

# Goldthorn Park News

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## Message from the Chief Executive Officer

Signs of Spring - in my garden the first clumps of Snowdrops have been spotted!

We are well into this Spring Term and learning is happening at great pace. There are so many things that go together to make an effective school but learning is the core purpose of all the adults who work in our school.

We have some information about the development of Elston Hall Multi Academy Trust. Pheasey Park Farm Primary School converted to join the Trust on the 1st of February. The school is in Walsall, close to Barr Beacon on the border with Birmingham. Pheasey is a "Good" school with 700 children and many staff. Our Trust now has five schools with nearly 2500 children. We are excited with this venture and know the new school will add to our capacity and support our ethos.

One area that continues to improve too slowly is attendance. While standards of progress and attainment continue to rise, attendance remains lower than the national average. The numbers of children below 90% is even rising! Please support your children's learning and the school in general by not taking holidays in term time. We would like this situation to improve.

We hope you appreciate our idea to include merit winners on newsletters - we also report that more families were able to join us for merit assemblies last week.

We have some great activities planned for the remainder of the year - please see the "What's Coming Up" section.

A big reminder to Year 6 families that the Standard Assessment Tests are the week 11th of May to 15th of May. Please note that these tests cannot be taken at any other time.

Kevin Grayson

## What's Coming Up

Friday 14th February - Nursery "Around the World" Day

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

Thursday 27th of February - Animals in Hands visit to Year 2 (in school)

Friday 13th of March - Dressing Up for World Book Day

Monday 16th of March - Sport Relief Day

Friday 3rd of April - school closes for the Easter holidays

Monday 20th of April - school opens to children

## Attendance

As mentioned in the message from our Chief Executive Officer, our attendance target figure of 96% has dropped significantly for all classes across the school since the start of this term. This is due to holidays taken during term time and we have also had several families who did not return on their expected date.

We must state again that requests for holidays in term time **will not be authorised**. All requests will also be subject to a meeting with our Education Welfare Officer to discuss it. The Local Authority will issue Penalty Notices in accordance with government guidelines.

Please do your best to avoid leave of absence requests during the next few months so that we can improve our attendance percentage and ensure your child's learning across the school. Your support is appreciated.

## World Book Day Activities

This year for World Book Day, the children will be working on thematic text during the week beginning Monday the 9th of March. We would like to ask that the children dress up according to their year group theme on **Friday the 13th of March**. Specific information will follow from each year group in due course.



### Junior PCSO Programme

We are pleased to let you know that selected children from Year 4 will be taking part in a Junior Police Community Support Officer Programme. The aim is to empower students to tackle community related issues, including road safety, bullying, online safety and anti-social behaviour. We are looking forward to seeing the children becoming involved in this exciting venture.



### Instalment Payments for Residential Visits

If your child is in Year 2, 4 or 6 and is going on one of the residential visits this year, may we please ask that instalment payments are kept up to date over the next few months. Please look out for your reminder from the SIMS pay system.

### School Uniform

As you will be aware, school uniform will no longer be sold on site. All items are now available to purchase from Trutex Schoolwear in Cleveland Street, Wolverhampton. Flyers with details of the shop location and prices will be distributed later this week.

During school Open Evenings this academic year, our remaining stock will be available to purchase.

### Sport Relief 2020

For this year's Sport Relief fundraising on Monday the 16th of March, the children will be able to wear sports clothing or dress as their sporting hero. Donations of 50p per pupil will be gratefully received.

During the day there will be many fun activities for the children including a penalty shoot out, the Sport Relief mile, yoga and "Olympic" style events.



Date - 24/1/20

Class	Name	Reason for Merit Award
RH	Rafael M	Trying really hard to learn his sounds and to do his best with learning
RS	Sianna H	Going home with the message that she loves school and for playing the role of teacher at home!
1BW	Satvir K	Trying hard in her reading and phonics - showing improvement
1G	Dorina R	Settling well into her new class and making friends
2D	Gurtaz S	Improving the quality of his writing
2S	Muhammed B	Improved handwriting
3B	Agyapal S	Showing an exemplary attitude towards learning
3S	Kashvi D	Always making the right choice and trying hard to improve writing and spellings
4A	Serena R	Resilience and determination to succeed in Maths
4P	Is-harq M	Outstanding and consistent attitude to learning
5P	Sebastian H	For a more focused and enthusiastic attitude in lessons
5SK	Abdimanaan A	For making a huge effort to improve reading & beginning to write more complex sentences
6S	Sabjot S	Great inferences about a characters thoughts, feelings & emotions by identifying clues within text
6R	Karandeep B	Producing a great first person account, using descriptive phrases



Date - 31/1/20

Class	Name	Reason for Merit Award
RH	Jaskeerat K	Becoming more confident to speak to teachers and friends
RS	Danette A	Making a super effort with reading & learning common exception words
1BW	Daniel S	Always working hard in everything he does & being a good friend & role model
1G	Jake J	Has settled well after Xmas & is trying hard with his work & showing independence
2D	Jaskirat K	For excellent learning & persuasive arguments against deforestation
2S	Harkiret K	For using FRED talk to read words in Phonics
3B	Amarvir S	Good piece of descriptive writing
3S	Pavandeep T	Working hard in Maths when learning about money
4A	Abel H	An improved attitude in learning & striving to make good choices
4P	Harjot R	Always having a positive attitude to reading & trying his best to read every night at home
5P	Jassraj S	Focussing hard over the last 2 weeks with fraction work in Maths
5SK	Abhijot K	Always presenting her work beautifully and to a very high standard
6S	Davina B	Using "foreshadowing", "show not tell" & short sentences to build tension in her writing
6R	Kamalpreet S	Calculating angles on a straight line

We look forward to seeing you visit an assembly when your child is nominated. Enjoy the half term break with your families!