

# Open Gates



**Autumn 2 School Value focus is Ambition  
Team Two Gates knows no limits. We are  
determined to achieve our goals.**



Dear Parents,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at Two Gates this week. Decorations are up around school and there is a festive feel in the air. **Please join us in school next week if you can- to celebrate a wonderful term of learning and achievement and to soak up some Two Gates Christmas magic! Details below and on Class Dojo.**

Santa himself sent a video message to years 1 and 2 on Thursday- and there was a huge sigh of relief when he announced that **everyone in the Two Gates community is on his 'nice list' this year!**

## Inclusion

The continuing **professional development of staff** is carefully planned at Two Gates to make sure our workforce have the necessary skills and knowledge across all aspects of education to advance our school improvement priorities and secure the best outcomes for children.

Two Gates is **proud to be an inclusive school**; we value every member of our community and strive to understand each child's individuality so that we can help them learn and achieve in a way that **best suits their need**. This week's staff CPD was about **Autism Spectrum Condition**, delivered by a qualified teacher from Staffordshire Autism Inclusion Team (AIT). The link below will take you to the AIT page on Staffordshire Connects if you would like to find out more information. Staffordshire Connects is a directory where you can search and find help and support on a variety of matters in your community.

## [Autism Inclusion Team-Staffordshire](#)

On Wednesday pupils in years 3-6 enjoyed STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) takeover workshops provided by the Aston Villa Foundation; they explored coding and learning through play with three different types of robots.



## **Parent Council:**

If you are interested in attending the first meeting of the Two Gates Parent Council, it is on Monday, 11th December 9:00-10:00, **please email the school** [officetgs@twogates.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:officetgs@twogates.staffs.sch.uk) with FAO Parent Council as the subject.

## **Community Advocate- your school needs you!**

We are still looking for a Community Advocate to join our Governance team. Please click the following link to see more about this role.

## **Advocate Recruitment**

Advocates will be appointed for a term of 4 years and work closely with the school leadership to advance the opportunities for students and their schools and help ensure the school is as strong as it can be. The roles require a time commitment of approximately 30-40 hours per year, broken down into meeting attendance, preparation, email/telephone communications and training.

Please see more news, photos and information below and remember that you can follow us on Twitter [@2gatesprimary](https://twitter.com/2gatesprimary). Class and school information will also be posted on [ClassDojo](#).

As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please remember that we are here for you; just call the office on [01827 213855](tel:01827213855) or email [officetgs@twogates.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:officetgs@twogates.staffs.sch.uk)

*Mrs Lewelyn- Cook*



*Love children, love learning!*



## STAR AWARD

Robins - Poppy  
Buzzards - Emily  
Kingfishers - Lilly  
Swans - Matthew  
Kites - Kacie  
Falcons - Lewis  
Kestrels - Olivia

YOU'RE  
doing  
Great

## BRILLIANT BEHAVIOUR BREAKFAST

Robins - Alanna  
Buzzards - Teddy  
Kingfishers - Noah  
Swans - Annabelle  
Kites - Jude  
Falcons - Alwyn  
Kestrels - Abbie

