

Summer Whole School Newsletter 5th July 2019- Issue 17

Message from Mrs Haston

Today your child will be bringing home their end of year school report. We hope that you will enjoy reading these reports. A lot of time and effort goes in to your child's report and we hope that you find them useful. Please find 5 minutes to add a comment and sign your child's report and return this reply slip to school. We value your feedback.

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated games for wet play over the last few weeks. We have so many now! We are just waiting for a rainy day!



Follow us on Twitter @GoldfinchPrmry – Come and find out what we have been up to this term for yourselves!

Please also look at our new website <https://www.goldfinchprimary.org.uk/>

Friends of Goldfinch Summer Fair

An enormous thank you to the Friends of Goldfinch who worked their socks off at the summer fair last week. Thank you to everyone who came and to everyone who kindly gave up their time to help run a stall. It was a fantastic day and lots of fun was had! The weather was amazing and thanks to the friends and all the people who came along and spent their money, a whopping £2500 was raised!!!! What an achievement for the very first summer fair! The Friends need your help!! There are just 6 active members and it is a lot of work for such a small group of Mums. If you can spare some time to support the FoG please speak to Magda Mokrzycka.

Parent's Evening on Thursday 11th July

If you feel that you wish to discuss your child's report in more detail, please make an appointment via <https://goldfinch.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/> If you are happy with the report and the progress your child has made this year, it is **not** necessary to make an appointment and attend parent's evening

The Summer Reading Challenge

On July 13th Wandsworth Children's Libraries launch their Summer Reading Challenge. Be sure to drop in, sign up, and blast off into summer with Space Chasers! The Summer Reading Challenge is a nationwide reading scheme for children aged 4 - 11 to take part in throughout the summer holidays. The children are challenged to read 6 books within 8 weeks beginning on Saturday July 14th and in return receive free rewards to celebrate their achievement. At the end of the programme they receive a medal and a certificate. The Summer Reading Challenge gets around 700,000 children into libraries each year to keep up their reading skills and confidence during the long holidays. It's fun, it's free and it's local!

For more information see <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



Mathletics

Please encourage your child to log on to Mathletics over the holidays. This is a great way for children to challenge themselves whilst improving their mental arithmetic and maths knowledge and skills. Mathletics can be used on iPad and other tablets as well as PCs and laptops. We will be reissuing your child with their login and password before we break up for the summer holidays. If you are having difficulty logging on to the website, please see your child's class teacher.

Polite Reminder

If your child is having any difficulties at school or has an issue with another child at school, we politely remind you to encourage you child to speak to an adult at school. Our job is to support children to resolve issues and to keep them safe. Please do not approach the child yourself or the parent. It is important our children and families feel safe. Please come and make an appointment to speak to a member of staff if you have any concerns. Thank you.

Foodbank Vouchers

We are now able to provide families with Wandsworth Foodbank vouchers. Please speak to Mrs Erickson, Mrs Haston, Mrs O'Connor or Anna Costello from Place2Be if you would like to know more. With the 6 weeks summer holiday coming up we know how expensive this can be for families. Please do come and chat to us if you think we can help you.

Please take care of our Garden!

Sadly, someone this week has pulled out several of our flowers in the front entrance of the school. Please help us to look after our school. If you see anyone defacing our garden or our school, please let a member of the school know. If you have a small child who accompanies you to take your older child to school, please hold their hand and keep an eye on them. Thank you.

School Comms

Please don't forget to sign up to Schoolcomms app (School Gateway). All correspondence and payments are done through the School Gateway app. Please speak to a member of the office if you need support in uploading this app on to your phone or tablet.

Ordering School Uniform for September

If you would like to order any new school uniform ready for the new school year in September, we would suggest that you do so now to avoid any problems or delays. The link is www.stichdesign.co.uk and the password is **SW166DS**. Can we also remind you that children should not be wearing trainers or black trainers to school. Girls should only wear stud earrings (no hoops please) and no necklaces or bracelets should be worn. This is for health and safety reasons and to avoid precious jewellery from getting broken or lost.

Sports Days

A special thanks to Coach Ben who has done a great job at organising and leading a fantastic set of sports days for each year group. It has been wonderful to see so many families come along and support their child at this event.

School Meals

Families in Nursery and KS2 (year 3/4/5/6) who pay for school meals must ensure that their accounts are cleared and are not in debt by 19th July. If you are struggling to make payments, please speak to Mrs Haston or Mrs Erickson.

EPlay

If you are looking for before or after school childcare, we have vacancies in September. Please speak to Mrs Ulain Mireku via eplay@goldfinchprimary.org.uk who can give you more information about securing a place. We open at 8am and we close at 6pm.

Free Meal Entitlement

If you think you are entitled to free school meals, please make your application at the school office and bring proof of the following documents to support the claim:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment & Support Allowance
- Support from NASS (National Asylum Support Service)
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190.
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit

Lost Property

Please check lost property for any of your child's lost belongings. Any unclaimed items will be disposed of during the summer holidays. Please ensure that your child's belongings are clearly labelled so that we can return them to children, Thank you.

We need tissues!!

Although it is not the season for coughs and cold, it is the season for allergies and hay fever. If you can spare any boxes of tissues, we would be very grateful!! Thank you.

Dates for your Diary	
Place2Be Coffee Morning with the school Nurse	Every Wednesday 9.00-10.00
Sports Days	Nursery – Tuesday 9 th at 9.15am- 10.10am Reception- Tuesday 9 th at 2.15pm-3.15pm Year 5 - Wed 10 th July at 9.15am-10.30am Year 6 - Wed 10 th July at 2.15pm-3.15pm
Year 3 trip to Science Museum	Wednesday 10 th July
Year 2 Trip to the Rockery	Thursday 11 th July
Year 6 leavers assembly	Friday 12 th July at 9.30am-10 am
Year 6 leavers disco	Friday 12 th July at 6pm-9pm
Early Years Graduation Ceremony	Wednesday 17 th July at 5.15pm
Summer concert KS1 &KS2	Wednesday 17 th July 2pm to 3pm
Last Day of the summer Term	Friday 19 th July at 1.45pm
Class assemblies and Showcasing afternoons	Please refer to your child's class newsletters for these dates.
First Day back for children in Key Stage 1 and 2	Wednesday 4 th September
First day back for children in Reception	Thursday 5 th September 8.55-1.30
First day back for existing nursery children	Friday 6 th September

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