

# Gordon School News

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## TREATING HEAD LICE

It is important to regularly check your child for head lice. If you find any, you must treat them straight away. Check other members of your household too.

You can use medicated lotions and sprays that kill head lice in all types of hair. Head lice should die within a day. Lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs. Please check the instructions carefully to ensure you use the product safely.

If you do not want to use chemicals you can buy a special fine-toothed comb to remove head lice and nits:

- use the comb on wet or dry hair – although it usually works best on wet hair with conditioner
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends
- repeat every few days for 2 weeks

There is nothing you can do to prevent head lice although you can reduce the risk of lice spreading by avoiding head-to-head contact. Do not use medicated lotions and sprays to prevent head lice. This can irritate the scalp. **Please remember that there is no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.**

## ONLINE SAFETY

The NSPCC hosts a great website designed to provide parents with useful information about the most popular sites, apps and games used by young people and the associated dangers. It is called [net-aware.org.uk](http://net-aware.org.uk) and is worth checking out if you need advice on how to keep your child safe.

We have needed to investigate pupils' use of *WhatsApp* groups recently as it has caused upset. *WhatsApp* has an age-rating recommendation of 13+, and, having read some of the children's messages, they do not possess the maturity to use it appropriately. Please protect your child by not allowing them to use this app. Additionally, several children have been talking about a game called *Fortnite*. You may not be aware, but it has an age-rating of 12+ so is not appropriate for primary aged children.

## WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Next week is *Walk to School Week*. The class teachers will be conducting *hands-up* surveys of how many children have walked to school each day. The winning class will be able to wear non-uniform shoes to school for a day after half term. We hope you will support this initiative.

## FOG NEWS ~ JUNIOR CAKE SALE

**Thursday 24th May, 3:30pm**

Following on from the success of the Infant Cake Sale back in February, it is now the turn of the bakers from Years 3 to 6. We would love you to enter our **Cake Sale / Competition**. Please bake us some lovely cakes, biscuits, buns, etc. and bring them into the Sports Hall on the morning of Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May. We will choose winners for each Year group.

The bakes will be on sale to the whole school and everyone is welcome to pop along at the end of the day and purchase some delicious treats. Don't worry if baking is not your thing - donations of shop bought cakes are welcome too!

The Infants raised £225 at their Cake Sale. Juniors, can you rise to the challenge and raise even more?

## EXHIBITION & OPEN AFTERNOON

Our annual Gordon Exhibition will be open next week. It is in the Middle Hall on the first floor. We hope you will be able to come along and see the children's beautiful work.

Next Wednesday is our Open Afternoon. This is a great opportunity for you to come into school and spend some time with your child looking through their work. We will be open between 2pm and 5pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. You can also visit the exhibition during this time.

Please see the letter we sent out on Wednesday for more information.

## GOODBYE MR KELLY

Next Friday we will be saying goodbye to Mr Kelly. We are very grateful for the four years he has worked here as a Teaching Assistant. He is leaving us to be a Laboratory Technician at a grammar school and we wish him the best of luck.

## EVENTS IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

The Year 6 children had a busy week sitting their SATs this week. They worked hard and tried their very best. They had a well-earned rest day today and spent time having fun in the park! Also this week, Greyhound Class enjoyed their fantastic *Clip & Climb* session in Sutcliffe Park.

## CALENDAR

### MAY

21 <sup>st</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup>	Gordon Exhibition
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Retriever Class trip to Pizza Express
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Open Afternoon – 2pm to 5pm
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Cake Sale
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term

### JUNE

Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Corgi Class Assembly, 9:10am / 3pm Year 6 Yearbook Photographs
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day for Years 1 and 2, 9am to 12pm Swimming Gala Heats – girls, morning
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6, 9am to 12pm
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Gala Heats – boys, morning Year 3 visit to Woodlands Farm School Nurse Coffee Morning, 9am
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Reception trip to Maritime Museum, Greenwich
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the SEN Governor, 1pm to 2:30pm
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 trip - Junior Citizen
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Red Setter Class Assembly, 9:10am / 3pm
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Collie Class Assembly, 9:10am / 3pm Swimming Gala Final, 6pm

### JULY

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 4 Concert, 2pm
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 visit to the Museum of London New Reception Welcome Meetings, 9:30am / 2pm
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day for Nursery and Reception, 9am to 12pm
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	New Reception Picnic, 12pm
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Closed – welcome meetings for new families Steel Band perform, 3:30pm
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	Red Setter Class trip to Pizza Express Band perform, 3:30pm
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Reports distributed
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Production, 6pm
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery visit to the Environmental Centre
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Disco, 7pm
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	End of the Summer Term

## ATTENDANCE

Well done to Dachshund, Dalmatian and Red Setter classes for their great attendance last week.

**WELL DONE**

## PUPIL COMMENDATIONS

**Alsatian (N):** Alexsia for demonstrating great physical skills including superb cartwheels

**Basset (R):** Prwsha for wonderful art work

**Beagle (R):** Aylin for demonstrating fantastic phonics skills

**Corgi (1):** Neveah for working hard in all her learning

**Collie (1):** Gabriel for making a great effort in his writing

**Dachshund (2):** Ayo for always trying her best

**Dalmatian (2):** Ben for his dedication and enthusiasm

**Great Dane (3):** Ria for writing a fantastic Greek myth

**Greyhound (3):** Amelia for showing determination at the *Clip & Climb* session

**Pointer (4):** Tia for always being positive about her learning

**Pug (4):** Priana for writing a fantastic description of a setting based on *The Iron Man*

**Red Setter (5):** Louis for taking care in the presentation of his work

**Retriever (5):** Oscar for great problem solving in maths

**St. Bernard (6):** the whole class for their positive attitude and effort this week

**Spaniel (6):** the whole class for their positive attitude and effort this week

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