

GOLDINGTON GREEN ACADEMY



NEWSLETTER

Welcome back, I hope that you have all enjoyed the special time with your child(ren) and managed to relax. A very warm welcome to all our new children and families joining GGA. For all the children (and parents/carers) the start of a new year with a new classroom and teacher can often make us a little nervous. For our new Reception children and those new to the school in other year groups this can be even more daunting, but we pride ourselves with being a very nurturing school where the staff all appreciate you are entrusting your most precious possession(s) to us each day, and they all endeavour to ensure positive mental health and well being for all.

As a point of information some of you may be aware I celebrated my 60th birthday a couple of summers ago and now after investing over 17 years as Headteacher of GGA out of my 40 year teaching career I have decided to consider my retirement. I will be taking a phased retirement so you will not be seeing or hearing as much from me this year. I am, as always extremely proud of my amazing staff team here and the Senior Leadership team who support me collectively in driving forward the school with continuous improvement in order to be the best we can be. As you are aware the structure of the staff is that each year group has an Assistant Head to lead them and Mrs Liz Turner will be acting up from Deputy to Head as and when I am not working in school. As always please do contact me via my email address if you have any questions. Wishing everyone a very happy and productive new academic year and I look forward to seeing all the children back in school again on Monday 5th September.

Diary Dates for September/October

September

5th Start of Autumn Term
27th 7pm PTFA AGM
30th Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

October

21st School Closed—Staff Training Day
24th-28th Half Term

Mrs C Skingsley
Headteacher

School Milk Arrangements for Years 1-6

If you wish your child to receive milk daily at school you have the option to pay directly through our company supplier, Cool Milk. Register your child directly via their website www.coolmilk.com Any queries should be raised with Cool Milk directly. If your child is entitled to benefit based free school meals, school will fund the cost of milk for your child. Contact the school office for further details if you think your child may be eligible.

Staff News

Since July's Newsletter we have said goodbye to two further members of staff, **Mrs Vickie Dudley-Cave**, TA and **Mr Salvatore Togna**, HLTA in Conifer Class, both have moved on to new jobs and we wish them every success in their new roles.

We would also like to congratulate **Miss Hayley Fox**, TA, and her partner on the safe delivery of a baby boy, Jack William, 6lb 9oz born on 3rd August, a brother for George and we look forward to meeting him.

Can we also inform you that **Mrs Claire Bashford**, TA has changed her name and is now **Ms Claire Stonebridge**.

In addition to the new staff welcomed in our June Newsletter we are pleased to announce the following new staff members have joined us this September: **Miss Kirsty Nice**, Cover Supervisor, **Miss Jessica Guerrero** and **Miss Louise Ford** TAs joining Preschool, **Mrs Mariam Hartwell**, **Mrs Laura Fox**, **Mrs Carla Buttice**, **Miss Toni**

Wignall, **Miss Ami Betteridge** and **Miss Sophire Dodd**, all TAs working throughout the school. Finally **Ms Julia Basso**, has joined our MDS team.

Snack time Fruit or Vegetables

Just a quick reminder to all parents/carers of Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children that you are welcome to send a piece of fruit or vegetable to school each day for your child to eat at morning break.



Supporting our Families

Remember we are a registered referral agent for **Bedford Foodbank**. You can get a Foodbank voucher from school via **Mrs Jackie Waller**, our **Family Support Worker**, which can be taken to any of the distribution centres to collect food.

Jackie is here to support parents/carers in any way she can and is available each morning, so if there is an issue that you need help with, please contact her via the school office, or by email:-
jwaller@goldingtongreenacademy.co.uk

Parking Reminder

Please can I inform all new parents and remind all others of the parking issues we have here at school. Please be aware that the car park at the rear of the school is for staff only.

Parking around our school entrances at the beginning and end of the school day is a problem to all concerned, especially local residents and unfortunately we regularly receive telephone calls from distressed residents who have had altercations with drivers who have blocked their driveway or used private parking bays while dropping off or collecting children from our school. **All our local residents have been advised by the police to report to them registration numbers of any vehicles parking inconsiderately, and any verbal abuse or threatening behaviour they receive from vehicle owners.**

I also need to remind you that the lane between the school and the Holy Cross Church on Goldington Road should not be used for parents parking. This is a private lane for residents only. Also that the Holy Cross Church car park is a private car park and must under no circumstances be used by our parents.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that Tesco are happy for parents to use their car park at these times and it is only a very short walk to school from there. Please be aware though, that parking is only permitted in the customer car park and **not** the area used by Tesco delivery lorries and only to park in disabled spaces if you have a disabled badge. Thank you for your continued support.



Values Education

During the month of September the school is focussing on the value of:

Co-operation

If your child has demonstrated the value of Co-operation at home, please let us know by emailing their class teacher, stating the reason you are nominating them.

Names of pupils nominated for the monthly Value will appear on the School's Value Notice Board and School's Website.

Reminders

Please can we remind Parents/Carers of a few dos and don'ts around school

- Children should always attend school in full school uniform. This includes black school shoes, trainers are **only permitted for PE**.
- Goldington Green Academy and its grounds are a non smoking area.
- Please check the expiry dates of any medication kept at school, especially inhalers. It is the parent/carer's responsibility to ensure medication is available and in date for their child.
- Please ensure that your child's school uniform (including coats) are **clearly named**. If uniform is not named we cannot return lost items to their owners.
- It is vitally important to update any changes to your child's contact details, especially mobile numbers of **ALL** your child's emergency contacts. Poorly children get very distressed when we cannot get hold of anyone to collect them.
- Please remember that when you need to speak to your child's class teacher **email is best**. All Teacher's email addresses are on our school website for your use.
- Our school car park is **staff only**, unless you are a disabled driver displaying a blue badge.

Thank you for your continued support.

Recipe of the Month Kids' Easy Veggie Chilli

Try this super simple veggie chilli recipe for your children using tinned taco beans and microwaveable rice for extra speed and ease by following the link below:

<https://realfood.tesco.com/recipes/kids-easy-veggie-chilli.html>

