

# Goldthorn Park News

16th December 2020



**GOLDTHORN PARK**  
Primary School

Dear families,

Well what a busy term and we've finally made it to the end! Thank you for your support during these challenging times, lets hope the new year brings lots to look forward to for us all.

This week each class has enjoyed a film afternoon and an online version of the pantomime Robin Hood - and his socially distanced men! We have been busy making cards, calendars and decorating classroom doors, fantastic efforts have been made by all. On Friday 11th December we had a super Christmas lunch wearing our Christmas jumpers, raising £149.27 for 'Save the Children'.

Please make sure you watch our Christmas Singing on the school website as, although we have missed performing for our families and friends, we had great fun producing them and hope you enjoy our singing.

Finally we have to say goodbye to Mrs Farr our Office Manager who has been with us for 9 years. We wish Mrs Farr well and thank her for all her hard work and loyalty over the years. We hope she has lots of fun with her grandchildren and dog 'Monty'! Mrs Farr will be replaced by Mrs Grewal who joins our office team on the 5th January 2021. We know our school community will make her feel welcome.

So, the end of 2020, what a year! We both hope all our families stay safe and happy and enjoy the Christmas holidays, however you spend them.

See you all on January 5th 2021,

**Mrs Hemmings and Mrs Purshouse**

## Attendance

We would like to thank our families for the wonderful support in sending their children into school during these challenging times and helping us maintain our COVID guidelines. Overall this term the school achieved 93.5% attendance. Well done to you all.

During the three weeks running up to the Christmas break, class 1 achieved 100% each week, which in the current climate is a great achievement.

Let us hope that we are able to continue like this in the coming months and ensure our children have the normality of school life.

## Spring Term Dates 2021

**Monday 4th of January - Inset Day**

**Tuesday 5th of January - School Opens for the Spring term**

**Monday 15th to Friday 19th February - Half Term**

**Monday 22nd February - school opens**

**Thursday 1st of April - school closes for the Easter holidays**

## School Uniform

As a school we like to ensure that the children look as smart as possible in their uniform at all times. May we ask for your full support with maintaining their tidy appearance during the next term. Can we remind you that trainers may not be worn and children should come to school in suitable smart black footwear.

## Class DOJO news

We would like to congratulate our parents on the use of our Dojos app. During last week alone we had 492 messages sent home, 49 stories shared, 4911 skills celebrated and received 95% positive feedback, well done!

## School Nurse

Our new School Nurse is Mrs Michelle Allen and she is located at the Phoenix Health Centre, Parkfield Road. If you wish to contact her regarding your child's health at any time, please call 01902 444165.



Christmas Parties will be held on the afternoon of Friday 18th December and children can come to school in their party clothes.



# GOLDTHORN E-SAFETY

This issue's focus:  
**E-Safety**

## What is E-Safety?

E-Safety **is about** staying safe online.

We ask parents and carers to **closely watch** your child when they are online. Below are useful E-Safety links:

### Internet Matters six tips for keeping children safe while online gaming

internet matters.org

**1** Take an active interest in the games your children are playing to get to grips with how they work and why they enjoy playing them

**2** Ask who they play with online, who they meet and talk to, and talk about what kind of language is being used. Make sure your child knows how to do report abusive or anti-social behaviour

**3** For younger children, use 'airplane' mode settings on your tablet or smartphone. That way, they can play offline without making accidental purchases or connecting with someone they don't know

**4** Use PEGI ratings and App store ratings to ensure your children are playing age appropriate games. Help children understand why some games are allowed and others aren't

**5** Gaming can be very addictive, so agree boundaries and how long they're allowed to play for and with whom they are allowed to play online with. Remind them that people may hide behind fake profiles and not be who they say they are

**6** Teach your children to protect themselves by thinking critically – remind them not to share personal information and to keep gaming friends in the game only rather than adding them to their other social networks

### USEFUL WEBSITES

**National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children:**

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

**Lego - ways to speak to your child about cyberbullying:**

<http://www.lego.com/en-gb/aboutus/cyberbullying>

**Childnet—Parents and Carers**

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/need-help>

