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Gordon School Newsletter

Term 3 Newsletter 2

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Infant News



Lost Property

There is a large amount of lost property collecting by the office.

On Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 February, the lost property will be on display in the playground. Property that has not been claimed, will on Friday 5 February be sent for recycling. We do not have the space to store the items and they have become a hazard.

Please ensure that every item that comes to school is clearly marked with your child's name so that property can be returned to its rightful owner when it has been mislaid. Thank you.



Birth Congratulations ...

... to Danny Wilkins (Snow Leopards) and his family on the safe arrival of Mia Hope who weighed 6lb 1oz on 1st January.



Also to Casey Harrison (Arctic Foxes) and her family after the birth of Daisy on 20th January, who weighed 8lb.



Attendance

If your child does not attend school for whatever reason, please phone the office before 9.30am to inform us of the reason for absence. If it becomes necessary to send a letter home requesting a reason, please return it to the office as soon as possible. Without a reason for absence, the absence will become unauthorised.

Please sign your child in at the office if you are late arriving to school. Thank you.



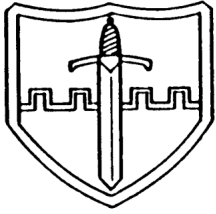
IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CHILDREN DUE TO START SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2010

Admission forms for children due to start school in September 2010 are due back at school at the end of February, along with a copy of the child's birth certificate. If you still have not received one, please call in to the office to collect one. There will be opportunity for you to tour the school on Wednesday 3 February at 9.45am or 2pm. or Friday 5 February at 9.45am. Please notify the office with the date and time you would like to visit. We look forward to seeing you.

GORDON INFANT SCHOOL – SATISFACTION SURVEY

Just to keep you updated with the results from our last survey – we are continuing to work on the following areas to enhance our performance.....

- By holding regular meetings, using contacts books and promoting our open door policy, we continue to keep you well informed about your child's progress.
- Any concerns raised continue to be dealt with sensitively and within an agreed time limit.
- Clubs are continuing to be promoted and we are always looking for different ideas to engage the interests of all our children.
- Supporting your child is a priority to us and we continue to promote training in school, information meetings and sharing of knowledge between staff and parents through our open door policy.
- We value the support of all our parents and with your help and understanding your children continue growing into the amazing people they deserve to be.



Junior News

Don't forget

Our Parent Discussion Forum will be held on Friday 12 February at 9am. All welcome.

Update on Key OFSTED issues

- ◆ Data has been fully analysed and results shared with parents
- ◆ Pupil progress meetings have been arranged with parents
- ◆ Carolyn Swain from the local authority has visited to support development in guided writing
- ◆ Advanced skills teachers have visited to support development in guided reading and writing
- ◆ Updated Literacy targets are now finished and are currently being printed for the children. These will be placed on the Learning Platform very soon
- ◆ Monitoring of teaching and learning, books and planning is currently taking place
- ◆ Both Deputies are working with specific year groups to support the development of teaching and learning further
- ◆ We have enhanced differentiation within sets, to ensure all children are working to their maximum potential
- ◆ A lunchtime football club has now started
- ◆ The netball club is due to take part in some inter schools competition and we are currently investigating inter school football matches as well
- ◆ The school has signed up to a musical opportunity in relation to our Belarus Medway 2012 project – more details to follow

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY

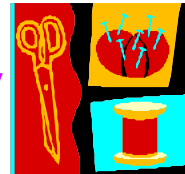
Rochester Cathedral are holding a family fun day between 10am and 2pm. There are lots of activities to choose from including: brass rubbing, designing a coat of arms and tile printing. Admission is free. For more information please visit: www.rochestercathedral.org.uk

Year 3 Design and Technology Project

During Term 4, Year 3 will be involved in a sewing project. If any parents / carers could spare any time to help in these sessions and hold a current CRB we would be very grateful for your help.

The sessions are held on Monday—Hughes class, Tuesday—Lewis Class and Wednesday—Ahlberg Class all from 1.20—2.40.

