



Goldenhill Primary Academy



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"Everyone shines at Goldenhill"

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome back!

I hope you have all had an amazing Christmas break and managed to create many festive memories, I cannot wait to hear all about it. The children have worked extremely hard in the first term and have transitioned well from Reception into Year 1, taking the curriculum changes in their stride. Here are a few important bits of information for the upcoming term:

- Children will be issued with their **new reading books** by the end of the week. It is essential that children are experiencing reading as much as possible, especially at this stage in their learning. 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. Well done to those children that completed this last half term. **Children must put their book in the box if they would like it changed. We aim to change reading books at least once a week.**
- The **Year 1 Phonics Check** will take place at the beginning of Summer 2 (June) so anything you can do at home to help will give your child an advantage on passing. Practise words and sounds can be found on phonics play and completed electronically. Below is a link to phonics play which includes games (no subscription necessary) that your child should be able to access at phase 5.
<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources> Each week, your child will be sent home with a phonics sheet which will cover the sounds and words taught that week for you to review at home to further embed their understanding and retention to better prepare for the phonics check in June. If you require any other resources/support with this, please ask.
- This term **PE will be on Tuesday and Thursday.** Children should **arrive at school in their PE kit** on both **Tuesdays** and **Thursday** and will **remain in their PE kit** for the rest of the day. Earrings must be removed.
- Homework** will continue to be set on a Friday and is due in on **Wednesdays**. Like last term, your child has a choice of which activity to complete each week. Please could children put their homework books in the homework box by Wednesday every week.
- Our new topic is **Bright Lights, Big City**. You will be sent a separate topic web for more information about what we will be learning across the curriculum this term.
- A **piece of fruit** 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 as we do not always have plastic cups available.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.
Many thanks for your continued support,

Miss Hart.