

Message from the Chief Executive Officer:

I write these notes at the end of such a challenging time for all of us both in and out of school. The pandemic has brought great stresses and sadness to many families and at the very least it has offered all of us the challenge of dealing with this on a daily basis. There is no doubt that the plans we had for the second half of this school year were disrupted and of course end of year assessments, particularly in Year 6 were not completed. We have of course tried to ensure our on line learning tasks have been kept up to date and matched to the learning the children would be doing in school. We also welcomed a small number of children back to school in June from different year groups and key worker children. Our challenge at that point was to ensure our school was as safe as we could make it and complete with all our Risk Assessments. Families should now have received their reports and other information relating to September.

Government are clear that they are looking for all children to return to school at the start of the new term and attendance will be measured. This is a different expectation from them as we have so far left the decision on return to families. We look forward to welcoming all children back in September and rest assured we will be ready for them. Details of routines, times etc... appear on this newsletter and on our website. You will find a short video also on there from teachers to welcome their children to their new classrooms. We will use our usual ways to communicate with you over the holiday should the local or national situation change.

I have few staffing changes to report at the end of this year. We will be sad to lose Mr K our site manager who will leave Goldthorn Park to take up a post in Birmingham – we thank him for his support over a number of years and wish him well.

Also, all of us at Goldthorn Park wish our wonderful Year 6 children best wishes as they leave to join their new secondary school, show them how fantastic Goldthorn children can be.

Finally, I wish you all a lovely summer holiday with your families. I do hope that despite the current circumstances you are able to share some lovely outdoor time with your children.

Kevin Grayson

September Arrangements:

We look forward to welcoming all of our community back to school and wish to reassure you that we have followed the guidance of Public Health England to ensure the safety of all and minimise COVID19 risk.

Essential measures include:

- anyone displaying symptoms of COVID 19 to remain at home
- adherence to NHS Track and Trace
- rigorous hand respiratory hygiene
- enhanced cleaning arrangements
- wherever possible to reduce contact and maximise distancing between those in school adhering to year group bubbles at all times.

To support this staggered starts and finishes are planned:

Year 1- Classes 3 and 4 - start at 8.45am. Enter through hall door. Leave at 3.15pm through hall door.

Year 2 – Classes 5 and 6 - start at 8.30am. Enter through hall door. Leave at 3.00pm through hall door.

Year 3 – Classes 7 and 8 - start at 8.45am. Enter through class door. Leave at 3.15pm through class door.

Year 4 – Classes 9 and 10 - start at 8.30am. Enter through class door. Leave at 3.00pm through class door.

Year 5 – Classes 11 and 12 - start at 8.45am. Enter through class door. Leave at 3.15pm through class door.

Year 6 – Classes 13 and 14 - start at 8.30am. Enter through class door. Leave at 3.00pm through class door.

Stop Press!★

Some exciting news is that we have secured a bid to replace an old roof on our KS1 building. Works will commence the end of July and we will keep you informed as the work progresses.



Dates for return to school:

1st September—INSET day

2nd September— Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 return to school (see start times above)

2nd to 4th September—Nursery Home visits and Reception pupils invited to ‘Meet the Teacher’

7th to 11th September—Nursery Home visits and ‘Stay and Play’ sessions and Reception pupils group transition

14th September—Nursery am/pm sessions begin and Reception pupils begin full-time school.

Uniform:

School uniform is extremely important to us at Goldthorn Park Primary School. Uniform guidelines can be seen on our school website and uniform is available from the Trutex shop in Wolverhampton.

School Meals:

From September 2020 school meals will be packed lunches and charged at the normal rate of £2.30 per day until further notice. This includes **universal** free school meals and free school meals.

Please rest assured...

We will communicate any further updates through text and on our website.