



Goldenhill Primary Academy



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"Everyone shines at Goldenhill"

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Dear Parents,

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Well, the summer holidays have flown past and we stand on the brink of an exciting new school year. I would like to welcome you back to Goldenhill Primary Academy and to the Reception class. I hope that you have all had a great summer break and that your child has enjoyed their first days in Reception. I have been very impressed with the great start they have made and envisage a very successful and enjoyable year.

The topic for this term's work is 'Me and My Community' and 'All About Autumn.' Areas of the curriculum will be incorporated in this topic. Please see the topic web for details on what we will be covering in each area of the curriculum.

PE this term will be on Monday afternoons for which they will need to come to school on Mondays in the correct school uniform PE kit. Children will be unable to do PE with earrings so can you please ensure that they have been removed before school on Friday or covered with tape / plasters.

Children will bring home a sharing book on Friday and we will start with reading books next week. These initially will be with no words and will progress following the needs of the children. It is really important to encourage a real love of reading and regular reading habits. The school expectation is that children read at home at least 4 times per week and receive stickers and awards for doing so – please write in the reading diary so that we can ensure that your child receives their rewards. Many thanks for your support in this.

'Meet the Teacher' sessions will take place at 3.20 and 5pm on Thursday next week 15th September. This will give you a chance to meet myself and hear about a day in Reception and ask any questions. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible at these sessions.

Most messages and homework will be sent out by myself via the school app. If you need any help with this or with your child's Teams account in order to access the meetings on Thursday, please contact the office (01782 235790) who will be happy to assist

At hometime we will let the children out as quickly as possible but it is paramount that we hand over your child to the adult collecting. It will obviously take us a little while to match children to parents at the beginning of the term and so the process may be a little slower until we get to know you – please bear with us, it is for the safety of the children. If a different member of the family or a friend are due to pick up your child could you please let us know as we will not allow your child to go with unidentified people. It is very important that anyone collecting your child knows the password and children will not be allowed to go with anyone without the correct word.

Just a reminder that school starts for Reception at 8.45am sharp. Reception's day finishes at 3.00pm.

Please can we ask that all jumpers and water bottles are named – we had 4 jumpers in the first day with no name and I can take up a lot of teacher time sorting out who they belong to – many thanks

If you have any concerns at any time please do not hesitate to come in and see me. I am usually available after school. I look forward to meeting you all and working closely with you in the education of your child.

With Regards, Mrs S. Cookson

