

Gordon School News

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Be the best you can be!

WELCOME MEETINGS

We hope you had a fantastic summer break and are excited about the year ahead. We have many wonderful things planned and cannot wait to share them with you. Welcome meetings will be held on the following days:

Reception Thursday 20th September ~ 1:40pm

Years 1 to 5 Wednesday 12th September*

Year 6 Monday 17th September ~ 6pm (see overleaf)

* Meetings for Years 1 to 5 take place at 3:45pm, 4:05pm and 4:25pm. This is to enable parents with children in different year groups to attend a meeting for each child.

Meetings will take place in the classrooms. We look forward to seeing you.

We have sent out Welcome Leaflets for the children in Years 1 to 6 today. You will also be able to find them on the **Classes** section of our website. Welcome Leaflets for Nursery and Reception will be distributed when all of the children have started.

CLASSES FOR 2018/2019

This year our classes are named after gems and precious stones:

Nursery	Amber	Mrs Miller
Reception	Amethyst	Ms Kemp
	Aquamarine	Ms Ticehurst
Year 1	Citrine	Mrs Cullum
	Coral	Mrs Hollingum & Mrs King
Year 2	Diamond	Mrs Abrey & Mrs Cuesta
	Emerald	Mrs Hill
Year 3	Jade	Mrs Faiers
	Jasper	Ms White
Year 4	Onyx	Ms Knibbs & Mrs Bishop
	Opal	Mrs Smyth
Year 5	Pearl	Mrs Olding
	Sapphire	Ms Carter
Year 6	Topaz	Ms Deacon
	Turquoise	Mrs Sanders

The teachers are always happy to meet with you should you have any questions or concerns. The end of the day is the most convenient time. You can also email your child's teacher; see our website or Welcome Letters for addresses.

INSET DAYS

We have two Inset Days during this term. The school will be closed on Friday 12th October and Friday 30th November.

MOBILE PHONES

We would like to remind you that mobile phones should not be used on school premises. The only exception to this rule is during school events such as concerts, assemblies, productions and sports days. This is with the understanding that no photos or videos are shared on social media. We feel it is important that you are able to record images of these significant events in your child's school life. Please support us with this. Thank you.

Greet your **CHILD**
with a **SMILE**
not a **MOBILE**

Pupils are not to bring mobile phones to school. There have been incidents where primary-aged children have had a phone stolen from them on the way to school and we do not want to put our pupils at risk.

VACANCIES

We are looking to appoint some ad hoc meal supervisors and teaching assistants who we can call upon to cover staff absence. If you have daytime availability and the flexibility to come in at short notice please contact us for an application form.

REMINDERS / TERM DATES

We will send you a few reminders about some of our school rules next week. We hope you will find this useful. On the back of the letter you will find the term dates for this academic year.

HAIR TODAY ... GONE TOMORROW

Kind, generous and brave Georgie in Opal Class is having around 8 inches of her hair cut off this weekend. She is donating it to the Little Princess Trust where it will be made into wigs for children who have lost their hair through childhood cancer. Well done, Georgie – you're amazing!

DIARY DATES

September

Wed 12 th	Welcome Meetings for Years 1 to 5 (3:45pm / 4:05pm / 4:25pm)
Thurs 13 th	Swimming lessons begin for Years 3 and 4 Nursery re-opens for returning children
Mon 17 th	Year 6 Information Evening (6pm – Middle Hall)
Thurs 20 th	Welcome Meeting for Reception (1:40pm)
Fri 21 st	First full day for Reception pupils
Fri 28 th	FoG meeting for Foundation Stage parents / carers. Craft activities for Foundation Stage pupils (3:45pm)

October

Tues 2 nd	Florence Nighingale visiting Year 2
Thurs 4 th	FoG Annual General Meeting (4pm)
Fri 5 th	Onyx Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm – Middle Hall)
8 th to 11 th	Bikeability cycle training – Year 6
Mon 8 th	Year 2 trip to Bright Sparks concert
Wed 10 th	Year 2 Parents' Workshop (9:10am)
Fri 12 th	Inset Day – school closed
Mon 15 th	Open Evening (Year 1 to Year 6)
Wed 17 th	Year 3 history workshops Open Evening (Year 1 to Year 6)
Fri 19 th	Jade Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm – Middle Hall)
22 nd to 26 th	Half term holiday
Tues 30 th	Year 3 trip to the Ecology Park
Wed 31 st	Harvest Assemblies 9:20am ~ Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 2pm ~ Years 3 to 6

November

Fri 2 nd	Diamond Assembly (9:10am / 3pm – Middle Hall)
5 th to 9 th	Bikeability cycle training - Year 6
Wed 7 th	Year 4 visit to London Zoo 3:45pm - Opportunity for parents to view SRE (Sex and Relationships Education) resources
Fri 9 th	Jasper Assembly (9:10am / 3pm – Middle Hall)
15 th to 21 st	Book Fair
Fri 16 th	Book Fair dress-up day (bedtime stories theme) Opal Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm – Middle Hall)
Wed 21 st	London Museum workshops for Year 3 (in school)
Thurs 22 nd	Year 5 School Journey / Sayers Croft meeting (6pm)
Fri 30 th	Inset Day – school closed

December

Tues 4 th	Nasal flu vaccinations (Reception to Year 5)
12 th to 14 th	Year 5 School Journey to Sayers Croft
Fri 21 st	Last day of term

We are currently arranging other events for the coming term so please look out for more information and updates.

BOOK AMNESTY

Our stock of reading books is a little depleted at the moment. Some books were borrowed last year 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.

SCHOOL FUND

We value enormously the School Fund donations you make as they help us provide a wide range of exciting learning experiences and equipment for the children which our budget does not allow for. We will be sending you information about how you can support us next week. Please look out for this. We are very grateful for your continued support.

PUPIL INFORMATION

Please let us know if your contact details or your child's medical needs have changed. Thank you.

ALLERGIES

Several children in the school are allergic to nuts. For this reason, please do not put nuts or food containing nuts in your child's packed lunch. Thank you.



GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Ms Rahman who has worked in the school as a Teaching Assistant for several years. She has a new job outside of education and we wish her the best of luck for the future. She will continue to do some voluntary work with us and we are delighted that she will still be part of our school.

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