

Autumn Whole School Newsletter 20th December 2019- Issue 7

Message from Mrs Haston



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CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Thank you to the families that came along to our annual Carols by Candlelight evening. It was a lovely festive event and everyone enjoyed singing a few Christmas carols and we all enjoyed the hot chocolate and mince pies thanks to the Friends of Goldfinch!

THANK YOU TO THOMAS'S FOUNDATION

We are so fortunate to have such a strong partnership with Thomas's Foundation. Our children have been on so many trips that have been fully funded by Thomas's Foundation. This half term the whole of KS2 went to see a pantomime which they thoroughly enjoyed. Year 2 went on a Woodland Adventure. Some children in Year 5 have attended a weekly Art Lunchtime Club with a local artist Katie Parker. Some KS1 pupils have attended a weekly Drama Lunchtime Club. Year 6 will once again compete in the Reader's Cup with 3 other local schools in March. We also would like to thank the reading volunteers who come in every week from Thomas's to read with children.

WE STILL 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!

Sincere apologies. In the last newsletter it said that the Playground Buddies scheme was open to the whole of KS2. This was in fact incorrect and it is open to Year 6 children only. Interviews took place this week and congratulations to the children who were successful. This will begin in January.

FAMILY READING MORNINGS

Thank you to the families who have taken part in the family Reading mornings that take place every Friday. We will be inviting Year 2- Year 6 children and their families to come along and enjoy a story and an activity linked to the story after Christmas.



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 your child was 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

COLLECTION OF CHILDREN

Please ensure that you inform the office if the collection arrangements for your child/children changes. If another member of your family or a family friend is collecting your child we have to know in order to notify the class teacher. Please be aware the school can refuse to hand over your child if we haven't been notified of any changes or don't know who is collecting them! Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

HOLIDAY REQUEST

Please remember that the law does not grant families an automatic right to take children out of school during term time. If you think that you need to request time off for your child, you must complete a request form and return it to the office at least 14 days in advance of any time off taken. You should not make any travel arrangements until a decision has been made and the request approved.

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 Nursery or Reception school place in September 2020. 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**.





Save the Children
**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

We are pleased to announce that the Goldfinch community raised **£145.41** for 'Save the Children'. Children and staff wore Christmas or sparkly jumpers and donated £1 for this charity. This is an amazing effort and the money will be used to help children all over the world. Well done Goldfinch!!

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)
Last day of term	Friday 20 th December at 1.45pm
First day back for Children	Tuesday 7 th January 2020
Year 4 trip to Greenwich	9 th January 2020
Year 5 trip Spitalfields City farm	14 th January 2020
Year 2 trip Horniman Museum	15 th January 2020
Class assemblies and Showcasing afternoons	Please refer to your child's class newsletters for these dates.

POLITE NOTICE- WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL.

