

## Spring Whole School Newsletter 10<sup>th</sup> January issue 8

### Message from Mrs Haston

Welcome back and happy new year! We hope that you all had a wonderful break. We would all like to say an enormous thank you for all of your Christmas cards and gifts. They were very much appreciated especially the cards!

We have had a super start back and have had a fun filled week of wow days and school trips! Your children have returned happy and ready to learn!



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[www.goldfinchprimary.org.uk](http://www.goldfinchprimary.org.uk)

### **NEW STAFF**

We are delighted to welcome three new members of staff to Goldfinch: Mrs Diane Kavanagh who will be teaching our year 5 Saturn class, we welcome back Miss Zaynah Syed who will be a teaching assistant in year 4 Earth class

We look forward to working with them. Please give them a warm Goldfinch welcome.

We would like to say a sad goodbye to Mrs Coulsan Tambala who left Goldfinch at Christmas. We would like to thank her for her commitment to the school over the last few years and wish her well for the future.

### **PE KITS**

Please ensure that the children have the correct PE kit. They must all wear the green t-shirt and black shorts. Trainers are only permitted to be worn for PE and not as school shoes. Please also ensure your child has their kit each week. Thank you.

### **WATER BOTTLES**

Please ensure that your child brings a named bottle of water to school.

### **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



### **TAKEAWAY HOMEWORK**

Thank you to the children who have already brought in their Takeaway Homework in. We look forward to receiving more in over the next few weeks.

### **WORLD BOOK DAY THURSDAY 5TH MARCH**

This year we will spend World Book Week looking at different Fairy-tale stories. Each class has chosen a fairy-tale. On Thursday 5 March children will be invited to come in as their favourite fairy-tale character. There are lots of ideas on the internet of costumes you can make at home. We do not expect you to buy costumes for this event. We are giving families plenty of notice so that you can make a start in getting the fairy-tale costume organised. The children love dressing up and participating in this exciting and successful event.

### **SCHOOL MEAL CHOICES**

Please ensure your child sticks to the meal options chosen at the start of the term (packed lunch or school meal and decide on which days). Please notify the office of any changes you would like to be made at the start of term. Should you wish your child/children to have school meals, please keep your account in credit by paying in advance to avoid going into debt. Thank you! Menus are available in the office if you would like to view one.

### **ONLINE SAFETY**

Families, please be reminded of your roles in ensuring your children are safe online and when accessing the internet. This includes ensuring children are supervised and not accessing websites which are not appropriate to them. In addition to this, social media apps such as Whatsapp, Snapchat, Facebook, Instagram and Tik tok should not be downloaded to your children's devices or be available to them. They all come with a legal age restriction. If you require any further information or advice, please visit [www.goldfinchprimary.org.uk](http://www.goldfinchprimary.org.uk) and click on Our School, then select E-Safety information.

### **PROHIBITED ALLERGENS**

As you are aware we are a nut free school, which means no nuts or products containing nuts or have traces of nuts are allowed to be brought into school. We also have to inform families that we are now prohibiting strawberries and any product containing strawberries also. The safety and wellbeing of the children and staff is of the utmost importance to us and we thank you for your understanding in this matter.



## PARENTS' EVENING

Please note the new date for this term's parents' evening. There will be two sessions after school which will take place next half term: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Letters will be sent out nearer the time giving you information on how to book a slot to meet with your child's/children's teacher/s. These are a very important meetings with the class teacher to hear about your child/children's learning and progress and you can support your child's learning at home. If you have any problems with booking, the office will be more than happy to help.

## DIARY DATES

Year 6 Primary Ambitions Programme at Emanuel School	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 8th May)
Place2Be Coffee Morning	Every Wednesday 9.00-10.00
Year 5 trip Spitalfields City farm	14th January 2020
Year 2 trip Horniman Museum	15th January 2020
Wellbeing Week – linked to Place2Be Mental Health Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> February
Young Voices Concert at the Millennium Dome	4th February 2020
Year 1 trip to the Natural History Museum	6 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
Friends of Goldfinch family valentine disco!	7 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 6pm – 8pm
Last day of term	14 <sup>th</sup> February
Half term holiday	17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> February
First day of new half term	24 <sup>th</sup> February
Parents' evening	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> March

**POLITE NOTICE- WE ARE A NUT AND STRAWBERRY FREE SCHOOL.**

