

Autumn Whole School Newsletter 6th December 2019- Issue 6

Message from Mrs Haston

This is one of my most favourite times in school! The children are settled, the teachers know your children well and it is a joy to watch children learn and continue to grow in confidence. There have been so many things to celebrate too! Well done to the Goldfinch choir who were invited to the annual Place2Be Carol Concert at Marylebone Church and who sang beautifully! We had our official Early Years Outdoor Area Grand Opening and Deputy Lieutenant David Kemmis Betty came and cut the ribbon! So many classes have enjoyed trips this half term and we are all busy rehearsing for the nativity plays and the Carols by candlelight evening next week!



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www.goldfinchprimary.org.uk

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Please do come along to the Carols by Candlelight evening at 6pm on Tuesday 10th December. Children in KS2 have been rehearsing a series of songs for us to enjoy and to get us in to the spirit of the Christmas holidays! Rev. Robert Powell will also be there and there will be hot drinks and mince pies!

NATIVITIES

We are so excited that KS1 will be putting on a nativity play this year! Please do come along to one of their performances. The children have been working really hard to learn actions, songs and memorise their lines. You are in for an absolute treat! We will also be putting on a nativity play for Nursery and Reception and I am sure the younger children will also be absolute stars!

TABLE TENNIS

We are delighted that our children are enjoying playing table tennis at playtimes and it is incredible to see the skills and coordination that the children have developed since playing! We have reminded the children that they do not need to bring in their own bats and ping pong balls as we have plenty of equipment in school.

WE NEED TISSUES!!

As the cold weather takes hold, our noses are beginning to run. If you can spare a box of tissues this winter, we would be very grateful. Please bring them to the front office. Thank you!



PLAYGROUND BUDDIES LAUNCH!

Watch out for a letter that will be coming home to all children in KS2 about our launch of Playground Buddies. If your child is keen to develop their leadership skills and would like responsibilities around school and in the playground, please encourage them to apply.

FAMILY READING MORNINGS

Thank you to the families who have taken part in the family Reading mornings that take place every Friday. So far Nursery, reception and Year 1 have had their session. Next week we will be inviting Year 2 children and their families to come along and enjoy a story and an activity linked to the story.

CHRISTMAS/SPARKLY JUMPER DAY – Friday 13th December

This year we will be taking part in raising money for the Save the Children appeal and children are invited to wear a Christmas/sparkly jumper and we will be asking for a £1 donation.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Thanks to our lovely Chair of the Friends of Goldfinch, we have a brand-new Christmas Post Box! If your child is bringing in Christmas cards, please can you make sure that you write the name of the class as well as the child's name and then they can be posted in the post box in the reception area. We will then get the cards distributed to the classes.

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>

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 60% of families signed up to use School Comms. Only 52% 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

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 any friends, family or neighbours who are looking for a school, do let them know about our school tours. The deadline to submit your application for a Reception place is **15th January 2020**.

Dates for your Diary	
Place2Be Coffee Morning	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 2: 15th November to 10th January 2020 Module 3 (17th January to 14th February 2020 Module 4 (28th February to 27th March 2020 Module 5: 1st May to 19th June 2020 (no session on 8 th May)
Early Years Nativity	Tuesday 17 th December at 2.30pm Wednesday 18 th December at 9.30am
KS1 Nativity	Wednesday 11 th December at 2pm Friday 13 th December at 9.15am
Carols by Candlelight	Tuesday 10 th December at 6pm
Sparkly Jumper Day	Friday 13 th December
Furzedown Switching on the Christmas Lights	Friday 6 th December at 4pm
Furzedown Christmas Market at Graveney	Saturday 14 th December 4pm-7pm
Friends of Goldfinch Christmas party and Sant's Grotto	Wednesday 18 th 3.30pm – 5.30pm
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.

