

Autumn Whole School Newsletter 11th November 2019- Issue 5

Message from Mrs Haston

Thank you to all the families who came along to parent's evening last week. It was a good turnout and the feedback on the parent questionnaires and from the families who spoke to governors that evening, was overwhelmingly positive!



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

FRIENDS OF GOLDFINCH!

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Halloween Disco. It was a fun evening and was great to see so many of you there! The Friends of Goldfinch raised £350!! Thank you everyone!!

SANTA'S GROTTA

Don't forget to sign up to visit Father Christmas at the Goldfinch Grotto on Wednesday 18th December. Tickets are just £3, and this includes a small gift from Father Christmas!

FRIENDS OF GOLDFINCH AGM Friday 29th November

Please do try and come along to the Friends of Goldfinch AGM where you can hear all about what the Friends have been doing and how the money they have raised has been spent. Please support these wonderful group of Mums who give up their time to make a difference for your children.

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all of you who came along last week and bought books from the Scholastic Book Fair. You spent over £500 on books! In buying books for your children, you have also helped to raise money for us to buy books for classrooms. Mrs Jain says a VERY big thank you!

WELL-BEING WEEK AND ANTI-BULLING WEEK 11TH-15TH NOV

This week during our Autumn term Wellbeing Week, we will be talking about being a good friend, kindness and being the change through anti-bullying week. We will talk to the children about being kind and if they see any unkind behaviour to support by informing an adult immediately. Children will learn the difference between unkind behaviour and bullying.

ODD SOCKS DAY Friday 15th November

Don't forget to dress your child/ren in odd socks on Friday 15th November as part of our Wellbeing Week to encourage us to express ourselves and celebrate our individuality and what makes us all unique!



PLACE2BE BREAKFAST MORNING 13TH November at 9am

In support of our Wellbeing Week, Place2Be are hosting a whole school family breakfast session where you are invited to attend along with your child/ren and carry out a quiz on anti-bullying.

ARTIFICIAL GRASS IN THE CAGE

we are thrilled and delighted that the Dunraven Education Trust have paid for Goldfinch to have artificial grass laid in the cage area for our children to use and enjoy. It has been such a hit with the children and it is great to see them enjoy this fabulous facility!!

EPLAY

EPlay are offering additional sessions for families who would appreciate an afternoon or a series of afternoons this month and in December to get ready for the festive celebrations and for just £10 we are offering childcare from 3.30pm-5.30pm. A letter went out last week for those of you who would like to sign up for this.

FURZEDOWN SWITCHING ON THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS Friday 6th December at 4pm

Goldfinch Choir will be joining in once again and will be singing at this event. Everyone is welcome! Come along to get in to the festive spirit and enjoy a free mince pie.

PE KITS

Please ensure your child comes to school every week with their PE kit. Every child as part of the national curriculum must receive at least 2 hours of PE. All children are expected to take part in these lessons and so please support your child in bringing their PE kit to school. As the weather changes, your child can wear black jogging bottoms or black leggings. Children can also wear a long-sleeved top under their Goldfinch PE t-shirt.

POLICIES

Most of the Goldfinch School policies can be found on our school website. www.goldfinchprimary.org.uk Trust policies can be found on the Dunraven Education Trust website. <https://www.det.org.uk/1059/key-information/category/34/school-policies>

SCOOTERS IN SCHOOL

We are pleased that so many of our children come to school on their scooters. Thank you to everyone who remembers to dismount their scooters when they get in to the school playground. This helps to avoid any collisions or accidents and helps us to keep everyone safe. We would like to now extend to the path leading to the front entrance in to school. Unfortunately, we have had collisions between children who are on their scooters with others. So, we now politely ask that all children come off their scooters BEFORE they come through the first gate leading to the school playground. Thank you for your cooperation.

CONTACTING PARENTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Please can you ensure that the numbers you give us will enable us to speak to someone in the event of an emergency or to report an accident. We have experienced a number of times this term not being able to get hold of anyone when we have needed to speak to a parent/family member. The safety of your child is important to us. Thank you.

SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA

Unfortunately, since returning to school we have had a large number of sickness and diarrhoea cases across the school. In order to avoid this being spread to other children, staff and other family members, we would like to remind you of the 48-hour rule. Please do not allow your child to return until there has been a clear 48 hours since the last time they were sick or had diarrhoea.

SCHOOL COMMS

We still only have 58.4% of families signed up to use School Comms. Only 124 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

FACECAST

A couple of weeks ago we sent out a poster about an app called Facecast. This app is being used by predators to groom, entice and sexually exploit children on Live camera. The predators will try and entice them into doing private lives where a code is used. They entice with virtual gifts, hearts and coins. More and more children are using this app and going live from their bedrooms and even their schools. Please talk to your children about keeping safe online and check their devices and are locked towards members of the public.

OPEN MORNINGS FOR NEW FAMILIES STARTING NURSERY OR RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2020

Every Tuesday at 9.15am we will offer tours for families who are looking for a school place in September 2020 in Nursery or Reception. If you know of anyone friends, family or neighbours who are looking for a school, do let them know about our school tours.

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Dates for your Diary	
Place2Be Coffee Morning	Every Wednesday 9.00-10.00 This week we will be holding a special whole school family breakfast to raise awareness of anyi-bullying.
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)
Furzedown Switching on the Christmas Lights	Friday 6 th December at 4pm
Carols by Candlelight	Tuesday 10 th December at 6pm
KS1 Nativity	Wednesday 11 th December at 2pm Friday 13 th December at 9.15am
Early Years Nativity	Tuesday 17 th December at 2.30pm Wednesday 18 th December at 9.30am
Furzedown Christmas Market at Graveney	Saturday 14 th December 4pm-7pm
Christmas lunch	18 th December 2019
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 it is everyone's responsibility to stop bullying.
Last day of term	Friday 20 th 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.