Please let us know if you can help.



REMINDER - The new menu format which go home with the children on Wednesday **MUST** be returned by Friday morning, to ensure the children receive a dinner of their choice. Failure to return the menu will result in your child being offered a jacket potato and a filling only. Even if your child only has a school dinner once a week, this form still needs to be completed.



BELARUS DAY By Abbey Tinsey

Last Friday we all dressed up in the colours of the Belarus flag and wrote letters to some children in a Belarus school telling them about ourselves and our school. We also designed posters inviting them to come to England to see the Olympics in 2012. We had a whole school assembly and listened to their national anthem.





Diary Dates

INFANTS

2010

Term 3

- 19 Jan** - Final Vision Screening for Yr R
- 25 Jan** - FS health checks with school nurse
- 12 Feb** - Last day of term

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Term 4

- 22 Feb** - Return to school
- 1 Mar** - St David's Day (yellow day)
- 12 Mar** 9:15am - Mother's Day event
- 17 Mar** - St Patrick's Day (green day)
- 18 Mar** - Parent's Evening
- Saturday 27 Mar** - Easter Activity Morning
- 1 Apr** - Easter Hat Parade
- 1 Apr** - Last day of term

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Term 5

- 19 Apr** - Return to school
- 23 Apr** - St George's Day (red day)
- 3 May** - Early May Bank holiday (one day)
- 28 May** - Infant Staff Development Day

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Term 6

- 7 June** - Infant Staff Development Day
- 8 June** - Return to school
- 18 Jun** - 9:15am Fathers' Day event
- 25 Jun** - Sports Day
- 28 Jun** - Reserve Sports Day
- 2 Jul** - Reports out
- 9 Jul** - 2pm Open afternoon for parents to come in and see their children's classroom/work
- 22 Jul** 9:30am - Leavers service at the Church (to be confirmed)
- 23 Jul** - Infant Staff Development Day

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2010

Term 3

- 2nd Feb**—BT Yr 5
- 9th Feb**—BT Yr 5
- 12th Feb**—Parent Discussion Forum 9am
- 12th Feb**—End of term 3

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Term 4

- 22nd Feb**—Return to school
- Yr 6 Cycling Proficiency Course
- 23rd & 24th February**—brass rubbing Yr 5
- 4th Mar**—Maths Parents meeting 2pm & 6.30pm
- 10th Mar**—School Council 3.15pm
- 12th Mar**—Year 3 Mothers Day event 10.30am
- Parents and friends welcome
- 15th Mar**—Travelling Book Fayre week
- 16th Mar**—Leeds Castle—Yr 5
- 17th Mar**—Rochester castle & cathedral—Yr 4
- Leeds Castle—Yr 5
- 18th Mar**—Rochester castle & cathedral—Yr 4
- 18th Mar**—Parent's Evening
- 1st April**—last day of term

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Term 5

- 19th April**—Return to school
- Year 6 Cycling Proficiency Course
- 21st April**—School Council
- 21st April**—Class Photographs
- 26th April**—Year 6 Cycling Proficiency Course
- 10th—14th May**—SATs Week
- 19th May**—School Council
- 25th & 26th May**—Visit to Olympic stadium
- 28th May**—Last day of term

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Term 6

- 7th June**— Staff Development day
- 8th June**— Return to school
- Year 6 Cycling Proficiency
- 14th to 18th June**—Life Awareness Week
- 21st to 25th June** —Health Week
- 22nd June**—Sports Day
- 23rd June**—Reserve Sports Day
- 28th Jun to 2nd July**—Adventure Holiday
- Year 6
- 5th, 6th, 7th & 9th July**—Kingsnorth Trip Yr 5
- 12th July**—Cycling Proficiency Yr 6
- 14th July**—Year 6 Play to Parents 7pm
- 15th July**—Year 6 Play to Parents 7pm
- 20th July**—Year 6 graduation
- 23rd July**—Year 6 leavers assembly
- Last day of term