

Gordon School News

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WELCOME BACK

Happy New Year! Welcome back to a new school term. We hope you all had a very restful and enjoyable break. There are lots of exciting things planned for this term and we look forward to sharing them with you. Please check your child's book bag for a copy of this term's information leaflet.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the lovely cards, gifts and Christmas wishes we received at the end of last term. We were all very touched by your kindness and generosity.

YEAR 6 SCHOOL JOURNEY

We would like to remind the parents and carers of the children in Year 6 that there are just ten weeks until the visit to Osmington Bay. The deadline for payment is Friday 1st March 2019. There will be a meeting at 6pm on Tuesday 12th March to go through all of the final details with you.

DINNER MONEY

Please remember to keep your dinner money account up to date. Dinners cost £2.50 a day and should be paid for in advance. If possible, please make payments on Mondays. Thank you.

SCHOOL SHOES

Wearing plain black school shoes is part of our school uniform policy. Children should not be coming to school in trainers or casual shoes with coloured soles. At this time of year your child can also wear boots. As with shoes, they must be black. If you have any questions about our school uniform policy, please contact us.

WINTER CLOTHING

Now that the weather has become very cold, please ensure your child has a warm winter coat in school every day. We recommend you also provide your child with gloves, a hat and a scarf. This is particularly important for Nursery and Reception children who spend a considerable amount of time outside. Finally, please make sure all items are labelled with your child's name. Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY

The Lost Property boxes are overflowing at the moment. Please pop in and check if you think any of your child's belongings are there. Thank you.

OPEN EVENINGS

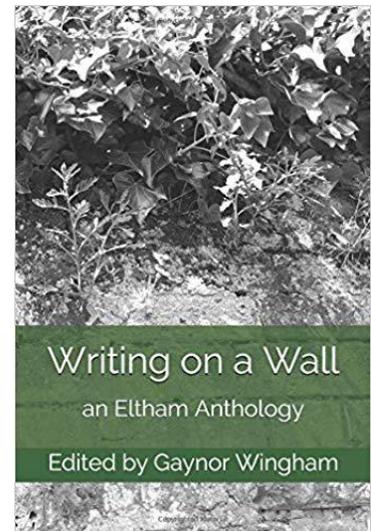
Our Spring term Open Evenings will be taking place on **Monday 11th** and **Wednesday 13th February**. We will soon send you some information about how to book appointments. Please look out for this.

PUNCTUALITY

Arriving at school on time helps the children to establish a very important lifelong habit. They should arrive before the bells are rung at 8:55am so that they can make the best start to the day. Learning begins as soon as the children reach the classrooms so it is vital they arrive promptly. Thank you for supporting us with this.

WRITING ON A WALL

Last year, many of our pupils took part in the *Eltham Arts Writing on a Wall* creative writing challenge and were awarded prizes. We are delighted to tell you that a book from the challenge has now been published! There will be a book launch on 23rd January at Eltham library from 6:15pm to 7pm and everyone is invited. If your child took part and would like to read their entry out, please let us know.



RECEPTION PLACES 2019

If you have a child who will have their fifth birthday between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, you need to complete a **Common Application Form** and return it to the Royal Greenwich Council's Admissions Section by **Tuesday 15th January 2019**. More information is available on the Royal Greenwich website:

<http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/admissions>

The outcome of the application process will be announced on 16th April 2019.

DIARY DATES

Here are the events we have planned for this term, so far. Please check back each week for any updates.

January

Wed 16 th	Year 3 Parent Workshop (9:15am)
Thurs 17 th	Year 5 Parent Workshop (9:15am)
Tues 22 nd	Museum of Docklands visiting Year 4
Wed 23 rd	Year 3 visit to Woodlands Farm
Mon 28 th	Year 5 visit to the London Transport Museum
Tues 29 th	GSG perform at Young Voices concert (O2 Arena)
Wed 30 th	Year 4 Parent Workshop (9:15am)

February

Tues 5 th	E-Safety Day
Mon 11 th	Open Evening (3:45pm – 7pm)
Wed 13 th	Open Evening (3:45pm – 6pm)
18 th – 22 nd	Half Term break
Tues 26 th	SATs Information Evening for Year 2
Wed 27 th	Year 5 to Royal Observatory

March

Fri 1 st	Jasper Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)
Mon 4 th	Coral Class visit to the Cutty Sark Curriculum Evening (Maths) (5pm – 6:30pm)
7 th to 13 th	Book Fair
Fri 8 th	Book Character Dressing Up Day
	Citrine Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)
Tues 12 th	Year 6 School Journey Meeting (6pm)
Thurs 14 th	Citrine Class visit to the Cutty Sark
Fri 15 th	Coral Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)
18 th to 20 th	Greenwich Schools' Music Festival
Fri 22 nd	Jade Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)
25 th to 29 th	Year 6 School Journey to Osmington Bay, Dorset
Wed 27 th	Crown Woods Dance Festival

April

Wed 3 rd	Gordon Day – Celebration of Music and Singing
Thurs 4 th	Decorated Eggs Exhibition
Fri 5 th	Year 6 School Journey Assembly (9:10am) Last Day of Term

WELL DONE

Amber (N): Caley for being a kind friend to the new children starting in the Nursery

Amethyst (R): Jasneet for excellent recording in maths sessions

Aquamarine (R): Matthew for always trying so hard in phonics

Citrine (1): Mali for excellent work in maths

Coral (1): Nancy for making a good effort in maths this week

Diamond (2): Soniya for always trying her best

Emerald (2): Ruby C for her perseverance in maths

Jade (3): George for sharing his extensive knowledge of maps and mapping

Jasper (3): Zahra for excellent contributions to class discussions

Onyx (4): Jody and Ben for a fantastic demonstration in the tennis lesson

Opal (4): Matthew for writing a wonderful book blurb about *Varjak Paw*

Pearl (5): Lacey for creating a very descriptive diary entry

Sapphire (5): James for making a super effort to improve his handwriting

Topaz (6): Bobby for putting fantastic effort in science lessons

Turquoise (6): Indigo for brilliant map work

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