

Spring Term 2 Week Ending 18th March 2022

Dear Families and Carers,

Thank you for your support over the last few weeks. Pupils have settled well after half term, immediately settling back into their established routines. We had a visit from **Ofsted** first week back and although an extremely stressful time for all concerned, we enjoyed showing them our lovely school and pupils. We will share the report with you as soon as we are able on receipt of it from **Ofsted**. Our 'Reading Week' has been really successful. We now have a team of Reading Ambassadors, promoting the love of reading across school and we thank you for your purchases of books from the Book Fair during the week. Your purchases also enable us to get an amount of 'free' books for classes across school, which is super.

Mrs Purshouse is also working with our pupils on a 'new' initiative whereby Goldthorn Park is working towards the 'School of Sanctuary' accreditation. This project will assist us in helping pupils, staff and the wider community learn about what it means to be seeking sanctuary and issues around forced migration. Pupils are currently applying to be a 'Buddy' to be part of a welcome committee when any new pupil arrives at our school seeking sanctuary. Read more on the back of this newsletter.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Hemmings

Mrs Purshouse

Headteacher

Deputy Headteacher

Thank you families!
You purchased books to the
total of £1250!! We now get
lots of free books!

Red Nose Day raised
Hurray!!!

£450 !! 👍



WORLD BOOK DAY®

Changing lives through a love of books and shared reading.

Reminder - Dates for your Diary 2022

Spring Term 2022

Monday 28th February – Pupils returned to school after half term break

Friday 18th March – Inset Day, School closed to pupils

Wednesday 23rd March - Year 4 trip to Thinktank Birmingham

Friday 25th March 2.15 pm – Year 2 Mother's Day Assembly. Year 2 parent invited – see Class Dojo

Tuesday 5th April – Year 2 trip to Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Thursday 7th April – Year 5 African Drumming Day in school

Thursday 7th and Friday 8th April – Year 2 residential at Beaudesert (select pupils only)

Friday 8th April 9.00am – Year 4 Easter Assembly. Parents invited – see Class Dojo

Friday 8th April Easter Bonnets/ Egg craft to be displayed

Friday 8th April – Break up for Easter holiday

Monday 10th April to Friday 22nd April – Easter Holiday

Summer Term 2022

Monday 25th April – Pupils return to school after Easter break

Friday 27th May – Break up for half term holiday

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June – Half term break

Monday 6th June – Pupils return to school after half term break

Friday 22nd July – Break up for summer holiday



Exciting news!

Goldthorn Park and Mrs Purshouse and her team are working towards becoming a School of Sanctuary.

What is a School of Sanctuary?

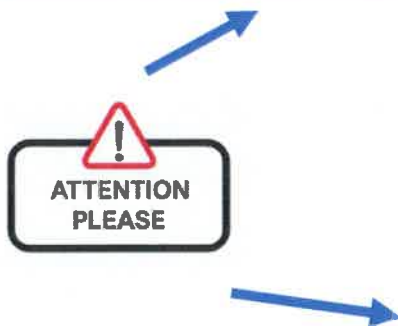
A School of Sanctuary is a school that is committed to being a safe and welcoming place for those seeking sanctuary. It is a space for those whose lives were in danger in their own country, who have troubles at home or are just looking for a space where they can feel safe. A School of Sanctuary is a school that helps its students, staff and wider community understand what it means to be seeking sanctuary and to extend a welcome to everyone as equal, valued members of the school community. It is a school that is proud to be a place of safety and inclusion for all. We would really like our pupils to understand the impact that being an asylum seeker or refugee has on people's lives. If you have a personal story to share, please contact Mrs R. Purshouse (Deputy Headteacher) to discuss in confidence.

Of course, we will keep you up to date with our progress and share our success with you.

Appointments During School Time

There may be occasions where a pupil needs to attend a hospital appointment. Generally, if these are booked in advance you can request an appointment which does not interfere with the school day. We would request that dentist and doctor's appointments are also booked out of the school day unless they are emergency appointments. Goldthorn Park will not authorise time taken out for appointments which need not take place during the school day.

We cannot also authorise pupils to be out of school if another family member has an appointment.



Find us on.....

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Attendance!

One of the most important things your child can do to reach the goal of success is also one of the most basic: attend school every day and be on time!

Some of the greatest benefits for attending school regularly are:

1. Achievement
2. Opportunity
3. Being part of the school community
4. Learning English if you are new to the country

PLEASE Parents

Follow the school's guidelines and attendance policy and report excused absences immediately.