

Goldthorn Park News

Issue 2—Friday 28th September 2018



Message from the Head of School

We find ourselves already at the end of September and what a busy start to the new school year we have had. Children are becoming settled into the new routines and expected learning practices of their new year groups. Well done everyone!

Homework

We hope you are enjoying sharing with your child the tasks set for them in their purple homework books. We look forward to receiving these back in school over the coming weeks. We also ask that children are regularly using RMEasimaths and Reading Eggs in addition to reading and completing their reading diaries.

Class DOJOs

DOJO points are working successfully across school. Feedback shows that it is a useful tool for teachers to communicate regarding homework, upcoming events and sharing successes. If you haven't already signed up to receive notifications we encourage you to do so for a successful home/school partnership.

Attendance

Well done to 1S for achieving 100% attendance week ending 14th September and 99% and week ending 21st September 2018. 3R, RBW and Nursery all achieved 99% last week also, Keep it up!

As a school we are aiming for 97% overall for this academic year. Please do all you can in helping us to reach this target i.e. avoiding leave of absence in term time and appointments during the school day. Appointments with the Head of School are required to discuss any plans for Leave of Absence during term time, before travel

Cashless Payment System

As you know, the school will be moving towards a cashless payment system during this academic year. It is therefore necessary that parents or carers register for the Agora System, so that you may pay for your child's school dinners and trips. We have issued individual letters again so that you may start the registration process. Should you require any assistance with this please inform the school office who will do all they can to help.

What's Coming Up

Wednesday 3rd October - Year 6 SATS Parents Meeting, 6:00pm

Thursday 4th October - Harvest Festival Assembly

Tuesday 9th October - Class 5P visit to Moseley Old Hall

Wednesday 10th October - Class 5SK visit to Moseley Old Hall

Friday 12th October—Flu vaccinations

Monday 15th October - Parents Evening (3R only)

Tuesday 16th October - Parents Evening (all classes except 3R)

Wednesday 17th October—Parents evening (all classes)

Wednesday 17th October - Year 1 Pirate Day in school

Friday 7th December - Year 4 visit to Tamworth Castle

Term Dates

Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November 2018 - Half Term

Friday 21st December 2018 - End of Term 3.15pm

Monday 7th January 2019 - Inset Day

Tuesday 8th January 2019 - Start of Spring Term

Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February 2019- Half Term

Friday 12th April 2019 - End of Term

Monday 29th of April 2019 - Start of Summer Term

Please note that 2 further Inset Days have been set - Friday 21st June and Monday 22nd July 2019.

Year 6 Secondary Transfer

The online application process is now open for Year 6 parents to apply for secondary school places. The deadline for applications is 31st of October.

Internet Safety

We have attached an Internet Safety leaflet to support your child's on line safety. Our website also has links to E Safety guidance regarding safe usage of on line platforms. The school website address is: www.goldthornpark.org.uk

Flu Vaccination for Reception to Year 5

The Flu vaccination will be given in school on the morning of Friday 12th of October 2018. It is worth bearing in mind that by having the flu vaccination, children are less likely to pass the virus on to elderly relatives who they may come into contact with.

School Bags

Please encourage your children to organise their school bags so that they are able to locate their reading book and diary to maximise learning time in classes. Please do not allow your children to bring toys and games in their bags.

"Rainbows" Breakfast and After School Club

'Rainbows' Club runs from 7.45-8.40am and 3.15-5.30pm. The children take part in many fun filled activities such as sports, crafts and cookery, as well as just enjoying themselves playing games. They are also able to sit quietly and complete their homework if they wish. Please enquire at the school office to register your child.

Extra Curricular Clubs

If your child is attending any of our extra curricular clubs, please use the main gate when collecting them as the back gate is always locked at 3:30pm. All clubs run 3:15pm to 4:15pm.

Monday - Drama (Y6), Football (Y3 & Y4), Computing (Y1)

Tuesday - Maths (Y3), Maths (Y4), Dance (Y1)

Wednesday - Multi Skills (Y2)

Thursday - Birds/Wildlife (KS2), Reading (Y2), Enterprise/Craft (Y5 & Y6), Football (Y5 & Y6) Cool Kids (Reception)

Friday - Change 4 Life Multi Skills (Y3 & Y4)