



**Goring Church of England
(Aided) Primary School**
Faith, Love and Learning

20 July 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

What a wonderful term of achievement and fun! The children have excelled themselves in so many areas of learning both in and out of school. We are very proud of them all.

Staffing

After twenty four dedicated years of teaching at Goring it is time for Mrs Bishop to retire and enjoy some relaxation with friends and family. She has been an invaluable member of the senior leadership team and teaching staff and has been relentless in securing the best outcomes for the children in the school. We wish her every happiness as she leaves us at the end of this term.

Mrs Williams (Magpie Teaching Assistant) will also be leaving us at the end of term – we thank her for all that she has done to support the children in their learning and wish her well for the future.

We have been grateful for all Mr Castledine has done for the school in his role as Premises Manager, often behind the scenes. He will be leaving us to take up a role at Aldingbourne Trust at the end of August. An advert has been placed on the West Sussex website and it is hoped that we can secure a replacement soon for this key role.

Mrs Whittaker has been appointed as Assistant Head, to work in this role alongside Miss Hancocks, from September 2018 and will be responsible for Assessment throughout the school. She is looking forward to teaching Year 5 Osprey class.

Ms Crook will be joining the Learning Support team enabling children to develop strong learning skills and addressing specific needs.

Children's workbooks

Teachers have sent books home today that were retained for evidence from the academic year 2016-17.

Please ensure your child brings a plastic bag to school on Monday 23 July so that they can safely transport their 2017-18 workbooks home. Parents will be notified if their child's work from this year will be retained for moderation purposes. It will of course be returned at a later date.

Presentation expectations

The children have worked hard to present themselves well over the year and this high standard should be celebrated – well done! As you prepare for your child's return in September may I ask you to be mindful of our uniform and presentation expectations and encourage you to help your child to continue to maintain these each day.

Haircuts – Graduated hairstyles only please, no sudden changes in length.

Uniform

Children can wear their summer uniform until the October half term.

Girls

YR-2 Red and white check summer dress (no playsuits)
Y3-6 Red and white check summer dress OR navy tailored culottes and a **red polo shirt**
White socks
Sensible black shoes (no trainers, open toed sandals or high heeled shoes please)

Boys

Grey shorts
Red polo shirt with school logo
Grey socks
Sensible black shoes (no trainers or open toed sandals)

Curriculum Information

You are invited to attend a curriculum talk with your child's class teacher in September to receive information about planned learning and year group events/expectations. These sessions will be held in the studio which can be accessed via the Key stage 2 entry gate to the left of the staff carpark.

Year 1 – Thursday 13 September 2.15pm

Year 2 – Monday 10 September 2.15pm

Year 3 – Wednesday 12 September 2.15pm

Year 4 – Tuesday 11 September 2.15pm

Year 5 – Friday 14 September 2.15pm

Year 6 – Wednesday 12 September **6pm** This will be a longer meeting to address specific events relevant to this year group including High school transition, residential and SATS etc.

This has been a momentous year for our school as we established full Primary status. We say farewell to our first Year 6 cohort of children knowing that they have had every opportunity to develop essential life-long learning skills and will take the hallmarks of our school ethos and values with them as they enter the next stage of their education journey.

We have an active and vibrant school community and this has been clearly demonstrated throughout the year. Your support and involvement in the children's learning and numerous events has been tremendous. My thanks goes to the PSA for their tireless work in raising funds for the school through various fun and social events and to all those who have given of their time and energy in this respect.

I know you will join with me in recognising the incredible dedication and commitment of the staff and governors in securing quality outcomes in all areas for your child. A special thanks goes to the office staff who have risen to the increased demands of our larger school while maintaining their characteristic cheerfulness.

Diary dates

Last day of the summer term – Tuesday 24 July (2.50pm finish)

Autumn term starts 3 September – INSET day

Inset days

Monday 3 September 2018

Monday 29 October 2018

Monday 3 June 2019

Monday 22 July 2019

Tuesday 23 July 2019

We look forward to seeing your child on Tuesday 4 September 8.45am

Clubs

Please find attached a clubs list. If you wish your child to participate in any after school clubs run by School Staff please complete and return the slip/s to the school office by 9.00am on Tuesday 24 July 2018 . If you are interested in attending clubs run by outside providers please see the information on the back of the clubs list.

We will inform you via Parentcomms whether or not your child has a place by Friday 7 September 2018.

If your child will be in years 5 and 6 and you are happy for them to walk home independently after a school club you will need to complete a form. This can be collected from the school office in September.

May I wish everyone a safe and restful holiday!

Yours sincerely

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