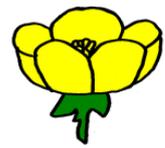


# Goldfield News



## Newsletter 8

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17th July 2017

### Thank you and Farewell



It is with enormous gratitude that we say goodbye to Mrs Emma Bryan and Mrs Jo Impey.

Emma has been with us for over 12 years, her creativity and enthusiasm have had a huge impact upon our school. Her teaching is both creative and innovative, her high

expectations lead to fantastic outcomes for the children in her class. This year, as leader for Eco Schools she has been instrumental in helping us not only attain the Silver Tree Award but also the Gold! The Year 1 garden now has nesting birds, water-buts and composting facilities and is going from strength to strength. She has inspired us all by arranging visits from a wide variety of local groups including the Woodland Trust, Dacorum Borough Council and the Wendover Arm Trust; setting us up for many ventures to come, including involvement in the restoration of the Grand Union Canal. We wish her the very best as she takes up her new role.

Jo joined us in 2008 and instantly struck up a very special rapport with the children. She has transformed the learning of individuals, small groups and classes. Jo has the ability to engage those children who find learning a little more challenging, thinking outside the box to motivate and engage. Her work in the area of phonics has been significant. Our children have flourished in her patient, supportive care. It will be hard to lose the instructional way Jo teaches art and the incredible impact this has upon the children's



attainment. As Manager of the Buttercup Club, Jo has been central in establishing a club which provides a 'home from home' atmosphere where happy children are keen to stay and play after school. We will be off to visit Jo in her new home by the sea (as soon as she will have us!).

It is so difficult to let these two highly valued and outstanding members of our team go, we are grateful for all they have done for Goldfield and will keep in touch.

Another member of our Goldfield family, who has worked tirelessly fundraising for us over the past five years, and will now be moving on to Bishop Wood is Sarah Connelly. It has been a delight to work with her as Chair of FROGS for the last three years. I am in awe of her energy and immensely grateful for the endless time she has devoted to us. There have been many developments and opportunities that would not have been possible without the events and activities Sarah has spearheaded. From Numicon bags, to science equipment, musical instruments and our much loved class pets to this year's project to resurface the playground (to name just a few) - Sarah has been there to lead each project. Her commitment to us through a period of much change, as well as busy times personally, has been unwavering. We are incredibly grateful and send our very best wishes for the future.

We would also like to thank Sharon Formston-Jones who has given us so much of her time on the FROGS committee and contributed enormously to the success of many events and will also be moving on to Bishop Wood.



### FROGS

What a fantastic time everyone had at this year's 'Enchanted Forest' themed Summer Fair. The FROGS team, parents and staff did a fantastic job organising and running the event coping beautifully with the unpredictable weather. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day or came to



support. It was great to see everyone enjoying time together.



We would like to say a very special 'thank you' to our new Chair of FROGS settling in ready for the Autumn term, Sam Davis, and the hard working committee

members, Becky Jones, Sharon Egran, Kath Pither and Helen Barnett for the time and energy they have dedicated to organising events and activities for this year's Fair; thank you so much, the hard work, creative ideas and attention to detail is very much appreciated.



## Sports Day



It was great to be together for Sports day and spend time watching the children as they took part in their class events. We are very proud of the way they all participated showing such confidence and enjoyment – the co-operation, perseverance and resourcefulness were evident, as was the care and guidance of our fabulous team. As with all of our events the coverage on the website reflects the wonderful experience the children had, do visit [www.goldfield.herts.sch.uk](http://www.goldfield.herts.sch.uk) to take see a snapshot of the day.

## Ofsted School Evaluation

It is expected that schools will use the Ofsted online tool as a record of parents views of the provision offered to families. We would ask that you might take a moment to complete this for us. The Parent View evaluation can be completed on the official Ofsted site at <http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> this link can also be accessed through our website.



## Pupil Premium (benefit related) Free School Meals

All Infant aged children from Reception to Year 2 receive Universal Free School Meals. This has led to the number of families applying for support through 'benefit related' free school meals falling dramatically across Hertfordshire. If you feel that you may be eligible please follow the link below to find out if you are.

If you are eligible you will also be entitled to free school milk and other financial benefits, such as

support with school uniform, trips, clubs and other activities, but you need apply for this. Applying for 'benefit related' free school meals also helps Goldfield as we are able to claim the Pupil Premium Grant to provide additional support for your child in the classroom – so please do apply if you are entitled

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

## Capital Works – the replacement of water mains, hot water pipework and heating throughout the school.

Following previous Capital projects funded by Hertfordshire County Council to replace the roof and window walling we are about to embark on a new set of works to replace the water main and hot water pipework to the sinks and heating. We are also including the classroom sinks and taps within the project. Replacement of the current original 50 year old system is overdue and we are keen to get it underway. The works were expected to take place within the school holidays, however, we found out today that it is hoped that the work will start in the holidays and could continue until December. We will be endeavouring to ensure as little disruption to classes and families as possible and ask for your patience while this much needed installation is underway. I will pass on information as I receive it.

## Last Day of Term

Just a reminder that, the school will close at 1.45 pm on Friday, 21st July. Morning Nursery will finish at 10.30 am and Afternoon Nursery at 2.00 pm.

## Dates

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

18<sup>th</sup> July – 9.15 am New to Year 1 Parents meeting

18<sup>th</sup> July – 2.00 pm Thank You Afternoon Tea to our Helpers

20<sup>th</sup> July – Year 2 Leavers Disco

21<sup>st</sup> July – End of term

4<sup>th</sup> September - Back to School

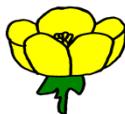
We wish all the children leaving us a wonderful



future as they move onto their new schools, and wish all of our Goldfield families a very happy and relaxing summer break ☺

**Debbie Stevens**  
Headteacher

## Goldfield Infants' and Nursery School



### Term Dates 2017-2018

#### **Autumn Term 2017**

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

#### **Spring Term 2018**

Term Starts : 8<sup>th</sup> January  
Half Term : 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February  
End of Term : 29<sup>th</sup> March

#### **Summer Term 2018**

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

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