



Goldenhill Primary Academy



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"Everyone shines at Goldenhill"

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Dear parent/guardian,

Welcome back!

Where did the Summer break go? We hope that you had a wonderful time enjoying some warmer weather, and making lots of memories with family and friends. We are so excited to be welcoming the children back to school, and into a new Key Stage of their education. The children grow and develop so much during their time in Year 1- and it is set to be a wonderful, exciting year. Below are some key bits of information to know, as the children go into their first half term:

- Over the next couple of weeks, children will be issued with their **reading** books. It is essential that children are experiencing reading as much as possible, especially at this stage in their learning. In Year 1, we expect the children to read at least 4 times per week at home. Each time they read, they get to move their own hot-air balloon up through the clouds in our Aiming High Challenge. If they reach the top by the end of the half term, then they get a prize!
- This half term **PE** will be on a Wednesday. Children should **arrive at school in their PE kit** on a Wednesday and will remain in their PE kit for the rest of the day.
- In **Homework** books, children have a 'Homework Overview', which includes various tasks for our first topic which is 'Childhood'. You can choose which of these tasks to complete at which time, as long as homework books are placed into the Homework box each **Thursday**, with the date ticked off against the correct piece of homework. Children will then have their homework book handed back to them on a Friday. **New homework books will be handed out on Friday 9th September.**
- Our **topic** for the first term is 'Childhood!' please see the attached topic web for more information about what we will be learning this term!
- A healthy snack will be provided, from school, for the children to eat at break time but children are able to bring in a **healthy snack** from home if they wish. You can still purchase bagels like you did last year if you wish.
- Children need to bring in their own **water bottles** with them so they can have a drink throughout the school day.

On **Thursday 15th September** I will be holding two **Meet the Teacher** sessions in our Year 1 Classroom, at 3.20pm and 5pm. During the meetings I will discuss Year 1 in more detail. We will discuss the topics for the year, assessment, and how you can support your child at home. If you cannot attend, the presentation will go on the class webpage too! ☺

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask any of the year 1 staff who will always be on hand to answer any queries.

Miss Woodward

