

Gordon School News

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Be the best you can be!



WELCOME MEETINGS

We hope you had a fantastic summer and are as excited about the year ahead as we are. We have many wonderful things planned and cannot wait to share them with you.

Welcome meetings will be held on the following days:

- **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.

Welcome Leaflets for the children in **Years 1 to 6** will be distributed by Monday. Please check your child's book bag. Welcome Leaflets for **Nursery** and **Reception** will be distributed when all of the children have started.

CLASSES FOR 2019/2020

The children voted for mythical creatures as the theme for this year's class names:

Year Group	Class Name	Class Teacher(s)
Nursery	Unicorn	Mrs Miller
Reception	Sphinx	Ms White
	Sprite	Ms Kemp
Year 1	Pegasus	Mrs Cullum
	Phoenix	Mrs King & Mrs Beattie
Year 2	Kelpie	Ms Carter
	Kraken	Mrs Abrey & Mrs Cuesta
Year 3	Hippogriff	Mrs Hill
	Hydra	Mrs Faiers
Year 4	Genie	Ms Whiting
	Griffin	Mrs Sanders
Year 5	Damysus	Mrs Smyth
	Dragon	Mrs Olding
Year 6	Centaur	Ms Morton
	Cyclops	Ms Deacon

FLU VACCINATIONS

We have sent out permission forms for flu vaccinations this week. All children from Reception to Year 6 are eligible. If you would like your child to receive the vaccine (administered via a nasal spray) please return the form to the office by Friday 20th September. Thank you.

VACANCIES

We have vacancies for a meal supervisor and some part time teaching assistants. If you are interested in joining the Gordon School team please contact us for an application form. Thank you.

AD HOC VACANCIES

We are looking to appoint some ad hoc meal supervisors and teaching assistants who we can call upon to cover staff absence. If you have daytime availability and the flexibility to come in at short notice, please contact us for an application form. Thank you.

LUNCH PREFERENCES

Your child has a choice of having either a cooked school meal or bringing in a packed lunch. This choice needs to last for a half term and cannot change from week to week. If you wish to make a change at the end of this half term, please give us at least a week's notice. Dropping a note in at the office is the best way to ensure the change is actioned quickly. Thank you.

AFTER SCHOOL FRENCH CLUB

Are you interested in your child learning French at Gordon Primary School with *La Jolie Ronde*?

www.lajolieronde.co.uk

- small classes with children of the same age
- a structured and progressive programme
- a French native speaking teacher
- high quality activity books and CDs

Enrol now for September 2019.

Contact Angie: 07951 543 470

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FRIENDS OF THE GORDON (PTA) UPDATE

We are planning to enter the **Big Half Marathon** again next year! Our tremendous team raised nearly £4500 last time. So far, we have 16 parents and staff members signed up. There are more places available, so if you are a seasoned runner looking for a great race or new to running and up for a challenge, why not sign up? If you are interested please email office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk as soon as possible. Entry is normally £39 but if you run for us the entry fee is discounted to £10.

Sadly, the current FoG committee have decided to step down from their positions. They still want to be part of FoG and are keen to support the new committee. Therefore, we are looking for some energetic and inspired parents to take over the reins! We will be electing a new committee at our first FoG meeting of the year on Thursday 10th October.

DIARY DATES

Please check next week's newsletter for more dates.

SEPTEMBER

Wed 11th **Nursery** re-opens
Welcome Meetings for **Years 1 to 6**
Thurs 19th Welcome Meetings for **Reception** (1:40pm)
Fri 20th First full day for **Reception**

OCTOBER

Thurs 10th Friends of the Gordon Meeting (7pm)
Fri 11th Inset Day – school closed to children
Mon 14th Open Evening for **Years 1 to 6**
Wed 16th Open Evening for **Years 1 to 6**
21st to 25th Half Term break

DECEMBER

Thurs 19th Last day of the Autumn Term

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

We would like to remind you that mobile phones should not be used on school premises. The only exception to this rule is during school events such as concerts, assemblies, productions and sports days and is with the understanding that no photos or videos are shared via social media. We feel it is important that you are able to record images of these significant events in your child's school life. Please support us with this. Thank you.

Greet your **CHILD**
with a **SMILE**
not a **MOBILE**

Pupils are not to bring mobile phones to school. There have been incidents where primary-aged children have had a phone stolen from them on the way to school and we do not want to put our pupils at risk.

WELL DONE

Sphinx (R): Freddie for fantastic listening on the carpet

Sprite (R): Christopher Lee for being helpful around the classroom

Pegasus (1): Noelle for really good listening in class

Phoenix (1): Stanley for being an excellent role model during phonics sessions

Kelpie (2): Betty for great listening and enthusiasm for learning

Kraken (2): Adrian for a great start and good listening on the carpet

Hippogriff (3): Dulcie for fantastic learning behaviour this week

Hydra (3): Jacob for confidently responding to *guided reading* questions

Genie (4): Amelia for writing a brilliant poem in English lessons

Griffin (4): Ben for excellent work during the first week back

Damysus (5): Shae for a fabulous attitude towards learning

Dragon (5): Lorna for a making a super start to the new school year

Centaur (6): Willow for fantastic effort in all subjects this week

Cyclops (6): Jack for excellent effort this week and being a great role model

GORDON SCHOOL APP

If you haven't done so yet, please download the Gordon School app for smartphones. It makes receiving information from us simple!



Downloading is easy - search for **School Jotter** and follow the instructions.

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