



Goldenhill Primary Academy



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"Everyone shines at Goldenhill"

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Dear parent/guardian,

Wednesday 4th September 2024

Welcome back!

I hope you have all had an amazing summer break and managed to create many memories! I know the children will tell me all about them over the next few days; I cannot wait to hear all about it. I am so excited to be welcoming you all back and ready to start a new academic year together. I cannot wait to see how all the children have grown and continue to grow throughout their last year at primary school. We have a very exciting and busy year ahead, including SAT's in May. In order to help you and the children transition into the new classroom setup, here are a few important bits of information for the upcoming half term:

- Over the next couple of weeks, children will be issued with their **reading** books. It is essential that children are experiencing reading as much as possible, especially at this stage in their learning. Reading for SATs is timed and the best way to build pace is by frequent reading. Please encourage your child to do lots of reading and ensure that their diary is signed and dated. They will continue to use AR and quiz weekly and will have a timed library slot.
- This half term we will have Gymnastics in **PE**. This will be on a **Wednesday** and Swimming on a **Monday** afternoon (a separate letter about swimming will be sent out including start dates). Children should **arrive at school in their PE kit** on **Wednesday** and will **remain in their PE kit** for the rest of the day. Please ensure children are wearing the **correct PE kit** and earrings are covered if they can't be removed.
- In **homework** books, children will receive 2 pieces of homework a week on top of TTRS and Reading. These pieces of homework will be handed out on a Friday and will need to be handed back in by Wednesday.
- Our **topic** for the first term is 'Maffa please see the attached topic web for more information about what we will be learning this term!
- Children are able to bring in a **healthy snack** from home if they wish to eat at break time.
- Children need to bring in their own **water bottles** with them so they can have a drink throughout the school day, please ensure this is filled with water only.

A polite reminder about Standon Bowers. If you haven't yet paid the deposit of £50 to secure your child's place on the residential please do so by Friday 27th September 2024.

On **Thursday 12th September** I will be holding a **Meet the Teacher** session at 3.20pm and 5pm. During this meeting I will discuss Year 6 in more detail surrounding topics and assessment that will take place throughout the year. If you cannot attend, the presentation will go on the class webpage too!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask any of the year 6 staff who will always be on hand to answer any queries. I cannot wait to get to know you even more all over the next year, alongside the children, to create a perfect partnership! I know it is going to be an **amazing year** for us all!

Miss Pitt