

## Spring Whole School Newsletter – 28<sup>th</sup> January issue 9

### Message from Mrs Haston

*We are already midway through another fun packed half term. I hope your children have been sharing what they are learning about and what they are good at and how they are being challenged in their learning! We always appreciate the support from our families as this partnership is so powerful when we work together to make a difference for the children. There is still time to bring in any Home Learning you have been doing and the children will share this with their class and with Mrs Ahmeed our leader for the Goldfinch Curriculum. Please don't forget to follow us on Twitter to find out more about what happens in school and visit our school website where there is more information about the Goldfinch Curriculum!*



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### **WELLBEING WEEK**

Week beginning the 3<sup>rd</sup> February is our spring term Wellbeing week in school. We are focusing on the theme of 'Find your Brave' which coincides with Place2Be's Mental Health Week. The children will be learning what mental health is and the barriers to being brave. We are launching a show and tell activity where the children can bring in something from home (a picture, object etc) which tells a story about a time when they found their brave. They will then have the opportunity to share this with their class.

### **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.

### **FAMILY FUN EVENT!**

Friends of Goldfinch are organising a valentine's disco which will be held in the lower hall on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 6-8pm. Please do join us in having some fun and raising some money for Goldfinch Primary School!



### 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 very important meetings with the class teacher where you can hear about your child/children's learning and progress and how 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.

### PLASTIC BOTTLE TOPS

A new initiative is being led by the Goldfinch Eco Warriors who are looking to create some amazing art using plastic bottle top lids. You can help by bringing in plastic bottle tops and adding them to the collection we currently have in a box in the office foyer. Thank you! We can't wait to see the wonderful creations your children will make by helping our planet with recycling.

### Diary dates

Year 6 Primary Ambitions programme at Emmanuel School	Module 3 (17 <sup>th</sup> January – 14 <sup>th</sup> February) Module 4 (28 <sup>th</sup> February – 27 <sup>th</sup> March) Module 5 (1 <sup>st</sup> May – 19 <sup>th</sup> June – no session 8 <sup>th</sup> Ma
Wellbeing Week	From 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2020
Young Voices concert at the Millennium Dome	4 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
WOW day -Year 6 trip to the National Maritime museum	5 <sup>th</sup> February
WOW day - Year 1 trip to the National History museum	6 <sup>th</sup> February

**Diary dates continued**

Friends of Goldfinch family valentine's Disco!	7 <sup>th</sup> February 6 – 8pm
Reader's cup competition	13 <sup>th</sup> February
Last day of half 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
Parent's evening	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> March

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