

Gordon School News

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THANK YOU!

We would like to express our gratitude for your support this year. Thank you to everyone who has helped out in the classrooms, accompanied us on trips, attended FoG events, taken on the requests we have put in the newsletters, supported charity fund-raising and come along to concerts, productions, meetings, assemblies, workshops, Open Evenings, exhibitions, etc. We look forward to working with you all again next year.

ATTENDANCE

Our overall attendance for the year is 95.6%. We set ourselves a challenging target of 97% so we are disappointed that we did not quite meet it. However, we awarded 151 pupils with a 100% attendance certificate for this term and, most impressively, 38 pupils received certificates for 100% attendance for the whole year! Our three highest attending classes for this year are: **Sapphire** (97.1%), **Diamond** (97%) and **Amethyst** (96.5%). High attendance is a key factor contributing towards success in school. Well done to everyone who individually met or exceeded our 97% target!

RECENT EVENTS IN SCHOOL

The children in **Year 6** presented a brilliant production of *The Rocky Monster Show* on Tuesday evening. Everyone was very impressed by their fantastic acting, singing, dancing and music! Well done, everyone!

Year 6 had a great time at Thursday's Leavers' Disco. The organising committee of parents prepared a fantastic event!

Citrine Class enjoyed a day of being creative on Thursday and took part in a range of DT activities.

Finally, **Year 6** organised and ran a Summer Fair this afternoon. The rest of the school enjoyed the stalls and games and helped raise some money for charity.

AUTUMN TERM WELCOME MEETINGS

Years 1 to 6 Wednesday 11th September*

Reception Thursday 19th September ~ 1:40pm

* The Welcome Meetings for Years 1 to 6 will take place at 3:45pm, 4:05pm and 4:25pm. This is to enable parents with children in a number of different year groups to attend a meeting for each child.

NURSERY UNIFORM

Following the consultation we carried out earlier this term, we will be implementing a uniform for the children in the Nursery from 11th September 2019. It is a simplified version of the main school uniform and consists of the following:

- black, navy or dark grey jogging bottoms/leggings
- white or navy polo-shirt
- navy school sweatshirt / jumper / cardigan
- black, navy or dark grey skirt / pinafore dress
- black shoes / trainers - no laces please
- blue check dresses may be worn in summer
- navy or dark grey school shorts may be worn in summer
- black boots can be worn in the winter

These items are easy for Nursery children to manage independently whilst enabling them to participate safely in all of the activities available to them. They are also easy to wash. Uniform items are available from **J K Clothing** on Well Hall Parade but you can purchase them elsewhere. Please ensure everything is labelled with your child's name.

THE BIG HALF MARATHON

If you would like to raise some money for our school and run in next year's **Big Half Marathon** on Sunday 1st March 2020 please confirm your interest to Mr Taylor at headteacher@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk giving your first name, surname and email address. You will then receive an email about completing your registration which must be done by 30th August.

Last year our amazing runners raised nearly £4500. Will you help us beat that?

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2019

Prepare for lift off as we travel across the galaxy on a very special reading mission. It's the **Summer Reading Challenge 2019!**



Sign up at your local library, then read six library books of your choice to complete the Challenge. There are exclusive rewards to collect along the way, and it's FREE to take part!

The Summer Reading Challenge website helps you keep track of your reading all year round: find new books to read, take part in competitions and mini challenges, and play games.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Everyone who participates and receives a certificate of completion will be congratulated in assembly when we return in September. This is a great way to motivate the children to read over the summer holiday!

AUTUMN TERM START DATES

The **children moving from Nursery to Reception** return on Tuesday 3rd September. The Reception children will have shorter days and finish at 1:40pm until their first full day on Friday 20th September.

The **children moving into Years 1 to 6** will return on Tuesday 3rd September 2018.

The **children who are staying in the Nursery** will return on Wednesday 11th September.

We have given individual start dates to the children who are new to the school and who are joining the Nursery or Reception.

REMINDERS FOR SEPTEMBER

- Only book bags and drawstring bags are allowed in school – no rucksacks, satchels or shoulder bags.
- Long hair (boys and girls) must be tied back.
- Head bands must be plain with no adornments – no bright colours, glitter, flowers, etc. Hair bows must be no larger than the size of your child's palm and navy blue in colour.
- Black school shoes (with black soles and black laces if they have laces) must be worn.
- PE kit consists of a white t-shirt and blue shorts – no football tops or other sports shirts please.
- No jewellery (including wristbands) – with the exception of stud earrings. Watches can be worn.
- Written permission for your child to walk home without an adult (Year 6 only) must be provided.
- Children must not bring mobile phones to school.
- We are a healthy school – please do not put nut-products into packed lunches or send in sweets / cakes to celebrate your child's birthday.

TERM DATES 2019/20

Autumn Term 2019 ~ 1st Half

First day ~ Tuesday 3rd September

Last day ~ Friday 18th October

Autumn Term 2019 ~ 2nd Half

First day ~ Monday 28th October

Last day ~ Thursday 19th December

Spring Term 2020 ~ 1st Half

First day ~ Monday 6th January

Last day ~ Friday 14th February

Spring Term 2020 ~ 2nd Half

First day ~ Monday 24th February

Last day ~ Friday 3rd April

Summer Term 2020 ~ 1st Half

First day ~ Monday 20th April

Last day ~ Friday 22nd May

Summer Term 2020 ~ 2nd Half

First day ~ Tuesday 2nd June

Last day ~ Friday 17th July

Monday 2nd September, Friday 11th October, Monday 1st June, Monday 20th July and Tuesday 21st July are Inset Days and the school will be closed to children.

GO! CLUB INSET DAY COVER

Monday 2nd September will be an inset day and the GO! Club will be offering a full day's childcare from 8am to 6pm for £30. This includes a day trip out and a picnic. If you would like to book a place email: go@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk by Friday 16th August. Your child will need to bring a water bottle.

GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to the **Year 6** children who are moving on to their new schools. They have been an amazing year group; we have thoroughly enjoyed teaching them and we have many great memories. We wish them every success and happiness for the future and hope they will come back from time to time and let us know how they are getting on.

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