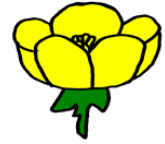




Goldfield News



Newsletter 1

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8th September 2017



It's a pleasure to welcome everyone back to Goldfield, we hope you have had a fantastic summer. The team would like to say a big hello to all the new families joining us in the Nursery and in classes across the school. We look forward to a great year ahead together. The children have settled into their classes beautifully, they are enjoying their learning and moving happily around the school.

We are delighted that Mrs Alison Hopwood has joined us this year to teach Field Maple Class in partnership with Mrs Rachel Cowan. Mrs Hopwood knows us very well as she was a parent here for many years and shares our ethos and vision. She has very quickly fitted into our teaching team; it's clear that we will be seeing her around the school, and in the classroom, above and beyond her Thursdays and Fridays (just like our other job share teachers). We are very fortunate to have her at Goldfield.



Parent Partnership

Each year group will be hosting events to share information about the curriculum, along with an outline of the changes the children will encounter as they settle into their new routines. The timetable will be explained, as well as details of the areas within the Primary Curriculum and the content of each subject. There will be opportunities to ask questions and discover new ways to support your child at home.

Year 1 Parent Partners Mornings - 9.00 -11.00am on Thursday 5th and Wednesday 11th October

Year 2 New to Year 2 Meeting - 9.15am on Wednesday 13th September

Year R New to Year Reception Meeting - 9.15am on Monday 2nd October

Nursery New to Foundation Stage Meeting - 10.15 am for morning parents and 1.45 pm for afternoon parents on Monday 9th October

(If you are coming to the 'Parent Partners' meeting and haven't yet returned your confirmation slip please do so, we need accurate numbers to prepare for the sessions, thank you)

We are keen to work closely with you, please do ask your class teacher if you would like any advice or additional information about your child's learning at any time.



Building Learning Power!

(BLP) focus on Wellbeing

We will continue to flex our learning muscles and build our learning 'superpowers' this year. The BLP initiative encourages independent motivated learners, who are aware of their own progress and enthusiastic to learn more, it has been hugely successful for us over the last five years. This year we will continue in our quest to build rich learning vocabulary and strive to develop successful life-long learners.

The focus upon 'resilience' last year had an impact upon the way children described taking on a challenge and their confidence to tackle an activity that they might find difficult. Our new characters 'Resilient Reg and Rosie' will still be very much present this year helping the children to learn that it's ok to make mistakes, in fact this is the best way to learn and develop a growth mindset. This year it is the turn of 'Wellbeing'. Life is so busy for families; technology is also bringing its own unique pressures. Yoga is already practiced in the classrooms across the school and will continue alongside mindfulness and activities to support physical and emotional health.



Our **Superhero House Teams** will continue to take on challenges!



Each classroom provides a home for a House Team of 30 pupils, 5 children from each of our classes. The Reception children will be finding out which team they are in soon. Regular Friday afternoon sporting events take place with Miss Lucy Mabbitt (our Sports Leader) during Golden Time. The House Teams present the opportunity for a wonderful mix of children from all age groups to work together to represent their team in a wide range of events such as sports, quizzes and creative activities.

Curriculum Focus

To give each area of the curriculum a chance to shine we have a different focus each academic year and plan topic days/weeks, activities, visitors and specialists to bring it to life. Our Curriculum focus for this year across the school is 'Science and Technology'. We will be sharing plans for scientific investigations during three special weeks across the school year; looking for innovative ways to present science to the children through cross-curricular themes. These focused weeks will be rich in opportunities for scientific exploration and also coincide with news events so can be shared and reinforced at home:

9-13th October Mary Rose Week
 5-9th February Angel of the North 'Structures' Week
 21st-25th May Chelsea Flower Show Week

If you have talents and skills that would enhance our teaching in these areas please see your child's class teacher – we would love to have your help.