## TOP ATTENDANCE CLASSES



### KS1

Robins  
97.5%

### KS2

Swans  
98%

YOU'RE  
BRILLIANT





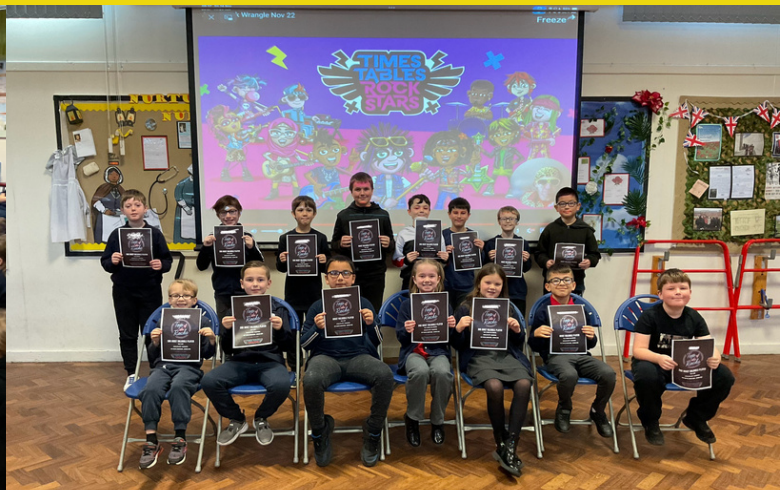
# Year 1 Traditional Tales Day





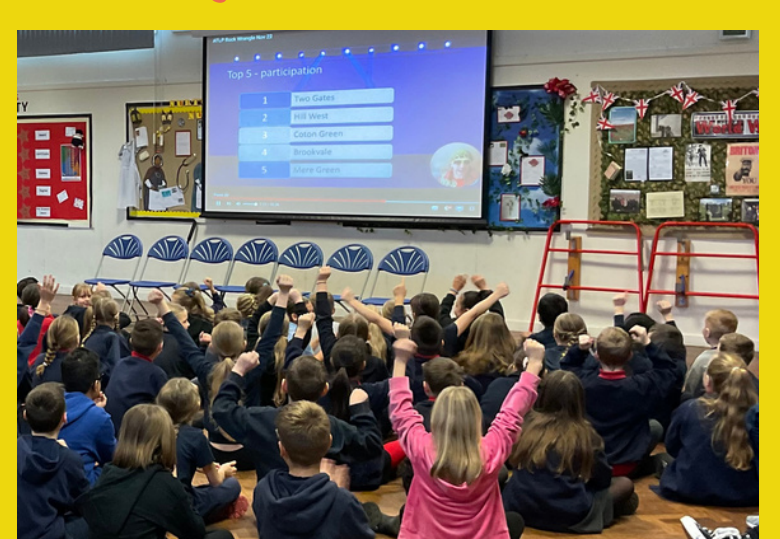
# AMAZING

Congratulations, Abbie  
on your achievement in  
so many events at the  
Terry Freeman Open  
Meet-3 Bronze  
medals, 3 Silver  
medals and a Gold  
medal in the 50m  
butterfly race!



— + Times Tables Rock Stars  
× % Certificate Winners

WELL DONE!





# Diary Dates

**DON'T FORGET**

**Friday 22nd December**

**Last Day of School**

**Monday 25th December till Friday 5th January 2024**

Christmas Holidays

**Monday 8th January**

Teacher Training Day - School Closed

**Wednesday 17th January (AM only)**

Year 6 visit to Tysley Business Park

Webster and Horsfall Group



HOHOHO!HOHOH

Save  
the Date

Monday 11th December  
Parent Council Meeting - 9am

Monday 11th December  
Year 3 Christmas Craft Parent Event - 2:15pm till 3:15pm

Tuesday 12th December  
Year 4 Christmas Craft Parent Event - 2:15pm till 3:15pm

Wednesday 13th December  
Year 5 Christmas Craft Parent Event - 2:15pm till 3:15pm

Thursday 14th December  
Year 6 Christmas Craft Parent Event - 2:15pm till 3:15pm

Friday 15th December  
Christmas Songs with KS1 - 2:15pm till 3:00pm

Monday 18th December  
Reception Christmas Stay and Play Christmas Crafts  
&  
Nursery Christmas Stay and Play Christmas Crafts

Tuesday 19th December  
Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 22nd December  
Christmas Party Day  
we finish for the  
Christmas Holidays

Back to School  
Tuesday 9th January 2024

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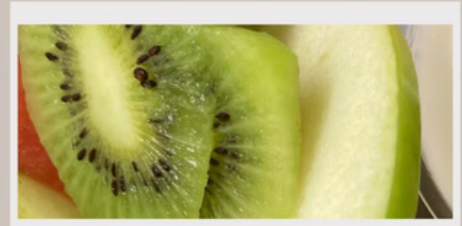
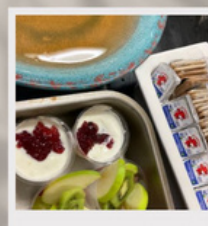
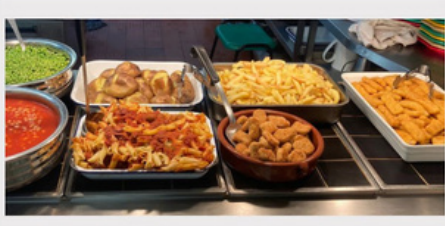
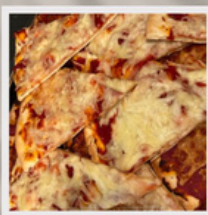




