

Gordon School News

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COOKED LUNCHES

We are delighted that we are able to return to cooked lunches on Monday 23rd November. Due to lack of space, only the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be eating in the lunch hall. The children in Years 3 to 6 will be eating from disposable “take-away” boxes in their classrooms.

The menu was sent out to you yesterday via email. We will assume that all children entitled to free school meals will have the cooked lunch unless you advise us otherwise. If you would like to buy cooked meals (£2.75 a day) please email Mrs Davis: tdavis@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk by Tuesday 17th November. The children will choose the food they want on the day – they do not need to choose from the menu in advance.

GO! CLUB BOOKINGS

To book wraparound care sessions at the GO! Club, please click on: <https://gordonprimary.schoolsbuddy.net/CcaSignup#!/>

For more information about the GO! Club, please visit the school website: www.gordonprimary.co.uk

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK (16TH – 20TH NOVEMBER)



As a school which was presented with the “All Together School” gold award by the Anti-Bullying Alliance last term, we will be marking **Anti-Bullying Week** in a number of ways. We will begin the week with “**Odd Socks Day**” and we hope the children will come to school wearing odd socks. This is an easy way to celebrate that we are all different and unique! We have published our second Anti-Bullying Newsletter which is full of information about how we have been working together to beat bullying. Please look out for it.

POPPY APPEAL

We would like to thank everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal in school on Wednesday and donated an incredible £320.48. We would also like to say a huge “well done” to Zahra in Stingray Class for making poppies and selling them. She has raised over £500. What a great achievement!



Our first ever virtual Quiz Night is taking place this evening. If you want to take part please visit the FoG website and book your tickets before 4pm. The quiz will be held on Zoom and each team will have their own individual break-out room so you can discuss the questions together. The rounds are based on TV game shows. Please support this fun event and help FoG raise funds. Thank you!

MORE FOG (PTA) NEWS

After this evening’s Quiz Night, the next FoG event will be the **Winter Wonderland Walk** in December. Please see the flyer we have sent out on parentmail or visit the FoG website for details about how to get involved: <https://friendsofthegordon.wixsite.com/schoolpta>

Please note that the Christmas raffle will not be taking place this year.

OPEN EVENINGS

We hope that everyone who either attended an online meeting or signed up for a phone call found it useful to have a conversation with their child’s teacher. It was the first time we had held these meetings with parents and carers online, and although a few of you experienced difficulties with the technology, the meetings seemed to work well for most people. If you missed this opportunity to talk to your child’s teacher, it’s not too late. Please send the teacher an email and they will organise an alternative date for you. Thank you.



STORY BOOK DAY

Thank you to all the children who have donated their unwanted books to our **Book Swap** event. It will take place on Friday 27th November as part of our “**Story Book Day**”. On the day, the children can leave their uniforms at home and wear something “cosy” instead in return for donating to our book fund. We will use this money to buy some new books for classrooms. The last day for bringing in books is Friday 20th November.

Please deposit your unwanted books in the crates inside the school gates. Thank you!

PLEASE RETURN SCHOOL BOOKS

Our stock of reading books is a little depleted at the moment. Some books were borrowed last year during the first lockdown and have not yet been returned. Please check if you have any school reading books at home and bring them back to us. Many thanks.

TERM DATES 2020 / 2021

Autumn Term 2020

- Last day of term ~ Friday 18th December (1:30pm finish)

Spring Term 2021

- 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

- First half ~ Monday 19th April to Friday 28th May
- Half-term holiday ~ Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June
- Second half ~ Tuesday 8th June to Friday 23rd July

BUILDING WORK UPDATE

The construction of the games area is progressing well and work should finish in the first week in December.

We do not have an exact date for when the work on refurbishing Hut D will begin, although this should happen soon after the games areas has been completed.

The work on the Nursery shelter is well under way although it is unlikely to be completed before Christmas.

COVID-19 TESTING CENTRES

- **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

WELL DONE

Clownfish (N): Muhammad for great determination with practising his scissor skills

Conch (R): Atanas for super writing about fireworks

Coral (R): Jessica for being a good role model to the class

Dolphin (1): Rudi for excellent improvement in his reading

Jellyfish (1): Harry for super effort in maths

Lionfish (2): Bailey for being a kind and thoughtful member of the class

Lobster (2): David for settling in well to his new class

Mussel (3): Alice for taking pride in the presentation of her English work

Octopus (3): Aylin for her observational skills in History

Oyster (4): Avry for amazing attitude and brilliant effort with his learning

Penguin (4): Ella for fantastic story writing this week

Seahorse (5): Ralph for an excellent description of Dr Kalmenius in our English lesson

Stingray (5): Rosie for working so hard on her poem about the colour red

Turtle (6): Everyone for great effort when creating their class assembly

Whale (6): Kernius for fantastic attitude and enthusiasm in all areas

If you have concerns regarding a child’s wellbeing, care or safety, including bullying, please contact a member of our Child Protection Team: Mr Taylor, Mrs Cuesta, Mrs Black, Ms Newlove and Ms May. Alternatively, you can call the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.

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