P.E

The children will be taking part in **Jo Wicks (Body Coach)**



School Live Week of Workouts 11th Sept 2017

The classes will be participating in this week of workouts which will be available on YouTube to use both live and recorded. The children will start with the 10 minute warm up sessions at a time most convenient to each class; building up to a joint Key Stage 1 final 'live' workout session with the Body Coach for the full 30 minutes in the hall on Friday 15th September. The prize for participating live is a possible visit from Jo Wicks! What a fantastic opportunity to get started on our physical wellbeing and increase movement each day.

Please ensure that your child has a full named P.E kit in school at all times. Key Stage 1 children will also need a tracksuit (long sleeve sweatshirt/hoodie and jogging bottoms) and trainers in their P.E bag for outdoor P.E lessons when the weather turns colder. Hertfordshire County Council health and safety regulations do not allow the wearing of jewellery (including earrings) during P.E sessions.

Parking

As we settle back into school life please can we ask that where possible parents walk to school or park further away and 'park and stride'. Parking on both Christchurch Road and Goldfield Road has become dangerous for those crossing and is making life difficult for those that live there. There are occasions where local residents cannot leave their homes as vehicles are parked across their driveways. This presents a huge health and safety risk if they need to leave urgently to obtain medical assistance. It is essential to be aware of driveways and families on the footpaths and park with consideration so that they are not obstructed in any way.

Buttercup Club (Wrap Around Care)

There are still places available at the breakfast club and some after school sessions. We are delighted with the response we have received from parents who have spoken highly of the care their children receive. Our first year has gone really well and we continue to build on this. Mr Alistair Eld is the Buttercup Club Manger, Mrs Denise Anderton and Mrs Sue Grainger are Assistant Managers; we are pleased to announce that Mrs Sam Hodge will also be joining the team this year. The children have so much fun and are incredibly comfortable at the Club because of this outstanding team who know the children so well as they spend time with them throughout the day.



Jeans for Genes Day

As in previous years we will be supporting the Jeans for Genes initiative on Friday 22nd September. The children can come to school in their jeans in return for a donation that will go towards the national fundraising campaign to aid research into genetic conditions.

Benefit Related Free School Meals

If you are on low income and think you may be entitled to the additional funding that comes with 'benefit related'



free school meals (ie free school milk, help with payments for clubs and school trips) then please apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals During the registration process, parents will be checked for entitlement under low income. It is very important that we identify children that we can offer support to as soon as possible; we can then provide additional resources in the classroom.

Early Years Pupil Premium

If your child is in the Nursery you could be entitled to Early Years Pupil Premium which provides a small amount of funding for schools to support pupils in the classroom. We will be sending out further information about how to apply soon.

Applications for School Places

Applications must be made online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions the dates for applications are:

Reception (current Nursery age children) and

Junior (current Year 2 children)

Applications open 6.11.17 and close 15.1.18

Please remember that there is a **separate** application process for a Reception place and having a Nursery place does **not** guarantee a place in Reception.

Uniform Orders

There is a uniform list to use when ordering any item of uniform, including the school water bottle if required.

Nasal Flu Immunisation

The children in Years 1 and 2 will be offered nasal flu immunisations once again this year on the morning of 22nd November. We will be sending out the information provided by Herts Community NHS trust shortly which includes consent forms.

Pupil Information Sheets

It is time for our annual data check and we shall be sending you a copy of the information we hold on computer about your child, for example emergency contact numbers. Please check to see if any amendments are necessary including an email address for Newsletters and information, thank you. As we now have an effective 'Schoolcomms' texting service, please ensure mobile numbers are kept up to date.

