



# 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 Friday afternoons for which they will need to come to school on Fridays 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.

At present we are changing our phonics and reading and have purchased brand new books which will match to your child's secure phonic knowledge. These new books have not quite arrived yet but are expected shortly. Hence, children will not come home with their reading bags and books this week. I will be saying more about this at the 'meet the teacher' sessions on Thursday and will be also holding separate parents meeting regarding reading – please check your app messages regularly for details of this. It is important that children develop a real love of stories and books so please share stories with them daily, talking about what happens in the book and the characters. Thank you very much for your patience and understanding.

'Meet the Teacher' sessions will take place via Teams at 3.20 and 5pm on Thursday. This will give you a chance to meet myself and hear about a day in Reception and ask any questions. The curriculum has changed this year for the Early Years so it would be lovely to see as many of you as possible at these sessions – invites will be sent out shortly. 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 8.40am sharp as other year groups will be entering the same way as us 10 minutes later. Reception's day finishes at 2.50pm. 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

