

# Gordon School News

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*Be the best you can be!*

## CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE DATES

Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Years 5 &amp; 6</b> Carol Concert (4pm) Methodist Church, Westmount Road
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Years 3 &amp; 4</b> (2pm)
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Years 3 &amp; 4</b> (9:30am)
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Years 1 &amp; 2</b> (9:30am) <b>Nursery &amp; Reception</b> (2pm)
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Nursery &amp; Reception</b> (9:30am) <b>Years 1 &amp; 2</b> (2pm)

With the exception of the Year 5 and 6 Carol Concert, all other performances will take place in the Sports Hall. Due to limited space, performances are ticketed and the children perform twice. There is no charge for tickets, we just use this system to ensure that the Sports Hall doesn't become overcrowded. The children work hard on their Christmas productions and we want you to be able to enjoy them.

We will be collecting money after the performances for our nominated charity – **Save the Children**. If you can spare a small amount of change, we would be very grateful. Thank you.

## FOG NEWS

We are working on three fund-raising activities in the run-up to Christmas. We appreciate your support with these and thank you for helping us raise money for the children.

**DISCOS** We have reached the deadline for buying tickets for next week's discos. Please bear in mind that you will not receive a physical ticket. We have a list of all the children who will be attending and we will use this to admit them:

- Years 1, 2 & 3 – 3:45pm to 5:00pm (Sports Hall)
- Years 4, 5 & 6 – 6:00pm to 7:30pm (Sports Hall)

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** If you have ordered cards and other Christmas stationery they should be with you by the middle of next week.

**RAFFLE TICKETS** We will be sending home books of raffle tickets next week. If you are able to, please buy (or sell) the tickets and return the stubs and money to us by 14<sup>th</sup> December. We have lots of super prizes! Good luck!

## NURSERY REFURBISHMENT

The shelter in the Nursery is being refurbished at the moment. The first stage of the building work has been completed. We are now waiting for the sliding doors to be fitted so that the flooring can be laid and the aesthetic work can be carried out.

## INSET DAY

This week's newsletter is being sent out a day early as we have an Inset Day tomorrow and the school will be closed.

## THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

Our amazing **Band** performed in the *Royal Greenwich Celebration of Music* at Blackheath Concert Halls on Monday evening. They were brilliant and impressed the audience with their incredible talent! Well done, everyone!

The **London Youth Games 2019** is a nine-month long series of multi-sport events. Here is a report about the games from Remi in Year 6:

*On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November a group of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils participated in an athletics competition at John Roan Secondary School. We competed against three other schools in lots of different events such as relays, chest push, vertical jump and long jump. This was our school's first athletics competition and we did extremely well. Mr Dean and Ms Mayes supported us in all the events. Mr Dean had helped us train in the weeks leading up to the competition. We were very proud to win a certificate for respectful behaviour. It was a fantastic day out and we are all very happy with our achievements.*

## SCHOOL MEALS PRICE INCREASE

The cost of meals is currently subsidised by the school. At present, we charge £2.40 per meal per day but the cost to us is £2.59 per meal per day. School budgets have been cut significantly and we can no longer justify subsidising school meals. Therefore, the Governing Body decided back in March 2018 that we needed to increase the price of our school meals in stages until it is in line with the actual cost that the school is charged by the catering company. The next price increase will come into effect on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and school meals will then cost £2.50 per day and £12.50 per week.

## DIARY DATES

### December

Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Band playing at Passey Place, 2pm
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	Nasal flu vaccinations ( <b>Reception to Year 5</b> ) <b>Year 2</b> singing at Passey Place (10:30am)
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Years 5 &amp; 6</b> Carol Concert (4pm)
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas Lunch / Discos
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Years 3 &amp; 4</b> Performance (2pm)
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Years 3 &amp; 4</b> Performance (9:30am)
12 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 5</b> School Journey to Sayers Croft
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	Last swimming lessons of the term ( <b>Years 3 &amp; 4</b> )
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Years 1 &amp; 2</b> Performance (9:30am) <b>Nursery &amp; Reception</b> Performance (2pm)
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Nursery &amp; Reception</b> Performance (9:30am) <b>Years 1 &amp; 2</b> Performance (2pm)
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	Theatre group (for <b>Nursery, Reception and Year 1</b> ) Class Parties ( <b>Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6</b> ) Last day of term for <b>Nursery</b>
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Year 5</b> School Journey Assembly (9:10am) Last day of Autumn Term - School closes at 2pm

### January

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> First day of the Spring Term 2019

## HOUSEPOINTS

Grangehill 790    Rochester 805    Dunvegan 827    Nesbit 831

## YEAR 5 SCHOOL JOURNEY

Thank you to everyone who has returned the medical form. If you have not sent yours in yet, please make sure we have it by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. This is also the deadline for payment.. Thank you.

## CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

There will be three days when the children can wear a Christmas jumper (or other jumper, if they prefer) before the end of the term:

- **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – as part of the Christmas lunch celebration
- **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – for the class parties / theatre visit
- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – in return for bringing in a small food or toiletry item for the Greenwich Foodbank

## ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance award winners are **Onyx, Diamond** and **Sapphire** classes! Well done, children!

## LAST DAY OF TERM

Please remember that the school will close at the earlier time of 2pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December.



**WELL DONE**

## PUPIL COMMENDATIONS

We are not in school tomorrow so we will celebrate the children who have been awarded commendations in next Monday's assembly.

**Amber (N):** Zeynep for brilliant 'wrapping' skills when creating a Christmas tree

**Amethyst (R):** Jayden for a super attitude in phonics sessions

**Aquamarine (R):** Joshua for his excellent counting skills

**Citrine (1):** Gabrielle for great sounding out when writing

**Coral (1):** Lilly-Joyce for working hard to learn all the words of the Christmas songs

**Diamond (2):** Ayaz for a great improvement in his reading

**Emerald (2):** Libby for producing very careful winter-themed artwork

**Jade (3):** Ralph for working hard on column subtraction

**Jasper (3):** Jeremiah for working hard to improve his handwriting

**Onyx (4):** Peter for working hard in every lesson every day

**Opal (4):** Soraya for always having a positive attitude towards learning

**Pearl (5):** Jasper for his kindness in caring for everybody in the class

**Sapphire (5):** Macie for putting skill and care into her beautiful winter artwork

**Topaz (6):** Frankee for her brilliant effort in reading every day and for writing lots of comments in her home learning diary

**Turquoise (6):** Oscar for writing an excellent alternative story ending

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