# NEXT WEEK'S MENU

	WEEK 2				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>STEP 1</b> Choose from...					
<b>Main</b>	Margherita Pizza to go with Herby Diced Potatoes, Tomato Rocket & Onion Salad	Chicken Balti Curry to go with Wholegrain Rice, Naan Bread	Roast Turkey NR to go with Roast New Potatoes with Rosemary, Honey Roast Parsnips, Gravy, Carrots, Sage & Onion Stuffing	Piri Piri Chicken Burger to go with Coleslaw, Peas, Sweet Potato Wedges	Fish Finger to go with Baked Beans, Chips, Peas
<b>Vegetarian</b>	Hotdog to go with Herby Diced Potatoes, Tomato Rocket & Onion Salad	Cauliflower, lentil & Spinach Curry to go with Wholegrain Rice, Naan Bread	Quorn Roast to go with Roast New Potatoes with Rosemary, Honey Roast Parsnips, Gravy, Carrots, Sage & Onion Stuffing	Cheese & Bean Wrap to go with Coleslaw, Peas, Sweet Potato Wedges	Vegan Nuggets to go with Baked Beans, Chips, Peas
<b>Combo</b>	Jacket Potato to go with Mixed Salad with choice of fillings <small>Pork Mince, Chicken, Turkey, Beef, Fish, Baked Beans, Baked Chicken, Tuna Mayo</small>	Jacket Potato to go with Mixed Salad with choice of fillings <small>Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo</small>	Jacket Potato to go with Mixed Salad with choice of fillings <small>Pork Mince, Chicken, Turkey, Beef, Fish, Baked Beans, Baked Chicken, Tuna Mayo</small>	Jacket Potato to go with Mixed Salad with choice of fillings <small>Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo</small>	Jacket Potato to go with Mixed Salad with choice of fillings <small>Pork Mince, Chicken, Turkey, Beef, Fish, Baked Beans, Baked Chicken, Tuna Mayo</small>
	Pasta with choice of fillings Pasta King - Chinese Veg Curry	Pasta with choice of fillings Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce	Pasta with choice of fillings Pasta King's Chicken Italiano	Pasta with choice of fillings Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce	Pasta with choice of fillings Pasta King - Italian Meatballs
	Sandwich - combo with choice of fillings Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo	Sandwich - combo with choice of fillings Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo	Sandwich - combo with choice of fillings Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo	Sandwich - combo with choice of fillings Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo	Sandwich - combo with choice of fillings Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo
	Raspberry Ripple Arctic Roll	Apple & Banana Crisp	Palmiers Love Heart biscuits & peaches	Fruity Shortbread	Glazed Doughnut
<b>STEP 2</b> ...and to finish!	Fresh Fruit Pot, Homemade Yoghurts, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Fresh Fruit Pot, Homemade Yoghurts, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Fresh Fruit Pot, Homemade Yoghurts, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Fresh Fruit Pot, Homemade Yoghurts, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Fresh Fruit Pot, Homemade Yoghurts, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

Bread and Salad will be available at Lunch Times





Tuesday 19th December 2023

# Christmas Lunch

*Roast Turkey  
or  
Quorn Fillet  
with*

*Stuffing & Yorkshire pudding  
Rosemary Roasted Potatoes  
Carrots & Sprouts  
Gravy*

*Christmas Cracknel Pudding  
Custard  
or*

*Strawberry Trifle*



Support





TAMWORTH DISTRICT

# FAMILY GROUPWORK COURSES

FREE TO BOOK ON  
TERM TIME ONLY

10 week, FREE courses for families and their children. Fun activities and learning to support your child's development.

STARTING MONDAY 8TH

JANUARY 2024

GLASCOTE CHILDREN'S

CENTRE

SIMPLY PLAY

1PM - 3PM

A FACE TO FACE COURSE  
FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

AGED 0-4 YEARS

TO BOOK A PLACE EMAIL

GROUPWORK@STAFFORDSHIRE.GOV.UK



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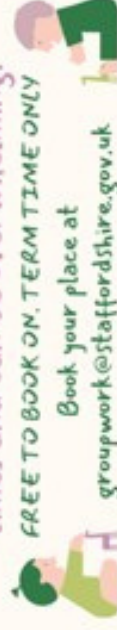
# FROM PRAM TO PRIMARY SCHOOL

We understand that parenting is hard at times and can be overwhelming.

FREE TO BOOK ON TERM TIME ONLY

Book your place at

groupwork@staffordshire.gov.uk



10 weekly sessions. A face to face course, adult only, to help you support your children's development including behaviour tips and hints by Family Caring Trust

FREE for parents and carers – please email your name, child's name and date of birth together with your contact number, address and which course and day you are interested in

For professionals – please complete the groupwork referral form and send to the above email

STARTING  
MONDAY 8TH  
JANUARY  
AT GLASCOTE  
CHILDREN'S CENTRE  
9.30AM - 11.30AM



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## 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

### FIRE SAFETY TIPS



- 1 **On the 1st day of Christmas**
  - Check your Christmas tree lights conform to the British Standard.

