

# Gordon School News

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*Be the best you can be!*

## WELCOME BACK!

Happy New Year! Welcome back to a new school term. We hope you all had a very restful and enjoyable break. There are lots of exciting things planned for this term and we look forward to sharing them with you. Please check your child's book bag for a copy of this term's information leaflet.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the lovely cards, gifts and Christmas wishes we received at the end of last term. We were all very touched by your kindness and generosity.

## FOG NEWS

Last term's FoG events were very successful and raised a total of £2776.97. Thank you to everyone who played a part in helping us to raise this money.

<b>Quiz Night</b>	<b>£853.16</b>
<b>Christmas Cards</b>	<b>£379</b>
<b>Christmas Discos</b>	<b>£641.95</b>
<b>Christmas Raffle</b>	<b>£902.86</b>

This term's FoG meeting will be taking place **next Thursday (16<sup>th</sup> January) at 7pm in the Lower Hall**. We will be planning events for the coming term so if you have any suggestions or would like to offer your help, please come along. We would love to see you!

## SAVE YOUR STAMPS FOR THE RNIB



We are supporting the Royal National Institute of Blind People by collecting stamps. Please cut around the stamps and bring them into school. The RNIB will use the stamps to raise funds. Thank you for your support.

## RECEPTION PLACES 2020

If you have a child whose fifth birthday is between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021, you need to complete a **Common Application Form** for a Reception place and return it to the Royal Greenwich Council's Admissions Section by **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020**. More information is available on the website:

<http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/admissions>

The outcome of the application process will be announced on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

## SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH SERIOUS HEALTH CONDITIONS

Children who are receiving / have recently received medication for serious health conditions have greatly reduced immunity to infections. To protect these children in school we would like your help. If your child has not been immunised against chicken pox, measles, mumps and rubella you might want to consider visiting your GP or health centre and getting your child vaccinated. Hand, foot and mouth disease is also a risk. If your child develops symptoms of any of the above, please inform us immediately. Details of the symptoms can be found on the [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) website. Thank you!

## CONTACT DETAILS

If you change your phone number, or if the details of any of the family members and friends on your contact list change, please let the office know.

## REQUESTS

If you have any board games at home that you no longer play with, we would love to have them in school. We are also looking for rolls of old wallpaper for the children to draw on. If you have any, we'd be happy to take them off your hands! Thank you!

## FREE BOOKS FROM THE SUN

Tokens will be printed in The Sun newspaper until Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2020. If you, your family or friends read The Sun, please bring the tokens in for us.

## SAFE PARKING

A few people are parking on the zig-zag lines by the school entrances and very close to junctions. Please do not do this as it endangers the children. If you have no option but to drive your child to school, please leave home a few minutes earlier, park a short distance from the school and walk the final part of the journey. We all have the responsibility of keeping the children safe.

## DIARY DATES

### JANUARY

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Deadline for Reception 2020 applications  
 Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> FoG meeting (7pm)  
 Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> **Year 1** Parent Workshop (9:15am)  
 Fri 24<sup>th</sup> **Year 3** visit to Prince Philip Maritime Museum Centre  
 Peddle My Wheels Bike Market

### FEBRUARY

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> **GSG** perform at Young Voices concert (O2 Arena)  
 Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Prince Philip Maritime Museum Centre to visit **Year 3**  
 Fri 7<sup>th</sup> **Pegasus** Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)  
 Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Open Evening (**all year groups**)  
 Tues 11<sup>th</sup> **Year 3** Parent Workshop (9:15am)  
 Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Open Evening (**all year groups**)  
 Fri 14<sup>th</sup> **Hydra** Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)  
 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> Half Term break  
 Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Internet Safety Evening (5pm to 6:30pm)

### MARCH

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Big Half Marathon  
 Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> **Year 6** School Journey Meeting (6pm)  
 Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> **Year 2** SATs Information Evening (6pm)  
 Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> World Book Day  
 Fri 6<sup>th</sup> **Dragon** Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)  
 Tues 10<sup>th</sup> **Year 4** Parent Workshop (9:15am)  
**Year 5** visit to Royal Observatory  
 Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> **Year 2** visit to Maritime Museum  
 Fri 13<sup>th</sup> **Damysus** Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)  
 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> GSMA Music Festival  
 Fri 20<sup>th</sup> **Phoenix** Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)  
 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> **Year 6** School Journey to Osmington Bay  
 Wed 25<sup>th</sup> **Year 5** Parent Workshop (9:10am)  
 Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> **Year 1** visit to the Cutty Sark  
 Fri 27<sup>th</sup> **Hippogriff** Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)  
**Reception** Spring Walk

### APRIL

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Gordon Day – celebration of music and singing  
 Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> **Year 6** School Journey Assembly (9:10am)  
 Last day of the Spring Term  
 Mon 20<sup>th</sup> First day of the Summer Term



If you are interested in buying or selling a bike, please see the information we sent out earlier this week about the *Peddle My Wheels* second-hand bike market.



**Unicorn (N):** Lily for being kind to the new children starting in nursery

**Sphinx (R):** Mara for her enthusiasm and skill in tennis

**Sprite (R):** James K for brilliant effort in English

**Pegasus (1):** Wilf for using fantastic adjectives in his sentences

**Phoenix (1):** George for excellent creativity when using the paint tools on the computer

**Kelpie (2):** Nancy for excellent writing about the Christmas holiday

**Kraken (2):** Hollie for her great independent work in maths

**Hippogriff (3):** The whole class for being receptive and motivated in Mr O'Loghlen's first week

**Hydra (3):** Ema D for using effective language in her poem

**Genie (4):** Isabella for fantastic scientific inquiry

**Griffin (4):** Hortensia for super effort in maths this week

**Damysus (5):** The whole class for demonstrating the school rules exceptionally this week

**Dragon (5):** Mai-Li for always being the best she can be

**Centaur (6):** Zachary for wonderful story writing

**Cyclops (6):** James for creating a fantastic piece of art based on *The Great Wave off Kanagawa*

If you have concerns regarding a child's well-being, care or safety, including bullying, please contact a member of our **Child Protection Team**: Mr Taylor, Mrs Cuesta, Mrs Black or Mrs Newlove. Alternatively, call the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.

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