

Gordon Primary School News

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DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

4th to 8th

4th to 15th

Thursday 14th

18th to 20th

Tuesday 19th

Wednesday 20th

Thursday 21st

Friday 22nd

25th to 29th

Sunday 31st

NOVEMBER

1st to 12th

Friday 5th

Wednesday 10th

Friday 12th

15th to 26th

Year 6 School Journey to Liddington
Daily swimming sessions for **Supernova** Class
Nasal spray flu vaccinations (**Reception to Year 6**)
Friends of the Gordon meeting – 7pm online
Open Evening appointments
Black History Month Dance/Drumming Workshops
Harvest Festival Assembly (**Year 5**) – 2pm
Harvest Festival Assembly (**Year 5**) – 9:30am
Black History Month Dance/Drumming Workshops
Show Racism the Red Card Day
Half term break
Deadline for Secondary School applications

Daily swimming sessions for **Y4 Discovery** Class
Reception Autumn Walk
Asteroid Class visit to Woodlands Farm
Cosmos Class visit to Woodland Farm
Diwali Dance Workshops – **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**
Daily swimming sessions for **Y4 Andromeda** Class

PERFORMANCES

Performances are making a welcome return this year although we will be limiting how often the children perform and the size of the audience. All children will perform at some point during the year and we are starting with Year 5 who will be presenting our Harvest Assemblies to their parents and carers on 20th and 21st October. Please look out for future announcements for other Year groups.

UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS (UFSM)

Despite being referred to as “free” the meals that are provided for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are not fully funded by the government. There is a shortfall of 20p for every meal every day. Over the year this amounts to nearly £7000 which has to come out of the school budget.

Like all schools, we have been faced with huge budget cuts and we have to look at ways to become more efficient. This is why we are now wondering if any families of the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 would be willing to make a voluntary donation of the 20p per meal per day shortfall. This amounts to £1 per week and £38 for the year. We know that this is not possible for every family, but all contributions will make a huge difference to our budget.

GORDON SCHOOL FUND

For many years we have had a Gordon School Fund. The money in the fund is donated by parents and carers and is an important source of income for our school. As well as subsidising trips and visitors, the School Fund also pays for additional reading books, resources, affiliation fees to sporting and musical associations, wet play equipment, cooking ingredients, utensils and many more miscellaneous items.

We ask for a minimum voluntary annual donation of £25 per family. This equates to just 13p per day for one child. If you have more than one child in the school and would like to make a higher contribution, we would be very grateful. Please make your donation via ParentMail, although we will happily accept cash as well.

How to donate via Parentmail: Click on the payments menu >>> shop >>> school fund / UFSM is sitting in a virtual basket to pay online.

On behalf of the children, we thank you for your continuing support.

ELTHAM & MOTTINGHAM COMMUNITY FOODBANK

The **Eltham & Mottingham Community Foodbank** is a non-voucher foodbank open to everyone on a low income who does not have enough to feed themselves or their family. This includes working people on a low income as well as those in receipt of benefits.

Unlike some foodbanks, they are willing to provide food to people on a regular ongoing basis while helping them to improve their circumstances.

For more information, please contact:

- **4 – 8 Pound Place, Eltham, SE9 5DN**
- **020 8859 6644 / 020 8859 8866**
- info@ceyp.org
- www.ceyp.org

The Eltham and Mottingham Community Foodbank is part of CEYP – Central Eltham Youth Project.

HARVEST DONATIONS

This year we will be supporting the **Eltham & Mottingham Community Foodbank** with our Harvest donations. We will start collecting items next week. We can accept tinned, boxed, bottled or packet food that has a long shelf life, and unopened toiletries. No fresh food please!

You can send your donations in with your child who will take them to their classroom.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. You will be supporting some of the more vulnerable families in our community.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

Yes! You did read that correctly. The children have created a design for their Christmas card and they will be sent home so please check your child's book bag. Details about how to order are included on the back of your child's artwork. You will need to place your order online **by 12th October** and then send the artwork back into school. You must do this as we have to send the artwork to the printers. All funds raised through the sale of Christmas cards will go to **Friends of the Gordon (PTA)** and be used to buy resources for the children. Thank you for your support.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

The weather certainly seems to be on the change! Please make sure your child has a coat with them every day from now on. We only keep the children in at playtimes if the rain is very heavy. If there is light drizzle, they still go outside.

If there is torrential rain at the start of the day we will allow the children to walk straight up to their classrooms without having to line up in the playground. If the rain is light we will operate our usual system - so coats for the children and umbrellas for adults are vital! Gates will open at the same time every day regardless of the weather. Thank you!

