



Goldenhill Primary Academy



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"Everyone shines at Goldenhill"

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Dear Parents,

05/09/24

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 Thursday afternoons for which they will need to come to school on Thursdays 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 Thursday, or covered with tape / plasters.

The children have already brought home a sharing book and we will begin next week with reading books. Initially these will have no words and are for discussion. The academy's expectation is for children to read at least 4 times per week – please record each time your child reads in their yellow diaries. From next week your child will bring home a phonics sheet which lets you know which sounds and words we have been working on that week. Please practice these with your child as part of their reading – it really does have a huge impact

'Meet the Teacher' sessions will take place at 3.20pm and 5pm on Thursday 12th September. This will give you a chance to meet myself and hear about a day in Reception and ask any questions. Most messages and homework will be sent out by myself via the school app. If you need any help with this 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.

Please can we ask that **all** jumpers and water bottles are named – 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