- 2 **On the 2nd day of Christmas**
  - Never place candles near your Christmas tree or furnishings. Don't leave them burning unattended.

- 3 **On the 3rd day of Christmas**
  - Make sure your family and visitors staying for the festive period know what to do in an emergency.

- 4 **On the 4th day of Christmas**
  - Decorations can burn easily. Don't attach them to lights or heaters.

- 5 **On the 5th day of Christmas**
  - Never overload electrical sockets. Always switch Christmas lights off and unplug them before you go to bed.

- 6 **On the 6th day of Christmas**
  - The risk of accidents, especially in the kitchen, is greater after alcohol is consumed.



- 7 **On the 7th day of Christmas**
  - Most fires start in the kitchen. Never leave cooking unattended.

- 8 **On the 8th day of Christmas**
  - If you are planning to celebrate with fireworks, store them in a metal box, read the instructions, never go back to a lit firework and keep a bucket of water nearby.

- 9 **On the 9th day of Christmas**
  - Make sure cigarettes are completely extinguished before you go to bed.

- 10 **On the 10th day of Christmas**
  - Check the battery in your smoke alarm every week and use Christmas as a reminder to clean it and remove dust.

- 11 **On the 11th day of Christmas**
  - Keep candles, lighters and matches out of reach of children. Never leave burning candles unattended.

- 12 **On the 12th day of Christmas**
  - Take the time to check on elderly relatives and neighbours this Christmas. Make sure they are fire safe.





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## Community Safety Flash

### E-Bike and E- Scooter Safety



Most E-bikes and e-scooters are powered by lithium-ion batteries which can be charged in the home. It is important to charge e-bikes and e-scooters safely to avoid a fire and outing your home and family at risk

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions when charging and always unplug the charger when it's finished charging
- Charge batteries whilst you are awake – do not charge while you are asleep or away from the home
- Always use the manufacturer approved charger and buy an official replacement charge if it becomes damaged
- Do not cover chargers or battery packs when charging as this could lead to a fire
- Do not charge batteries or store your e-bike or scooter near combustible or flammable materials.
- Do not overcharge your battery- check the manufacturer's instructions on charge times
- Do not overload sockets or use inappropriate extension leads
- If you charge your e-bike or scooter in a garage or kitchen, ensure you install detection – we recommend heat alarms rather than smoke alarms for these areas.
- Ensure you have working smoke alarms
- In the event of an e-bike, e-scooter, or lithium-ion battery fire do not attempt to extinguish the fire

• **GET OUT, STAY OUT and call 999**

- Avoid storing or charging e-bikes or e-scooters on escape routes or in communal areas of a multi occupied building. If there is a fire, it can affect people's ability to escape.
- Responsible Persons should consider the risks posed by e-bikes and e-scooters where they are charged or left in common areas such as means of escape, bike and mobility scooter charging rooms.
- Store e-bikes and e-scooters and their batteries in a cool place. Avoid excessively hot or cold places.
- Follow manufacturer's instructions for the storage and maintenance of lithium-ion batteries if they are not going to be used for some time.



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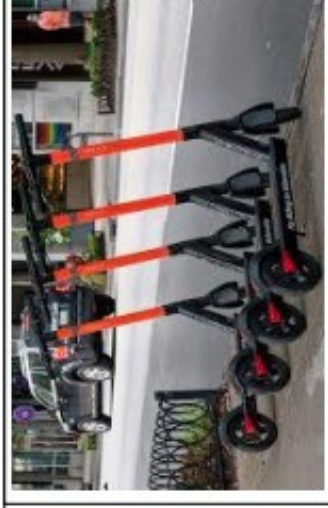
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## Community Safety Flash

- Buy e-bikes, e-scooters, chargers and batteries from reputable retailers
- Many fires involve counterfeit electrical goods.
- Items which don't meet British or European standards pose a huge fire risk.
- Genuine chargers may cost more but it is not worth putting your life at risk or destroying your home by buying a fake charger.
- If buying a conversion kit, purchase from a reputable seller and check it complies with British or European standards
- Register your product with the manufacturer to validate any warranties
- Check for any product recalls. You can do this by checking [Electrical Safety First website](#) or [Government website](#)

- Batteries can be damaged by dropping them or crashing e-bikes or e-scooters
- When the battery is damaged it can overheat and catch fire without warning. Check your battery regularly.
- Replace it if you suspect it is damaged
- Check with your manufacturer or local authority for suitable battery recycling arrangements in your area.

Further information can be found for [e-bike licensing](#), [tax and insurance](#) and [government guidance on the use of powered transport](#)



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