

Gordon School News

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WELCOME BACK!

It was wonderful to see the children again today and to welcome them back to school. It will take a little time for us to fine-tune and embed our new procedures. The school's Leadership Team will be meeting after school to review the day's events. If we need to make changes that will impact on you, we will let you know over the weekend. Please look out for information on parentmail, the School Jotter app or our website.

Thank you for your support, patience and understanding during this time.

WELCOME LEAFLETS!

We will be sending home Welcome Leaflets over the next few days. These will set out the learning that will be taking place and remind you of some of our rules and policies. Please remember to check your child's book bag. Thank you.

SECONDARY TRANSFER

We will be holding Secondary Transfer meetings for the parents and carers of the children in Year 6 on Monday 21st September. Meetings will take place at 9:30am, 2:30pm and 6pm. We need to limit the number of attendees so only one adult from each household can attend a meeting. You will need to book a place by emailing office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk and letting us know which meeting you will be attending.

Please note that applications for secondary schools must be submitted by 31st October 2020.

AUTUMN TERM 2020 DATES

First half ~ Friday 4th September to Friday 23rd October

Half-term holiday ~ Monday 26th to Friday 30th October

Second half ~ Monday 2nd November to Thursday 17th December

Inset Day ~ Friday 9th October (school closed)

SPRING TERM 2021 DATES

First half ~ Tuesday 5th January to Friday 12th February

Half-term holiday ~ Monday 15th to Friday 19th February

Second half ~ Monday 22nd February to Wednesday 31st March

SUMMER TERM 2021 DATES

First half ~ Monday 19th April to Friday 28th May

Bank Holiday ~ Monday 3rd May (school closed)

Half-term holiday ~ Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

Second half ~ Tuesday 8th June to Thursday 22nd July

BUILDING WORK UPDATE

We are nearly 75% of the way through the demolition work now, and once the final remnants of the huts have gone, the builders will begin on the refurbishment of Hut D (behind the Sports Hall) the Nursery shelter roof and the games area.

The original plan was for all of the building work to be completed by the beginning of this school year, but, unfortunately, covid-19 caused a delay. Most of the work can be done during term-time without it impacting on the children. However, repairing the roof of the Nursery shelter has meant that we have had to change the start dates for the Nursery children. Nursery parents and carers should have received information about this already, but if you have not, or you have questions, please email Mrs Miller: lmiller@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk There is also a possibility that we will need to close the nursery for a short period later on in the term. If we will need to do this, we will give you as much notice as we can.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have accumulated lots of school uniform items recently and we would like them to be re-used. They have all been washed and are in excellent condition. If you would like some, please send an email to Mrs Cuesta: hcuesta@gordo.greenwich.sch.uk and let us know what you need. Thank you.

PROCEDURES FOR THE START AND END OF THE DAY

To minimise the number of people congregating around the school we are implementing staggered start and end times. The children in **Reception to Year 6** are divided into three groups:

- Group A** – families with a surname beginning A to F.
- Group B** – families with a surname beginning G to N.
- Group C** – families with a surname beginning O to Z.

If your children have different surnames, please use the surname that comes first alphabetically to allocate your children to a group. **Childminders** who look after children from more than one family are included in Group A.

	Start	End	Drop-Off	Collection
Group A	9:00am	3:00pm	Please queue at either the Earshall Road gate or the Craighton Road gate. At the "start time" your child will be allowed into the playground and will join their line. Adults will not be able to enter the playground**	Please queue outside the Earshall Road gate (by the band stand). At your child's "end time" you will be allowed into the playground to collect your children. You will then exit through the Craighton Road gate (by the Sports Hall).
Group B	9:10am	3:10pm		
Group C	9:20am	3:20pm		
Nursery	8:45am	11:45am	Please enter through the Grangehill Road gate and bring your child to the Nursery playground.	Please enter through the Grangehill Road gate and collect your child from the Nursery playground.
	12:30pm	3:30pm		

** Reception parents and carers will be allowed into the playground to drop their child off.

CLASSES FOR 20/21

Here are the class names and teachers for this year:

- Nursery – **Clownfish Class** – Mrs Miller
- Reception – **Conch Class** – Mrs Cullum
- Reception – **Coral Class** – Mrs King & Mrs Beattie
- Year 1 – **Dolphin Class** (ex-Sphinx) – Ms White
- Year 1 – **Jellyfish Class** (ex-Sprite) – Ms Kemp
- Year 2 – **Lobster Class** (ex-Phoenix) – Mrs Abrey & Mrs Cuesta
- Year 2 – **Lionfish Class** (ex-Pegasus) – Ms Carter
- Year 3 – **Mussel Class** (ex-Kelpie) – Mrs Bishop & Ms May (Mrs Hill will take the class when she returns from maternity leave next half term)
- Year 3 – **Octopus Class** (ex-Kraken) – Mrs Faiers
- Year 4 – **Oyster Class** (ex-Hippogriff) – Mrs Altiparmaki
- Year 4 – **Penguin Class** (ex-Hydra) – Ms Whiting
- Year 5 – **Stingray Class** (ex-Genie) – Mrs Olding
- Year 5 – **Seahorse Class** (ex-Griffin) – Mrs Sanders
- Year 6 – **Turtle Class** (ex-Dragon) – Ms Deacon
- Year 6 – **Whale Class** (ex-Damysus) – Ms Morton

If you need to contact your child's teacher. Please do so via email. Teachers' email addresses are on our website and are also included in the Welcome Leaflets which will be going home shortly. Alternatively, please email the office: office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk or Mr Taylor: headteacher@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk

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