

Goldthorn Park News

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Message from the Chief Executive Officer

Welcome back to the new Spring Term. By the time we reach the end of this term the daffodils will be blooming and we won't be coming to school in the dark!

The Spring Term is traditionally the one where we can achieve most learning as it is free from interruptions. It is a good time to remind ourselves that the children's learning and the progress they make is our fundamental purpose.

Looking ahead, the Summer Term is the one where our learning progress is checked - in some cases with National Tests. Year groups will soon be contacting you with details of these tests and how you can help. In the meantime, we have indicated the Year groups involved and the timescales in our "Term Dates" section. This of course connects directly to attendance. I would urge you to avoid any requests for leave of absence - it would see a loss of valuable learning time.

You will see in the newsletter a request for families to ensure children have a suitable PE kit in school which they can change into. We pride ourselves on our PE provision across the Trust and want Goldthorn children to share this love of PE and Sport but more importantly, become increasingly active. Please also read of opportunities for sporting after school clubs.

As ever, your child's Year group will keep you informed of particular events and routines, also this term's thematic topic - I think in Year 1 Paddington is going to the moon!

Kevin Grayson - Chief Executive Officer

School Uniform

With effect from Monday the 27th of January, school uniform will no longer be sold on site. All items are now available to purchase from Trutex Schoolwear in Dudley Street, Wolverhampton. Flyers with details of the shop location and prices will be distributed later this week.

A final request not to send children to school in boots but **school shoes please.** Within the near future we will ask children in boots to change into their school pumps whilst in the building.

School Dates

Half Term - Monday 17th to Friday 21st of February

Easter Holidays - Monday 6th to Friday 17th of April

May 2020 - Key Stage 1 assessments

May Bank Holiday - Friday 8th of May (note the change of date)

Monday 11th to Friday 15th of May - Year 6 SATs (please note children are unable to take these tests at any other time)

Half Term - Monday 25th to Friday 29th of May

June 2020 - Year 4 multiplication tests (practice at home with Timetable Rockstars is vital for this test)

Week beginning 8th of June - Year 1 Phonics tests

End of Term - Friday 17th of July

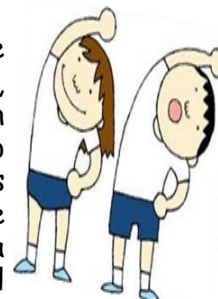
Special Lunch Thursday 16th of January

Our caterers will be serving a special Tex Mex lunch on Thursday this week. If your child has sandwiches normally and would like to book this special lunch please see the school office - menu shown overleaf.

PE Kit

AS PE is part of the National Curriculum, please ensure children have shorts and a PE top in school, alongside pumps or trainers. Simple tracksuits (joggers and a sweatshirt) are optional but useful during the Winter months.

Unfortunately we are noticing that there are still pupils who do not have their kit available for the appropriate lesson time. Please help us to improve on this issue.



Merit Assemblies

A reminder that we now have two merit assemblies each Friday. We really would encourage you to attend if your child is nominated and you receive an invitation by text. It is lovely to see the children's pleasure when they receive an award, a time to be very proud.

Here is a list of children who were "Pupil of The Term" at the end of last term.



RH	Hunar	4A	Ryan
RS	Arjun	4P	Harman
1BW	Jaismin	5P	Rion
1G	Priyen	5SK	Avneet
2D	Mankiran	6R	Gurtaran
2S	Jessica	6S	Sohaljit
3B	Zanii		
3S	Jasmeet		

In future we will include weekly winners as part of our regular newsletters.

Extra-curricular Clubs

We have several Clubs starting this week. If you have yet to book your child's place please do so as normal on SIMS Pay. Clubs available are -

Monday - Multi Skills for Years 3 and 4

Tuesday - Dance for Years 4, 5 and 6

Thursday - Dodgeball for Years 1 and 2

Friday - Football for Years 5 and 6

TEX MEX LUNCH—THURSDAY 16TH OF JANUARY

Meat and Vegetable Burgers

Chicken & Vegetable Fajitas

Barbecue Beans

Wedges

Followed by:

Chocolate Brownies