

# Gordon School News

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## HARVEST COLLECTION – FOOD PARCELS



Huge thanks go to everyone who has donated food to our 2020 harvest appeal. Your generosity is very much appreciated. This year we are supporting Gordon families and the Greenwich Foodbank. If you would like a food parcel for your family, please contact either Mrs Cuesta or Ms Newlove:

[hcuesta@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:hcuesta@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk)

[lnewlove@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:lnewlove@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk)

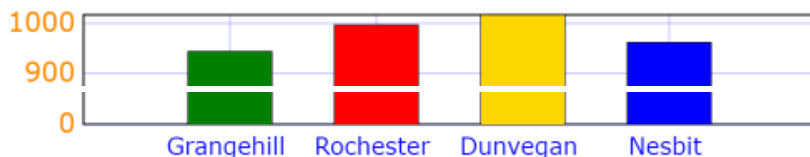
**Harvest Performance DVD** – we are putting the final touches to our exciting Harvest DVD. The DVDs should be ready next week. If you haven't ordered yours yet, please contact the office.

## SCHOOL STREETS – ROAD CLOSURES

In September 2018 the Royal Borough of Greenwich implemented the **School Streets** scheme as part of its plan to promote healthy travel by encouraging families to walk, cycle or scoot to school.

When the lockdown began we put a pause on this scheme, but now that we have established new routines at the start and end of the school day, the closure of Grangehill Road will be re-introduced. Please note that from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November Grangehill Road will be closed between 8am and 9:30am and between 3pm and 4pm.

## HOUSE POINTS



## CHICKEN POX

We have had two confirmed cases of chicken pox reported to us this week. For more information, please visit the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

## TARPAULIN REQUEST

Now that work on the Nursery shelter has started we are struggling with storing lots of Nursery equipment. Could you – or someone you know – lend us a large tarpaulin that we could cover equipment with in the Nursery playground. We only need it for a few weeks. If you can help, please contact the Premises Manager Mr Camilleri: [dcamilleri@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:dcamilleri@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk)

## OPEN EVENINGS

We have temporarily postponed our plans for Open Evening meetings as we have encountered a few issues with the technology. Our ICT team and some very helpful parents are working with us and we hope to hold the meetings during the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> November. We will be offering a choice of an online meeting or a phone call. A survey has been assigned in your child's Google Classroom and you will need to respond to this so we know what type of meeting you would like. It will go live at 3:30pm today and will close on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 12pm.

Details on how to access your Google classroom can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3iZV4I6> If you have any difficulties, please email your child's teacher.

If your child is in our Nursery, please inform Mrs Miller directly of your preference.



## ONLINE LEARNING

Next week we will update our website with information about online learning. There will be a specific focus on supporting children who are unable to attend school due to Covid-19. Information about learning activities for children who are self-isolating, and how we will teach a whole bubble if it has to close, will be available.

## EMAILS

Please bear in mind that teachers are unable to respond to emails during the day and that it may take up to 48 hours (more at the weekend) for them to respond to you. Some teachers are becoming overwhelmed by emails so please limit how often you contact your child's teacher. Thank you.



## SECONDARY APPLICATIONS

The deadline for secondary school applications is Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Royal Greenwich are offering an online service to families who need some help understanding the admissions process or need support making an application.

Sessions are from 10am to 12pm, between Monday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October. To book a 30-minute online slot please contact the Families Information Service helpline on 020 8921 6921 or email [fis@royalgreenwich.gov.uk](mailto:fis@royalgreenwich.gov.uk). You will be sent joining details once booked on. Please note: It is very important to cancel your booking if you are unable to attend so that another family can use the appointment time.

## CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT

The children will soon be creating their own wonderful Christmas designs which can be professionally printed as cards, wrapping paper and tags for you to buy. We will send your child's design to you after the half term break, along with details of how to order. This is a FoG fundraising project and we thank you for your support.



## PROPOSED CHANGES TO LUNCHES & BUBBLES

We have been reviewing regularly our Covid-19 procedures and trying to ensure that the school operates as smoothly as possible. We have identified a few changes we feel would enhance the school day:

**Lunches** – At present, the children all face one direction in the hall. By changing the seating arrangements and having children sit opposite each other we could accommodate more children in the hall. We would have space for the serving trolleys and be able to re-introduce hot meals. The children would also have more time to eat. The current staggered lunches take two hours every day and cause a lot of disruption to learning.

**Bubbles** – We have a mixture of bubble sizes; Nursery, Reception and Year 1 are currently year group bubbles whilst the rest of the school operates in class bubbles. We are considering year group bubbles for everyone. This means that we would be able to provide more support by bringing some children from both classes in a year group together at certain times. Also, some children are missing their friends from the parallel class and are feeling sad and lonely at playtimes.

We would continue to have regular hand washing, one-way systems, children keeping to their bubbles, and staggered starts, ends and playtimes. If you have any thoughts about these proposals, please let us know before next Tuesday by emailing Mr Taylor: [headteacher@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk)

If these changes go ahead, we will aim to implement them from 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Thanks for your feedback.



**Conch (R):** Millie for great number recognition

**Coral (R):** Jack for a great attitude to learning

**Dolphin (1):** Amaani for being a kind and helpful friend

**Jellyfish (1):** Harry for a brilliant effort in maths

**Lionfish (2):** Wilf for working hard with his group on the Black History Month assembly

**Lobster (2):** Kore for a great attitude to his learning.

**Mussel (3):** The whole class for working hard on the Black History Month assembly

**Octopus (3):** Ola for writing a fantastic and persuasive 'winning' speech when applying for School Council Class Rep

**Oyster (4):** Harper for being a hard-working and enthusiastic learner

**Penguin (4):** Albert for using fantastic communication in PE and being an excellent team player

**Seahorse (5):** Bobby for working hard in all areas of his learning this week

**Stingray (5):** Layla for careful observations when drawing in the style of Stephen Wiltshire

**Turtle (6):** Tashana for writing a brilliant suspense narrative

**Whale (6):** Sophie for writing a fabulous suspense narrative

## ATTENDANCE

We had very impressive attendance last week and five classes achieved 100% attendance! Well done to **Conch, Coral, Dolphin, Jellyfish** and **Lobster** classes!

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