

Gordon School News

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REMINDERS FOR SEPTEMBER

- Only book bags and drawstring bags are allowed in school – no rucksacks, satchels or shoulder bags.
- Long hair (boys and girls) must be tied back.
- Head bands must be plain with no adornments – no bright colours, glitter, flowers, etc. Hair bows must be no larger than the size of your child's palm and navy blue in colour.
- Black school shoes (with black soles and black laces if they have laces) must be worn.
- PE kit consists of a white t-shirt and blue shorts – no football tops please.
- No jewellery (including wristbands) – with the exception of stud earrings. Watches can be worn.
- Written permission for your child to walk home without an adult (Year 6 only) must be provided.
- Children must not bring mobile phones to school.

CALENDAR

Sat 14 th	GSG perform in the Eltham Festival, Passey Place
Tues 17 th	Year 6 Production, 6pm
Wed 18 th	Nursery visit to the Environmental Centre
Thurs 19 th	Year 6 Disco, 7pm
Fri 20 th	Year 6 Summer Fair End of the Summer Term – finish at 3:30pm

AUTUMN TERM WELCOME MEETINGS

Please add these dates to your diary. Thank you.

Reception	Thursday 20 th September ~ 1:40pm
Years 1 to 5	Wed 12 th Sept ~ 3:45pm / 4:05pm / 4:25pm
Year 6	Monday 17 th September ~ 6pm

DINNER MONEY

We have a number of outstanding dinner money debts at the moment and we need these to be paid before the end of the term. In particular, all parents and carers of the Year 6 pupils need to clear their debts as a matter of urgency. Letters are being sent out to everyone who owes money. Please make prompt payment. Thank you.

As we explained earlier in the year, the cost of meals is heavily subsidised by the school and we cannot afford to sustain this. We have slowly been reducing this subsidy and from 4th September 2018, the daily cost of a school meal will increase to £2.40. The weekly cost will increase to £12.

BARBEQUE & DISCO - TONIGHT

You will need to bring your tickets with you to gain access this evening. This will keep the queue moving and prevent unnecessary waiting.

If you are one of the brilliant volunteers who will be helping out, please check the noticeboard in the foyer for details of your slot. Please arrive five minutes early so there can be a handover. Thank you!

EVENTS IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

We had a fantastic turn-out at the picnic for our new Reception families last Saturday. We hope everyone had a great time and made some new friendships!

We welcomed our new Nursery children and their parents on Monday. We are looking forward to them joining us in September.

Our steel pans players performed brilliantly in the bandstand after school on Monday and the school band were equally impressive on Tuesday! We are lucky to have such talented children!

Red Setter Class had a great trip to Pizza Express on Tuesday. The pizzas they made looked delicious! The children were brilliantly behaved and were fantastic ambassadors for the school!

On Wednesday, Year 2 had a wonderful *Design and Technology Day* based on the story of *The Princess and the White Bear King*. They enjoyed lots of creative activities, including cooking on the new FoG-funded mobile kitchen.

SUMMER FAIR ~ FRIDAY 20TH JULY

Year 6 will be hosting a Summer Fair for the rest of the school during the afternoon on Friday 20th July. There will be a range of games and stalls so please send your child in with a small amount of change – no more than £2. Thank you.

HOLIDAY HOMEWORK

This summer we would like the children to produce an A4 poster about a special day. They might like to focus on a day trip or a family event – anything exciting that happens during the school holiday. The posters can include writing, drawings, photos, etc. but must be eye-catching! Please bring the posters into school on our first day back – Tuesday 4th September. Thank you.

THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT



The Summer Reading Challenge is here again! Children can choose whatever they like - fiction, fact books, joke books, picture books, audio books - just as long as they are borrowed from the library. The children receive special rewards each time they finish a book and there's a certificate for everyone who completes the Challenge. The Summer Reading Challenge is open to all primary school aged children and is designed for all reading abilities.

We hope every child in our school will take part. They are welcome to bring their certificates into school in September so we can celebrate their great achievements! Good luck!

ASSESSMENT RESULTS

We are very pleased with how our pupils have performed in national tests and assessments across the school. The data below refers to the percentages of children working at age expected levels. It is unvalidated at present and there may be slight changes.

Early Years	Gordon	National
Good Level of Development	73%	71%*
Year 1	Gordon	National
Phonics Screening	83%	81%*
Key Stage 1 (teacher assessments)	Gordon	National
Reading	78%	76%*
Writing	69%	68%*
Maths	81%	75%*
Combined	67%	64%*
Key Stage 2 (SATS tests)	Gordon	National
Reading	85%	75%
Writing	77%	78%
Maths	85%	76%
Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling	82%	78%
Science	85%	82%*
Combined	72%	64%

*2017 data has been used if 2018 data is not yet available.

PUPIL COMMENDATIONS

Alsatian (N): everyone for all their fantastic learning this year

Basset (R): Marta for excellent improvements in reading

Beagle (R): Francesca for improved letter formation

Corgi (1): Siya for making an excellent house for an elf

Collie (1): the whole class for their great attitude to learning

Dachshund (2): Holly for settling in well and being positive about her learning

Dalmatian (2): Vestina for making a beautiful crown

Great Dane (3): Sophie and Juliette for wonderful artwork and writing

Greyhound (3): Rosa for writing an emotional and sensitive speech in role as the character *Edward Tulane*

Pointer (4): Lola for creating a superb tessellation pattern in maths

Pug (4): everyone for their great attitude to learning this year

Red Setter (5): Alastair for working hard and making super progress

Retriever (5): Indigo for fantastic effort and achievement all year

Spaniel (6): Rhaynner for producing a great cover for the "Wind in the Willows" production programme

St. Bernard (6): Alfie for his enthusiasm during rehearsals

HOUSEPOINTS

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BOOK AMNESTY

Please check if you have any school reading books at home. If you find any, please return them next week as we will be auditing and re-allocating books to classrooms over the summer holiday. Thank you.

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