeh Sarr, Charlie Allport, Sonny Campbell, Harry Fox, George Hamilton, Paige Hore, Tasia Reeds, Ben Waller, Bradley Craig, the whole of Rabbits Class, Alma Busch, Lily Bennett, Emily Blades, Eden Gardener, Sasha Howe-Haysome, Rowan Hall.



## Swimming achievements

**Width with aids:** Alex Webber, Lea Thorn, Llewelyn Parry, Daniel O'Reilly, C Marshall, Mason Garvey, Francesca Edge, Glyn Coffin.

**Width:** Boe Weaver, Max Gale, Ben Brown



## Smiley Cups

Lazarus Jenkinson  
Bradley Buckley  
Oliver Graham  
Taylor Day  
Oliver Jafkins  
Callum Erskine



## Polite Person Awards

Isaac Bello  
Blossom-Rose Peacham  
Daniel O'Reilly  
Ebony Vallender  
Emily Blades  
William Robertson



**The children earning themselves a Gingerbread Man this month are:**

Sam Clarke, Emily Blades, Finley Bello, Heber Crawford, Leon Fisher, Allana McCracken, Ryan Taylor, Maisie Gardiner, Mridul Jain, Alana Scammell, Phoebe Seymour, Alex Bleach, Katie Church, Finley Archer, George Hopwood, Kodeh Sarr, Lewis Marchant, Erin Littlefield, Elle-Rose Hill, Aisha Whelan, Callum Mills



## **CLEAN CLASSROOM BEAR**

**We are working hard this year to make our lunchtimes even better for the children at College Park. All children eating packed lunches are now eating them in their classrooms to ensure all children have more space and time for eating nicely. To help encourage the children to keep their classrooms and the hall tidy and clean during lunchtime, Mrs Wilson and the lunchtime supervisory assistants are awarding the Clean Classroom Bear each week to the children who keep their classroom the tidiest and show good table manners. Here are the classes who have earned the Bear this month:-**

**Hedgehogs  
Butterflies  
Rabbits**





# COLLEGE PARK INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September 2009

## WELCOME BACK!

This month's Newsletter welcomes the children back into their new classes. We also welcome the new Year R children and any other new children and hope that their time at College Park will be a happy and successful one!

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

The children have been busy designing Christmas cards (yes it is very early!) and these designs will be professionally printed and made into cards for you to send this year – a great idea for both friends and relatives. Each pack will contain 12 cards with envelopes, each featuring your child's unique design and with their name on the back. A pack costs £5.50, but any additional packs will cost £4.00 each. You can also order packs of 12 gift tags in the same design for £2.50 with any order of cards. We invite parents into school at 3.05pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October to view your child's design and order any packs of cards you wish. Please ensure you have either cash or a cheque with you on this day.



### HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year's Harvest Festival will take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October. This year we are collecting for the Portsmouth Foodbank, a local project providing emergency food for people at times of crisis.

For Foodbank we would welcome donations of tinned or dried food in packets.



We hope that you will help us support this very worthy cause by sending your donations in on the day, when they will be packed up and collected by the charity.

### REMEMBER!

**The school will be closed on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October for staff training.**

## SOME REMINDERS

### JEWELLERY

We would like to remind parents that children are not permitted to wear any jewellery in school except small plain studs for pierced ears which will need to be removed for both swimming and PE days. Staff are not permitted to remove these so please ensure they are removed at home prior to arriving at school on these days. We have noticed some children wearing the new craze of plastic bracelets but these are jewellery and are not appropriate to be worn in school.

### SWIMMING

We also remind you that in addition to earrings, tattoos and nail varnish are also not permitted in the swimming pool because of their tendency to flake while in the water. If your child has a verruca then they are only able to swim if it is being treated with medication like Bazuka or if it is covered by a verruca sock.



### PLAYGROUND

With Health and Safety in mind we remind you that no dogs are allowed on school premises, and that the riding of scooters or bikes in the school playground is prohibited. No children are allowed on the climbing frame before or after school. Thank you for your co-operation in these matters.



## WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH

Walk to School Month is October. Walking to school is great for children's health. It relieves traffic congestion and it is good for the environment!

We understand that for some families it is not possible to walk the entire way to school but we would ask that you try to park a few roads away and walk the remainder of the journey.