Reminders

Here are some important things to remember as we start this new academic year together:

- Please ensure that all items of your child's uniform are clearly labelled.
- Birthdays are celebrated during our special Celebration Assemblies, however on the day a present or card can be brought in to share with the class (no sweets or cakes). Special certificates, medals and trophies can be brought to Celebration Assemblies on Mondays. The Reception children will join assemblies later in the term.
(Due to a large number of allergies we are asking that the children do not share sweets outside the classrooms after school to celebrate their birthdays).
- **All** letters for the office, including orders/ payments etc, should be brought to school in your child's book bag, in a labelled envelope, for your child to hand to their class teacher. They can also be posted in our red post box, outside the office.
- Remember to call first thing in the morning if your child is unable to come into school due to illness or a medical appointment, or if you are running late; and to sign in the book provided in the entrance hall if your child arrives after 9.00am, checking with the office that they have been marked in for their school dinner.
- If your child is absent through sickness or diarrhoea they should remain at home for 48 hours following the illness. If a child is absent from school due to any illness they must remain at home for the full school day and not return for some lessons.
- If you are collecting your child during the school day, for an appointment or if they are ill, please go to the office (and ensure they are signed out) and **not** the classroom door.
- Please do not include nuts in your child's lunchbox as we have children in school with severe allergies. **We are a 'nut free' school.**
- **Dogs:** Please remember that under Herts County Council rules parents and carers must not bring dogs (apart from guide dogs and hearing dogs) into the school grounds. Please also ensure that they are not left unattended or tied up near to the entrances, close to the children.
- Your help is essential to ensure all gates are closed at all times, please check that you have closed them behind you for the security of the children. The new internal gate beside the Nursery will be locked at 9.15am and not reopened until 3.00pm. There will, therefore, be no access to the nursery building through the grounds during the school day, unless accompanied by a member of school staff.

Dates for Diaries

Revised 2017-18 term dates attached. Please note school is **not** closed on 3.5.18.

Please see the following page for some important dates for your diary.

Website

Don't forget to check the website regularly for up to date information, news and recent events at www.goldfield.herts.sch.uk. All films and animations can be viewed on ipads and mobile devices.



We look forward to a fun and exciting year together, thank you for your continued support.

Debbie Stevens
Headteacher



Goldfield Diary Dates - Autumn 2017

Wednesday, 13th September – 9.15 am New to Year 2 Parents Curriculum Meeting

Friday, 22nd September – Jeans for Genes day (wear jeans/non uniform for donation to charity)

Monday, 2nd October – 9.15 am Welcome to Reception (Reading/Phonic/Maths Workshop)

Thursday, 5th and Wednesday, 11th October – 9.00-11.00 am Year 1 Parent Partner Meetings

Monday, 9th October – Nursery New to Foundation Stage Meetings at 10.15 am or 1.45 pm

9th – 13th October – Mary Rose Week

Wednesday, 11th and 18th October – KS1 Parent Consultations (3.30 -7.00 pm details to follow)

16th – 20th October – Reception Learning Journey Meetings (details to follow)

20th October – Harvest celebrations (details to follow)

23rd - 27th October - Half Term Week

Monday, 30th October – Back to School

13th – 17th November – Talk, Listen, Care Week (details to follow)

Wednesday, 15th November – BLP Superhero Day

Friday, 17th November – Children in Need

Wednesday, 22nd November – Yr 1 and 2 Nasal Flu Vaccinations (details to follow)

Thursday, 23rd November – INSET Training Day (school & Buttercup Club closed)

Friday, 24th November – Occasional Day (school and Buttercup Club closed)

Thursday, 21st December – End of Term (10.30 am morning Nursery end;
2.00 pm afternoon Nursery ends; 1.45 pm main school ends; No Buttercup After School Club)

Monday, 8th January 2018 – Spring term starts; Buttercup Clubs restart



Goldfield Infants' and Nursery School



Term Dates 2017-2018

Autumn Term 2017

Term Starts : 4th September
Half Term : 23rd October to 27th October
INSET Day : 23rd November
Occasional Day : 24th November
End of Term : 21st December

Spring Term 2018

Term Starts : 8th January
Half Term : 12th to 16th February
End of Term : 29th March

Summer Term 2018

Term Starts : 16th April
Bank Holiday : 7th May
Half Term : 28th May to 1st June
End of Term : 20th July

(NB school is open on 3.5.18 as we are not being used as a polling station)