



# GOLDFIELD NEWS



NEWSLETTER NO. 4

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10th January 2019

We are delighted to welcome everyone back to Goldfield after the Christmas break and hope you have all had a great holiday. We are looking forward to a fantastic term together. Visit the website [www.goldfield.herts.sch.uk](http://www.goldfield.herts.sch.uk) and click on the 'picture gallery' to see a vast selection of beautiful photos from the many events that made Christmas so much fun, along with many more magical moments from last term. Thank you to FROGS and everyone who supported the Christmas Fair which raised an amazing £3150!



## Best Wishes and more!



At the end of January Mr Birch will be taking some time out of school to commence his Paternity Leave. This is such an exciting time and we wish him all the very best. We will be looking forward to his return, we are sure there will be no keeping Mr Birch away from life at Goldfield and will continue to keep in touch until he is back with us again soon.



## School Photographs

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January Van Cols Photographers will take individual and sibling group photographs.

Please note the following:

During the day all children will have their photographs taken individually. If they have a brother or sister at Goldfield they will also have their picture taken with them as well. If your child has a **younger** brother or sister there will be the opportunity for pre-school children to come before school. Please bring the children you would like in the photograph i.e. Goldfield pupils and toddlers (including morning and afternoon nursery children) to the hall at 8.50 a.m.

The children will be registered when they arrive in the classroom; we understand that they may be a little later than usual on this occasion.

## Applications for School Places

Applications must be made online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) the dates for applications are:

**Reception** (current Nursery age children) and **Junior** (current Year 2 children)

**Applications deadline is Tuesday 15th January 2019**

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.

## Parking

At the end of last term we had further complaints from neighbours regarding dangerous parking in the roads around the school. Please do not park across driveways or on footpaths. Families are still having to walk into the road to negotiate parked vehicles which is dangerous. Park with care and as far away from the school as possible.

## Site Safety

It is essential that we consider the security of our school site. To ensure all entrance gates are secure Mrs Hale (our Site Manager) checks they are safely closed at 9.00am (Nursery starts 8.45am other classes start at 8.50am). There have been occasions where parents leaving after this time have not secured the gates. From Monday we will be asking for everyone to leave the site promptly so that Mrs Hale can make sure the site is secure, at **9.00am** she will be locking the gates beside the Nursery, it will then not be possible to use this exit. We really appreciate your support in helping us keep our children safe and to start lessons promptly.

To receive alerts when new events appear on the website, alongside images from activities during the school day, join us on Instagram at goldfield1234



## Reminders

- Please click on the **'school closure information'** button at the bottom of the home page on the website for information about our **severe weather procedures** which may be needed again at this time of year. Please register with the Everbridge system and we will also endeavour to keep in touch via text and email, and post information on the website when possible. If your mobile phone number or email address changes please remember to inform the school office [admin@goldfield.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@goldfield.herts.sch.uk)
- All** letters, including any orders and payments, should be brought to school in your child's book bag, in a labelled envelope, for children to hand to their class teacher who will pass onto the school office; or please post in the post box outside the office in the front entrance foyer.
- Please ensure your child has a PE kit (including track suit and trainers for Year One and Two). Velcro shoes and trainers really aid independence and could you check the fit regularly as some children are finding it difficult to get their trainers/plimsolls on.
- Unless specifically requested by the class teachers the children should not bring toys or other items from home into school.

## Dates

24th January	- Van Cols Photographs
February	- Yr.R,1, 2 Consultations (letters to follow)
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22nd February	- Half Term (school closed)
25th February	- INSET Day (school closed)
26th February	- Back to school
March	- My Money March
7th March	- World Book Day
15th March	- Red Nose Day
19th March 2.15pm	- Year 1 Open Classrooms
21st March 2.15pm	- Year 2 Open Classrooms
22nd March 10.45/2.15pm	- Year Nursery Open Classrooms
25th March 2.15 pm	- Year Reception Open Classrooms



**Debbie Stevens, Headteacher**

*Thanks for your support, we value our partnership and are keen to work together to develop enquiring minds and grow happy, resilient life-long learners.*

## Term Dates January—July 2019



### Spring Term 2019

Term Starts : 7<sup>th</sup> January  
Half Term : 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
INSET Day : 25<sup>th</sup> February  
End of Term : 5<sup>th</sup> April

### Summer Term 2019

Term Starts : 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
\*Staff Training Day (school closed for use as Polling Station) : 2nd May  
Bank Holiday : 6<sup>th</sup> May  
Half Term : 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May  
End of Term : 19<sup>th</sup> July

*\*please note date*