

# GOLDINGTON GREEN ACADEMY



Dear Parents and Carers, welcome back! For some of our families we have not seen you since March! We have been looking forward to having all of the children back—a school is only a building without the children!

I know that many of you continued working hard leading up to the summer holidays even if you did not return to school in June/July. We now have 2 wonderful "Legacy Books" in school full of the most amazing photographs of all the home learning you sent into your class teachers. Thank you so much. I will be letting you know how we will be sharing these books with you in the coming weeks. In the meantime please do continue to email me at [cskingsley@goldingtongreenacademy.co.uk](mailto:cskingsley@goldingtongreenacademy.co.uk) if you have any queries. The staff contact emails are also all available on the school website, so please do use this method of communication to ensure you have all the information you need.



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**Mrs C Skingsley**  
Headteacher

## Diary Dates for September/October

### September

- 7th Start of Autumn Term
- 17th School photographs (not Preschool)
- 21st-25th Yr.6 Mock SATS week
- 28th-1st Yr.5 & 6 Bikeability

### October

- 1st Yr. 3 Celtic Harmony Trip
- 2nd Yr. 2 Warwick Castle Trip
- 12th Yr. 3&4 Fun Run
- 13th Yr. 5&6 Fun Run
- 14th Early Years Fun Run
- 14th Yr. 1&2 Fun Run
- 23rd School Closed—Staff Training Day
- 26th-30th Half Term

## Reading Books

This year children in Reception and KS1 will have two reading books to bring home. One will be matched to their phonic knowledge and they should be able to have a go at reading this themselves. The other book will be one that they have chosen themselves. They may not be able to read this independently so this is a book for you to share together and maybe for you to read to your child.

In KS2, children will also have two books. One will be a levelled Oxford Reading Tree book to help develop their reading fluency and comprehension. The other will be a book that they have chosen themselves as part of our 'love of reading' culture.

May we also ask that you return any school reading book (library or levelled books) which may have got hidden in houses over lockdown. Thank you

## Staff News



We would like to give a warm welcome to all our new members of staff that start with us this term.

**Mrs Nikki Mason**,  
Assistant Head of Early

Years and Aspen Class Teacher, **Miss Palmira Caluccello**, Elm Class Teacher, **Miss Clare Murphy**, Teaching Assistant in Conifer Class, **Mrs Anna Garofalo**, Teaching Assistant in Pre School, and **Miss Christine Plummer**, Mid-day Supervisor.

Since our last Newsletter in March we have also welcomed **Miss Mique Moriuchi**, our new Librarian.

On a sadder note we have said goodbye to **Mrs Joanne Gould**, Class Teacher, **Mr Roger Illingworth**, Music Teacher, **Mrs Jesuneeta Marok**, Mid-day Supervisor, and **Mrs Kayley Jones**, Teaching Assistant. We wish them every happiness in their future ventures.

## 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.



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# NEWSLETTER

### 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.



### 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](http://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.



### 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 telephone 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.

### Well Done!

We are very proud of all our pupils, but we would like to say a special 'well done' to the following girls:

**Lola in Maple Class** decided that she would grow her hair and donate it to the Little Princess Foundation, who produce wigs for children who are suffering from Cancer. She had 10.8 inches cut off her hair and also raised £210.

**Skye in Apple Class** has been taking part in online dance competitions during the lockdown and has been very successful. She came first in June so then moved up to the intermediate/advanced category and had to learn a much harder routine, and came 2nd. She is also taking part in the United Dance Organisation World Championships which are online this year due to COVID19. She has already beaten hundreds of dancers around the world to gain a place in the semi finals. We look forward to hearing how she gets on over the next few weeks.



### 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](mailto:jwaller@goldingtongreenacademy.co.uk)

Please complete form below and return to class teacher

## 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 complete the details below and return to their class teacher.

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

Pupil's Name:

Class:

Reason for Nomination:



**Co-operation**

## Recipe of the Month

### Spaghetti Carbonara

Why not try making this very quick and easy recipe at home with your children. Just follow the link below:

<https://www.rspcaassured.org.uk/get-involved/recipes/spaghetti-carbonara/>



## Feedback/Suggestions

Please complete this slip, detach and return to school if you have any comments, feedback or suggestions that you would like to share with us:

Child's Name:

Class:

Comments:

Thank you for your time, we value your opinions.

## **GOLDINGTON GREEN ACADEMY 2020/2021 TERM DATES**

<u>Autumn Term 2020:</u>	Starts	Monday 07 September 2020
	Half Term	26 October – 30 October 2020
	Ends	Friday 18 December 2020
<u>Spring Term 2021:</u>	Starts	Tuesday 05 January 2021
	Half Term	15 February – 19 February 2021
	Ends	Friday 26 March 2021
<u>Summer Term 2021:</u>	Starts	Monday 12 April 2021
	Half Term	31 May – 04 June 2021
	Ends	Wednesday 21 July 2021

**Staff training days/school closed to pupils:  
Thursday 03 and Friday 04 September 2020  
Friday 23 October 2020  
Monday 04 January 2021  
May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 03 May 2021**

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<u>Autumn Term 2021:</u>	Starts	Monday 06 September 2021
	Half Term	25 October – 29 October 2021
	Ends	Friday 17 December 2021
<u>Spring Term 2022:</u>	Starts	Tuesday 04 January 2022
	Half Term	14 February – 18 February 2022
	Ends	Friday 01 April 2022
<u>Summer Term 2022:</u>	Starts	Wednesday 20 April 2022
	Half Term	30 May – 03 June 2022
	Ends	Friday 22 July 2022

**Staff training days/school closed to pupils:  
Thursday 02 and Friday 03 September 2021  
Friday 22 October 2021  
Tuesday 19 April 2022  
May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 02 May 2022**