

GOLDINGTON GREEN ACADEMY

The start of this new academic year has been busy, enjoyable and positive and time has simply flown by! Although this is our second newsletter and we produce them monthly please remember this is supplemented by information you receive via email from the office and your child's class teacher, text messages, twitter (X) Tapestry and Google classroom.

Thank you to all our parents/carers who have engaged with the activities we have run already this term. As I write this we are busy preparing for the MacMillan Coffee Afternoon and I hope you were able to support this wonderful charity. We were delighted to welcome Isla & Robyn's mummy into school to talk to our Year 5 & 6 pupils about the support for people living with cancer and the wonderful work the MacMillan staff do. We thank her very much. If there are any family members who are willing and able to come into school to talk to the pupils about their work please do let me or your child's class teacher know. It always enriches the curriculum when outside speakers come into school and the children love it.

We are excited to be able to reinstate our Grandparents' Luncheon this year and although it is an incredibly challenging event to organise it is so worth it to see the joy as children and Grandparents enjoy the morning together!

Please do remember to sign up for the Parent Consultations that are coming up after half term. And now a final plea. Our wonderful chair of the PTFA, Robeka is looking to step down at the end of this academic year when her child moves on to secondary school. Please do consider if the PTFA is something you could help with, the events the PTFA arrange are so important to the children and help raise needed funds.



Skingsley

**Mrs C Skingsley
Headteacher**

Diary Dates for October/November

October

Black History Month

- 5th 3.15pm Preschool families help with gardening
- 10th Reception Sept 2024 Open Morning
- 13th Harvest Festival
- 17th Whole School Immunisations
- 17th and 18th Grandparents Luncheon
- 17th 3pm and 6pm Yr.6 SATs meeting for parents/carers
- 18th Afternoon Tea with Headteacher
- 19th 2.30pm Preschool Grandparents Stay and Play
- 20th School Closed—staff training day
- 23rd-27th Half Term
- 30th Yr.3 pm Parent Consultations
- 31st 9am Redwood Class Assembly
- 31st Yr.1 pm Parent Consultations



November

- 1st Yr.4 pm Parent Consultations
- 1st Evening Parent Consultations (all year groups)
- 2nd Yr.6 pm Parent Consultations
- 2nd PTFA Fireworks Evening

November (contd.)

- 3rd Yr.2 pm Parent Consultations
- 6th Yr.5 pm Parent Consultations
- 7th 9am Cherry Class Assembly
- 7th Yr. R & Acorns pm Parent Consultations
- 14th Yr.3 Celtic Harmony Trip
- 14th Reception Sept 2024 Open Afternoon
- 17th Children In Need
- 20th Individual School Photographs
- 21st 9am Hazel Class Assembly
- 28th 9am Lime Class Assembly
- 30th Yr.6 Lincolnfields Trip

Friday Family Reading Sessions

Family Reading has launched for Years 1-6 on Friday mornings. Family members are warmly invited into school to read with their children from 8:30-9:00am. The buzz around the school has been electric during these times and it has been wonderful to be able to welcome family

members back into our classrooms. We look forward to this time every week and shall be opening up the sessions to Reception later in the year.



NEWSLETTER

Admissions to Reception Year September 2024

If your child's date of birth falls between **1st September 2019** and **31st August 2020** it is essential that you complete an application form for your child's place in the Reception Year at school before the cut off date of **15th January 2024**. **ALL PARENTS must apply for a Reception place, if you do not apply you will not be allocated a school place AT ANY SCHOOL.**

These applications can be completed online at www.bedford.gov.uk/onlineadmissions (which is the preferred method). If you apply on line, please ensure you receive a confirmation email of this and keep it for future evidence should there be an issue with your application. If you do not have internet access please telephone the School Admissions Service on 01234 718120 to request a paper application form.

Please remember that your child will not automatically get a place at our school if they attend our Pre School or Acorns class, and that even though your child is wearing our school uniform and we very much see us as one school, preschool and Acorns children are not part of Goldington Green Academy until they are formally admitted into Reception through Bedford Borough procedures.

All the information on the starting school process is online at www.bedford.gov.uk/startingschool

Remember

You must apply for your September Reception place with Bedford Borough Council

Is my child too ill for school?

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. We would encourage parents/ carers to follow the link [NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance](#) for further information on the many childhood ailments and whether your child actually needs to stay off school. Thank you.

Lost Property

Please can we remind everyone of the importance of naming your children's property, especially clothing. We receive mountains of lost property at the school office, the majority of which is unnamed! You cannot expect school to reunite your child with their jumper/ coat/PE kit etc. if it is unnamed. Please, please, please spend some time to name uniform and check it regularly to ensure your child's name has not worn away. Also check daily that the uniform your child came home in is theirs and not someone else's and if it is, return it to school promptly so it can be returned to it's owner. Thank you for your support in this important matter.

Punctuality

As you know, we take attendance and punctuality of the children very seriously. Please can I remind you of the importance of children arriving at school on time, as learning does start straight away and they cannot afford to miss what is happening at the beginning of the day.



Recipe of the Month Cowboy Pie

What says comfort food better than sausages and baked beans in a pie topped with cheesy, buttery mashed potato? This is a guaranteed family favourite. Get the recipe by following the link below:

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/cowboy-pie>



Values Education

During the month of October the school is focussing on the value of **Simplicity**

If your child has demonstrated the value of Simplicity 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.