



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 is excited by the journey that lies ahead.

Your child will receive their reading books and will be heard weekly in school by myself or Mrs Proffitt, or another assistant. In addition to this they will also read twice a week, as part of a guided reading group in Literacy. When you read with your child at home could you please fill in the reading record as it is a very valuable source of communication between home and school. Also they will gain 'reading miles' for each time they read at home which will build up to collecting certificates and potential prizes at the end of the term, if they complete the reading journey – more details of this to follow with your child's reading book. It is very important, at this stage, that they practice their reading regularly. They will be given this year a phonetically decodable book and an additional story book appropriate to their needs. Please take time to discuss the books with your child and ensure that they have understood what they have read rather than just remembering the words. Due to Covid restrictions we ask that your child only brings their book bag in on the day they will read. We will let you know individually which day this will be for your child – there will be 6 per day.

The topic for this half term's work is 'Do you want to be friends?' and 'Why do Squirrels hide their nuts?' These are really exciting topics which will initially help the children to settle in their new class and then explore the changes that take place this time of year, hibernation, rotting and decay, migration and how our small furry friends in the woods live. All areas of the curriculum will be incorporated in these topics. 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 Friday afternoons for which they will need the correct school uniform PE kit. Children are asked to come into school in their PE kits on the days they have PE this term due to Covid restrictions. Please ensure that any earrings are removed this day also

In Reception we are not going to use individual water bottles due to the danger of other children touching another's bottle and hence spreading germs. We will have a set of washable cups in the class and we will serve the children water as they require it and cups will be thoroughly washed after each use. Just a reminder that **all** children can receive a free school dinner in the reception class.

At hometime Mrs Proffitt will let the children out as quickly as possible but it is paramount that we ensure someone is there to pick them up before they go through the doors. It will obviously take 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 class opens at 8.55am and we ask that you please do not arrive before this time. Please leave the children at the large green gates to come into school independently due to Covid restrictions.. Mrs Proffitt will be out by the ramp to welcome the children in. We understand that this may be challenging for you and your child but it is paramount that we keep everyone as safe as possible. Many thanks for your support in this. Reception's day finishes at 3.00pm

If you have any concerns at any time please do not hesitate to contact the school office to arrange a time we can speak.

I look forward to meeting you all and working closely with you in the education of your child.

With Regards,

Mrs S. Cookson