We will be launching our Walk to School Month on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October and it will continue for 2 weeks before half-term and 2 weeks after. Children will be given their own 4-week record card, sticker and bookmark at the start and all participating children will receive a certificate and a metal pin badge at the end of the month. As a school, let's see if we can increase the already high number of children walking to school.



### LOTTERY

Thank you to everyone who has bought lottery numbers. Unfortunately the parents of only 63 children have chosen to take part. We are very fortunate to have a wonderful swimming pool that the children can use all year round but we do need help to raise the money needed to keep it open. By buying shares in our Lottery you are not only helping to maintain our fantastic pool, but you also stand the chance to win one of the cash prizes in each half-termly draw!

Shares cost 10p a week and you can buy as many as you wish to increase your chances of winning. The only thing to remember is to keep your payments up-to-date.

We really do need more people to purchase shares this year. If you have not yet done so please fill in a lottery form or speak to your child's classteacher. You've got to be in it to win it!

The first draw of the year will be in the week beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

Good luck!

### CLUBS

Would your child like to join one of our school clubs? At present we have 6 clubs running throughout the term at the following times:

**Mondays 3.15pm FOOTBALL (waiting list only)**

**Tuesdays 8am KARATE**

**Tuesdays 3.15pm COMPUTER**

**Wednesday 3.15pm ATHLETICS**

**Wednesdays and Thursdays 3.15pm FRENCH (There will be a beginners class on Thursdays if there is enough interest).**

**Thursdays 3.15pm YOGABUGS**

**For more details or to register your interest please speak to Mrs Lathem or pop into the school office.**

### CURRICULUM LETTERS

We hope you have all received your first Curriculum Topic letter of the year. These are sent out each half-term to let you know some of the things your child will be learning in school. There is also a section informing you of ways you might help your child or ideas for things to do with your child at home. We hope that you find this interesting and informative.



### CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

Year R children have settled well into their new classes and are starting to develop their independence with skills like changing for PE and collecting their own resources. They have also been starting to learn their phonics by making mouse puppets, snakes and playing 'tennis', and they watched a performance by a professional theatre company about friendship and new environments.

Year 1 found out more about their class animals when they visited the New Forest Owl and Otter Centre and are looking forward to visiting the local area to look at features of the environment.

Year 2 visited Southsea seafront to look at features of a Victorian Seaside Resort and to compare seaside holidays past and present. They are now looking forward to their Victorian day on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

## PPA ARRANGEMENTS

As most of you are aware teachers are required to be released from their classroom teaching for a short time each week for Planning, Preparation and Assessment Time. This year teachers will continue to have this time on a Friday afternoon while the children enjoy Celebration Assembly and Golden Time with the other staff in school. Golden Time is where the staff organise a whole range of activities that are then offered to the children who choose which activity to sign up for. This gives your child an important chance to develop their own interests and also to try something new. It's also a great chance to mix with other children and make new friends!

### READING PASSPORTS

**This year we are continuing the Reading Passport scheme that was so successful last year. It is designed to encourage your child to share books regularly at home and they can receive prizes when they read a certain amount of times. For Year R parents who may not be familiar with the scheme it will be explained to you in the near future so look out for a letter explaining when. The children will be bringing home a letter with their folder that explains in detail how the Passports work.**

**Reading and sharing books at home with parents really helps the children progress in their reading and we would like parents to support us by spending 5 or 10 mins every day to read with their child.**



## INSET DAYS 2009/10

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2009  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2010  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2010

### WAKE AND SHAKE

Don't forget to come along to our 10 minute 'Wake and Shake' session for children and parents on Wednesday mornings at 8.35am. This will be a fun session with a warm-up, stretches and exercises to music. The theme for October is 'Party Dances' so why not come along and relive some old favourites like Agadoo and the Macarena with your children!



We all know that daily exercise is important for health, to reduce the risk of obesity and it also improves concentration, so we hope that lots of you will come along. It takes place in the playground if the weather is fine or in the Hall if not.

## DIARY DATES

### OCTOBER

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> 3.05pm Parents invited to view Christmas card designs  
(bring cash or cheque)

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival – please send donations for Portsmouth Foodbank

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> SCHOOL CLOSED – STAFF TRAINING

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> HALF TERM HOLIDAY

### NOVEMBER

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> 3.30 – 5.30pm Parents Evening

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> 3.30 – 5.30pm Parents Evening

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Blue Friday with Buddy Class Activities – Wear blue clothes (no donation needed)

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Multicultural Week