YEAR 6 SCHOOL JOURNEY

50 children from Year 6 will be heading off to on their school journey next week. They will be away from Monday to Friday and we will miss them! Many thanks go to Ms Morton, Ms White, Mrs Cordery, Mr Llewellyn and Mrs Andrews for accompanying the children.

DONATIONS OF TOYS, GAMES & DRESSING-UP CLOTHES

If you have any toys, games and dressing-up clothes at home that your child no longer uses, we would love to take them off your hands. We need them for our Sanctuary Room – a space where children who might be feeling a little overwhelmed or upset can go for a short period of respite. Please send any donations to Mrs Cuesta. Thank you!

RECEPTION APPLICATIONS 2022

If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 you will need to apply for a Reception place for September 2022. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2022.

Mr Taylor will be conducting tours for prospective parents and carers on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am from the beginning of November. Please contact the school office to book a place.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

We have vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing Body. If you are interested in putting yourself forward and would like more information, please look out for the letter we will send out next week.

OPEN EVENINGS

We were planning to open up the Google Classrooms for you to book appointments today. Unfortunately, we have had a few technical difficulties which we cannot resolve until next week. We are sorry for any inconvenience this causes. You will be able to book an appointment to see your child's teacher from **6pm on Tuesday 5th October**.

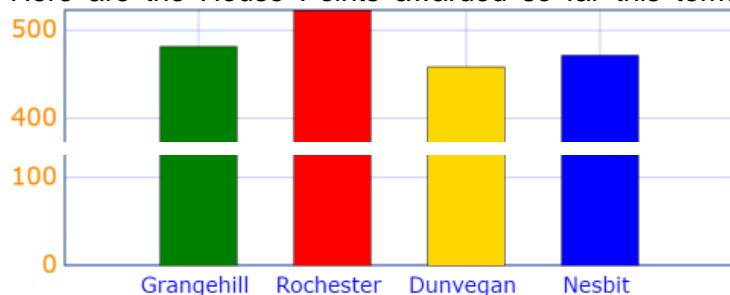
We are offering face-to-face and online meetings. Please see the table below and check you are booking for the type of meeting you want. If your child is in Reception to Year 6, you will need to book via Google Classroom. Mrs Miller will contact Nursery parents and carers directly to book appointments.

	Monday 18 th October	Wednesday 20 th October
Moon (Nursery)	Face-to-face	Online
Comet (Reception)	Online	Face-to-face
Rocket (Reception)	Face-to-face	Online
Halo (Year 1)	Online*	Face-to-face
Europa (Year 1)	Face-to-face	Online
Apollo (Year 2)	Online	Face-to-face
Zodiac (Year 2)	Face-to-face	Online
Cosmos (Year 3)	Online	Face-to-face
Asteroid (Year 3)	Face-to-face	Online
Andromeda (Year 4)	Online	Face-to-face
Discovery (Year 4)	Face-to-face	Online
Orion (Year 5)	Online	Face-to-face
Supernova (Year 5)	Face-to-face	Online
Mars (Year 6)	Online	Face-to-face
Scorpius (Year 6)	Face-to-face	Online

* Mrs Hill will hold her online meetings on Tuesday 19th October.

HOUSE POINTS

Here are the House Points awarded so far this term:



ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Last week's attendance awards went to **Zodiac**, **Discovery** and **Scorpius** classes. Well done children!



Comet (R): Susanna for super tidying up and being really helpful

Rocket (R): Eliza for being more confident about coming into school

Europa (1): Emilia for a superb attitude to all areas of her learning

Halo (1): Dylan for great effort in maths this week ordering numbers

Apollo (2): James K for great ideas about materials in science

Zodiac (2): Joey for excellent contributions to the class discussions in science lessons

Asteroid (3): Edith for writing a super diary entry in role as *Ug*

Cosmos (3): Meg for creating a brilliant comic strip

Andromeda (4): Lourenco for calculating more and less than a number

Discovery (4): Alex for super work on writing about the daily life of Iron Age people

Orion (5): Henry U for his excellent contributions when learning about the Trinity in RE

Supernova (5): Martin for writing an excellent letter of complaint

Mars (6): Layla for her mature and kind attitude in class

Scorpius (6): Emma-Jean for her enthusiasm when working on Mayan maths in history

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, Ms Newlove and Ms May (GO! Club). Alternatively you can call the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.

Telephone: 020 8850 5486

email: office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk

website: www.gordonprimary.co.uk

Friends of the Gordon (PTA)

Facebook: Friends of Gordon Primary

Website: <https://bit.ly/2T9uK7x>