

Goldthorn Park Primary News!



Message From Our CEO, Mr Grayson

Hello folks – welcome to the last newsletter of this first half term.

I have to begin by underlining my thanks to families who have supported Goldthorn Park over the last weeks. We have tried hard to make our practices as safe as possible but always realise it is our families who make the choice to send their children back to school. So many of you have done this and that has allowed us here in school to plan our teaching to ensure the best learning is possible. We all expect the current COVID restrictions to continue, perhaps through the whole of the winter. We can assure you that our plans will remain as tight as they have been up to this point.

We are hopeful that most of the roof work will be completed following half term, at least the classroom and communal areas. This will certainly help as the mornings and evenings get darker earlier. Within the boundaries of COVID safety we have been looking at our plans for celebrations next term and despite many difficulties we will try to ensure children get to celebrate these in the best possible way, including Christmas, Diwali etc... We also have plans to offer parent's online consultations after the holiday – look out for further details.

As my time becomes more stretched alongside the progress the school continues to make, I can announce a number of leadership changes. Mrs Hemmings and Mrs Purshouse will now work as Acting Heads of School at Goldthorn Park. Their previous work as Deputies will change very little but they will take overall daily responsibility for the school. I will still be spending much of the week at Goldthorn Park and involve myself in its daily routines. A reminder also that Mrs Sanghera continues as Assistant Headteacher for Key Stage 2, Mr Sandhi is Key Stage 1 Leader and Mrs Sahni EYFS leader. We also have Mrs Welter who is an Assistant Headteacher working with us on secondment away from her usual role at Pheasey Park Farm.

Finally, our commitment to P.E at Goldthorn Park will continue throughout the winter despite other issues. (I think the current pandemic would suggest exercise is even more important than ever). Please could I encourage you all to send your children on P.E. days in **school P.E. kit**. All is available from the Trutex uniform shop and online. Good P.E kit sets the tone for the importance of exercise and also shows off our school to the best effect.

I hope you enjoy a lovely and safe half term holiday with your families.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a successful term, with pupils and staff settling into new routines incorporating learning and lunchtimes really well. Our brand new 'hot grab bag' menu has encouraged more pupils to enjoy warm food at lunch times and has so far been successful. Thank you for your support!

We have had a busy learning term and have now completed informal assessments on pupils and staff teams have set end of year targets for our pupils to ensure that every child makes as much progress as possible this year. Of course, your support in this is vital; reading with your child at home, accessing any remote home learning set and practising phonics, times tables and spellings will be of great benefit.

We are currently looking into ways to safely hold parent consultation evenings in November, to enable you to 'meet' your child's class teacher and discuss how well they have settled in so far. This looks likely to be through telephone or virtual meetings; we will be in touch soon with further details.

The KS1 roof is progressing well, although the weather at times has slowed things down the scaffolding has now been removed from the first section of the building as the new roof is complete on that side, so we look forward to completion some time in November. We hope you have a happy and safe half term break!

Mrs Hemmings and Mrs Purshouse.

Absences – we need to know!

If you telephone the school office to report an absence, we do need you to give clear, concise information about the reason for the absence. This has to be reported to the Department of Education every day. We need to know:

- Is your child ill with COVID symptoms? Which symptoms do they have?
- Have you accessed a test? If so.....
- What the test results are when you receive them
- Is your child ill with NO COVID symptoms?
- Is your child isolating because someone else in the household has symptoms?
- Has that other person had a test? What are the results?

Thank you for your cooperation to help us provide accurate statistics to the DfE – all of the figures are anonymised but it does help them get a clear picture of what is happening in schools.

Attendance

We are delighted to announce that as of week ending 16th October our attendance was **96.1%**! An excellent achievement! Big congratulations go to Classes 1 and 9 who achieved **100%** that week too! Please keep this up!

Congratulations!

We have appointed 10 digital leaders that will work with Mr Sandhi to promote online safety in our school community. They were presented with their badges in Merit assembly last week. Well done to Yuvraj S, Barinder K, Rajveer K, Taran R, Harjot S, Jaivir S, Azhwan A, Abhinav K, Milan P and Kanchal K.



Flu Vaccine

Flu vaccinations will take place on 2nd November. The FREE nasal spray is the best defence children have against the flu; it's quick, safe and because it's a spray, rather than an injection, painless too. See Wolverhampton.gov.uk/flufighters for more information about the campaign. Please remember to return your consent form to school should you wish your child to receive the vaccination.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 23rd October – Break up for half term

Monday 2nd November – Return to school/Flu vaccine day

Friday 18th December – Break up for the Christmas holiday

Monday 4th January – Inset Day

Remote Learning

If our pupils need to isolate at any time we will send work home as during lockdown, through class dojo. We wish for pupils to be able to keep up with the learning in class as much as possible.

School assemblies



As we can no longer meet as a whole school for assemblies and celebrations we are experimenting doing them remotely. We congratulate super learners remotely each week and so to celebrate 'Black History Month' Mrs Welter did a remote whole school assembly. We looked at the significant contributions of Asian and Black people, in particular, Yvonne Connolly, Rishi Sunak, Ruby Bridges, Benjamin Zepaniah, Priti Patel and Sadiq Khan.

Year 6 – the cut off date for applying for a secondary school is October 31st. Don't forget to make your applications.

5-MINUTE WALKING BUBBLE

#StaySafeGetActive on your journey to school



Goldthorn Park Primary School



Protect our children

If possible, walk, cycle or scoot to school

If you have to drive, park at least 5-minutes away

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For more hints, tips and information please visit www.modeshiftstars.org/staysafegetactive

This 5-minute walking zone represents a distance of 400m measured as a straight line, based upon an average walking speed of 3-miles per hour

