



# Goldenhill Primary Academy



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*"Everyone shines at Goldenhill"*

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Dear parent/guardian,

## Welcome back!

We hope that your Easter break was restful, happy, and full of making memories. The children have been so resilient and positive so far this year in the face of an unusual and unsettled academic year for them. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them, and can't wait to welcome them back for their final term in Year 1!

Here are a few important bits of information for the upcoming half term:

- **Reading:** It is essential that children are experiencing reading as much as possible, especially at this stage in their learning. Remember, there are prizes for readers that complete the Aiming High competition. Each time a child reaches the end of the clouds, they will receive a prize at the end of the half term.
- **PE:** This half term PE will be on a **Monday** afternoon and a **Tuesday** morning. Children should **arrive at school in their PE kit** on both Monday and Tuesday and will remain in their PE kit for the rest of the day.
- **Homework:** In homework books, children have a 'Homework Overview', which includes topic based tasks for the term. You can choose which of these tasks to complete at which time, as long as homework books are handed in on a **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.
- **Spellings:** Spellings will continue to be handed out on **Fridays**, and tested on the following **Thursday**. Please take the time to practise spellings at home with your child. The words which are sent home are either tricky words that the children should be able to spell or words containing phonics sounds previously taught.
- **Phonics homework:** The Year 1 children will not take part in Phonics Screening this year, but they will be tested in Year 2. It is essential that they continue to make progress in phonics as this aids their reading and writing. The children will be assessed and additional homework sheets will be sent home for children who have significant gaps in their phonic knowledge. It is vital that this work is completed- the children need to be supported with phonics from home as well as in school.
- **Topic:** This term the children will be learning all about London in our new topic 'Bright Lights Big City' (see topic web on the class page).
- **Snack:** 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.
- Children need to bring in their own **water bottles** with them so they can have a drink throughout the school day.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask!

Thanks for your continued support,  
Miss Woodward

