

Autumn Whole School Newsletter 18th October 2019- Issue 4

Message from Mrs Haston

What an amazing first half term we have had here at Goldfinch!!! The children have been brilliant and have really enjoyed their learning. Fantastic books have been read, new skills have been learnt, science experiments have happened, and we have had lots of visitors in including Tyrone from Chelsea CFC Foundation. We are very happy but we are also very tired!



Follow us on Twitter @GoldfinchPrmry – Come and find out what we have been up to this term for yourselves and check out our website www.goldfinchprimary.org.uk

THANK YOU FRIENDS OF GOLDFINCH!

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Welcome Back event after school that the Friends of Goldfinch hosted. It was great to see so many families stay for a free cup of tea and something delicious to eat! All the proceeds will go towards buying resources for the school.

PARENTS' EVENING

Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th November

A letter went out this week informing you of the arrangements for parents' evening. Please ensure that you sign up and come along to meet your child's teacher. It will be an opportunity to ask questions and to find out how they have settled in to their new class. If you are unable to attend, please let the class teacher know. If you have difficulty booking an appointment online, please see Mrs Erickson or the Admin team in the school office.

BOOK FAIR

We have arranged for the Scholastic Book fair to come to Goldfinch during the week of parents' evening. All money raised will come back to the school so please do pop along before and after school and/or after your child's parent's evening appointment.

LOST PROPERTY

We will make all lost property available during parents' evenings in the lower hall. Any unclaimed items without a name will be put in our spare uniform cupboard. Please always label your child's clothes including coats, PE kits and shoes/plimsolls.

STIKINS LABELS

Look out for the leaflets for Stikins labels. We have now registered with them. They are labels that simply stick in and stay on. You don't need to sew them or iron them on. As part of ways in which our school can fundraise, if parents order the labels from them the school gets up to 30% money back. To order visit www.stikins.co.uk, our fundraising number is 6376.

HOME LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES OVER THE HALF TERM WEEK

Your children will be coming home this week with the latest Take Away Home Learning that we encourage you to complete with them. They will also bring home the knowledge organiser which will outline all of the key skills and knowledge they will be learning next half term. Please do go through it with your children. Please encourage your child to read as often as they can and enjoy reading together!



SCHOOL COMMS

We still only have 63% of families signed up to use School Comms. Only 48% of our families are accessing the app.

We have now gone completely paperless. Only letters that requires a signature from you will be sent home. The instructions have been sent home and can also be found on our website www.goldfinchprimary.org.uk

OPEN MORNINGS FOR NEW FAMILIES STARTING NURSERY OR RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2020

From Tuesday 24th September at 9.15am we will be offering tours for families who are looking for a school place in September 2020 in Nursery or Reception. If you know of any friends, family or neighbours who are looking for a school, do let them know about our school tours.

SCHOOL DINNER DEBTS

Please can you make sure if your child has a school dinner, their account is always in credit. This half term, we have accrued a fair amount of debt. If you think you are entitled to free school meals, please see a member of the office team who will provide you with the forms to complete.

CHILDREN IN YEAR 5 AND 6 WALKING HOME WITH PARENTAL CONSENT

Can we take this opportunity to advise families that if you have given consent to your child walking home on their own, this is for them only. We do not feel primary age children should be taking responsibility for a younger sibling. If you require your child to collect a younger sibling and take them home, we ask that you come and see Mrs Haston or Mrs O'Connor.

Dates for your Diary	
Place2Be Coffee Morning with the school Nurse	Every Wednesday 9.00-10.00
Year 6 Primary Ambitions Programme at Emanuel School (Further information to follow)	These sessions will take place on Friday afternoons at 1.00-3.00pm Module 1: 27 th Sept to 8 th November 2019 Module 2: 15 th November to 10 th January 2020 Module 3 (17 th January to 14 th February 2020 Module 4 (28 th February to 27 th March 2020 Module 5: 1 st May to 19 th June 2020 (no session on 8 th May)
HALF TERM WEEK	21 st to 25 th October
Parent's Evenings	Tuesday 5 th November 4-7.00pm Thursday 7 th November 4-6.00pm Wednesday 6 th November for Saturn class only
Individual School Photos and siblings	Thursday 7 th November
INSET DAY	Friday 8 th November – School is closed all day
Well Being Week	11 th November. This year we will be participating in the national Anti-Bullying week where we will be talking to the children about everyone's responsibility to stop bullying.
Family reading Morning	22 nd November 2019 – Nursery 29 th November 2019 – Reception 6 th December 2019 – Year 1 10 th January 2020 – Year 2 17 th January 2020 – Year 3 24 th January 2020 – Year 4 Jupiter 31 st January 2020 – Year 4 Earth 7 th February 2020 – Year 5 14 th February 2020 - Year 6
Last day of term	Friday 20th December at 1.45pm
Class assemblies and Showcasing afternoons	Please refer to your child's class newsletters for these dates.

POLITE NOTICE- WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL.

