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COVID-19 NEW PROCEDURES

As you are all aware, we are now in a second national lockdown – the difference this time being that the school is still open. Please remember the following:

- wear a face covering in the line and in the playground
- maintain social distancing in the line
- arrive at your gate at the correct time and do not wait around to watch your child walk across the playground
- do not stop to speak to the staff – please email or telephone us instead
- leave the playground immediately after collecting your child
- keep your child at home if they show any of the COVID-19 symptoms and book a test immediately
- communicate with us if you or your children show symptoms or test positive for COVID-19
- be available to collect your children at short notice if they become ill or we have to close a bubble

VENTILATION

One of the key guidelines around being safe in school during these Covid-19 times is to have the windows open. This encourages maximum ventilation but is a challenge as the weather gets colder. Please make sure your child has a few layers on so they stay warm whilst working in the classroom.

COVID-19 TESTING CENTRES

There are currently three testing centres in Greenwich:

- **the 02 North Greenwich, SE10** – drive-through only
- **Charlton Athletic Football Club, SE7** – mobile testing facility accessible by car
- **University of Greenwich's Avery Hill Campus, SE9** – pedestrian service only

For more details about how to book a visit to the above centres, please go to: www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

HARVEST PERFORMANCE DVD

We have started to distribute the Harvest DVDs. We have checked a number of them and they seem to play well on a variety of devices. However, there was an issue with the sound on older DVD players, so if you encounter this problem, please try a different device. We hope you enjoy the children's performances.

AD HOC LUNCHTIME STAFF OPPORTUNITIES

We would like to add to our pool of ad hoc lunchtime staff. If you are interested in this role, please complete an application form available by ringing the School Office. Thank you.

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS

Children are eligible to start school in the academic year following their fourth birthday so if your child is due to start Reception in September 2021, you need to apply for a primary school place. The deadline for applications is **15th January 2021**. Information about the process is on our website and you will find the form here: <https://bit.ly/3mY2DBn>

WEAR RED FOR REMEMBRANCE



Since its inception in 1921, the Poppy Appeal has always had a dual purpose – to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice during war and to raise money for those who have been left disadvantaged by their time in Service. We are unable to sell poppies in school this year, so instead we will be holding a **Wear Red for Remembrance Day** on Wednesday 11th November. Please encourage your child to wear red and bring in a small donation. Thank you.

OPEN EVENINGS

Please remember that our virtual meetings will be taking place next week. If you have not yet booked an appointment, please do so before 5pm this evening. Thank you.

OUTDOOR PE KIT

Please remember that your child can wear a tracksuit for their outdoor PE lessons. If they do not have a tracksuit, a fleece or hoodie is a good alternative – navy blue, black or grey.

REPORTING ABSENCE

If your child is unwell, please call the office before 9am. Also, please email evidence of medical appointments to office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk



<https://friendsofthegordon.wixsite.com/schoolpta>

CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT

If you would like to buy any cards, wrapping paper, tags, mugs or water bottles, please **place your order by 11th November** following the link on the sticker on the back of your child's artwork. You must **return the artwork to us by 13th November** so we can send it off to the printing company. Your items will be ready at the beginning of December. If you do not wish to place an order, you do not need to return the artwork.

VIRTUAL QUIZ NIGHT

Our annual Quiz Night will be online this year. Please see the flyer we sent out via Parentmail or visit the FoG website for more information. We hope you will be able to join us.

SCAVENGER HUNT

If you haven't taken part in the scavenger hunt in Eltham Park North yet, you have just two days left. Please do support this great FoG event – and remember that this is a fund-raiser, so if you can make a donation, we would be very grateful. Please see the FoG website above for more details.

STORY BOOK DAY – FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

You may recall that twice a year we host Book Fairs. These are great ways for you to expand your child's library at home and it raises lots of commission for us which we use to enhance the range of books we have in classrooms.

We are unable to host the Book Fair this term but we plan to have a **Story Book Day** instead. The dress code will be "wear something cosy" – onesies, tracksuits, fleeces, etc. On this day we will be holding a "book swap" so please send in any books your child no longer reads. Books need to be sent in by Friday 20th November so we have time to quarantine them before allocating them to classes.

We also want to use this as an opportunity to raise money for new classroom books, so we would be very grateful if you could donate £1 on the day in return for your child wearing non-uniform clothes! Thank you for your support.

END OF TERM DATE CHANGE

The last day of this term will be **Friday 18th December** not Thursday 17th December as previously advertised. On Friday 18th December we will close at 1:30pm. Please amend this date in your diary. Thank you!



Clownfish (N): Diego for a great improvement in following the classroom routines

Conch (R): Jasmine for fabulous shape work this week.

Coral (R): Polly for excellent progress in reading

Dolphin (1): Jenson for excellent effort on his addition equations in maths

Jellyfish (1): Edward for an excellent effort with his phonics

Lionfish (2): Noelle for fantastic progress with sounding out spellings independently

Lobster (2): Mason for a fantastic effort with his maths this week

Mussel (3): Ozzie for his enthusiastic contributions to the history lesson

Octopus (3): Amelia a huge improvement in using the column method to subtract with renaming

Oyster (4): Henry H for his amazing work on multiplication this week

Penguin (4): Lateef for excellent effort in maths this week

Seahorse (5): Ben for an excellent painting in his Art lesson

Stingray (5): Amelia for excellent ideas when planning a friction investigation

Turtle (6): Daniel for writing a great biography on Malorie Blackman

Whale (6): Amy for a fantastic improvement in reading

DAFFODIL COMPETITION

There are a few daffodil bulbs still available. Please send in 35p per bulb if your child would like to take part in the bulb growing competition.

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