

# GOLDFIELD NEWS

## Health and Safety Edition

We would like to thank you for your wonderful support this year. Here are a few health and safety and general reminders ready for when we return in the Autumn term.

### Footwear

Please could the children come to school with footwear that will protect their feet as they play on the playground and move around the school with others. The children should not wear open toed sandals or flipflops and must wear socks at all times. They need protection for their developing feet and toe joints. The children will also need a pair of wellington boots in school to enable them to participate freely in the many outdoor learning activities planned for each year group.

### PE

As the children move to Key Stage One they take part in more structured PE sessions, including indoor and outdoor team games; as well as participating in competitive events with other schools in Tring (Year 2). For these activities the children will need a full PE kit which consists of plimsolls or trainers, a blue school t-shirt, black shorts and a tracksuit (navy or black).

It is a County regulation that children do not wear jewellery during PE sessions even if the child has pierced ears. They must be removed on the class PE day. If a child does not have the correct attire they will not be able to take part in the lesson.

### Parking



Incidents of inconsiderate and dangerous parking continue to be reported. The photo above was sent into school with a complaint last week and we have received further calls from local residents about parents blocking driveways and blocking pavements, both on the main Christchurch and Goldfield Roads and side roads too. The children are being encouraged to walk to school at least a couple of times a week through our 'Walk to School' initiative. Please park with care and a little further away where there is less congestion - thank you.



### Keeping Hydrated

It is essential for the brain to keep hydrated during the day for effective learning to take place. Please ensure your child comes to school with a full water bottle. We will have cross body water holders available to avoid leaks in book bags (these can be seen on Open Evening). Having consulted with the class teaching teams, and researched the current increase in use of backpacks, we have found that they are frequently left with the front open, are not efficient for filing or storing reading books and work books/sheets and the longer straps can cause trip hazards on the carpet. We ask that the children do not bring backpacks to school. Could the children also choose just one favourite key ring to decorate their book bag - thank you.

