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# Gordon School Newsletter

## Term 6 Newsletter 3



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# Infant News

## Cake Sale

Once again a huge thank you goes out to all who supported our 2nd Cake Sale.

We raised a staggering **£115.07p!!**

If you would like to bake some cakes for the

Summer Fayre, it would be very much appreciated! Please let Mrs Kotze, Tori or the office know.  
Thank you!



## Friends of Gordon

Just a quick update to let you know that after the last meeting, it was decided not to appoint a Chair at present but to appoint a liaison person between parents and school. Tori (parent to a Reception child), has kindly offered to take up that role. Many of you have been fantastic in offering your support and we would like to thank you for that. If you are not sure who Tori is, please feel free to ask and we will happily point her out. We are aiming to circulate a picture of Tori so you will all get to know who she is.

## Consents

If you wish to update any of the consent forms held in school, please come to the office to fill in a new one.

Also if you have any changes to contacts, addresses or telephone numbers, please inform the office as soon as possible.

Thank you

Clean plastic milk bottle lids are being collected in the office for the **Oliver Fisher Special Care Baby Trust**.

## Summer Fayre

The Summer Fayre will be held on Saturday 10 July starting at 11am. The raffle will be drawn at 2pm. Please bring your friends and family for a fun day out.

## Baby news!

Our congratulations go to Mrs Roake and her husband who are expecting their first baby. We wish Mrs Roake a fabulous pregnancy and we look forward to the safe arrival of her baby in November!



## Mrs Hayles is retiring...

Sadly for us (but fantastic news for Mrs Hayles!) we will be saying 'Thank you, Goodbye and Good Luck' at the end of Term 6 to Mrs Hayles as she begins her retirement.

A fantastic member of our teaching team who will be very much missed by both children and staff.



## Moving to pastures new . . .

Mrs Evans has been an amazing member of our teaching team but sadly for us, she is moving to Scotland. Mrs Evans' husband is already established himself there and Mrs Evans will be joining him in the summer.

Mrs Evans has touched many lives since working at Gordon Infants and she will be greatly missed by us all.

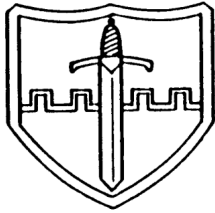


## Safety First

Please could we ask all parents to ensure their children refrain from climbing on the wall near the Year 5 block.

*Soft footballs are now welcome to be used at playtimes but please make sure you keep them in your bag at the beginning of the day. We have many families who bring younger children onto the playground before school starts and we need to make sure they remain safe too.*

A final plea re safety - it has been mentioned to us that some children have been hit by car doors being opened at the beginning and end of the day. Some people are forgetting to look before they open the doors and smaller children are being knocked by them.



## Junior News

### MIDDAY MEAL SUPERVISOR — VACANCY

We are looking for a Midday Meal Supervisor to help at lunchtimes from September 2010. If you enjoy working with children and are interested, please contact the school office. A CRB check will be required.



We hope the Year 6 children had a fantastic time on their Adventure Holiday and look forward to hearing all about it in school next week!



## SUMMER FAYRE

Come along and support our Summer Fayre on Saturday 10th July at 11am. If you are able to help out, please see Mrs Kotze or a member of the PTA.

### NEW PARENTS EVENING

We will be holding a New Parents Evening meeting in the school hall at 6.30pm on Tuesday 13th July. All current Year 2 parents are invited to attend.



### Update since the last HMI inspection

- We are currently devising clear systems for identifying our more able children alongside additional provision to support them.
- The SMT and teachers are working together to create a greater amount of opportunities to develop independence within every lesson.
- We have organised sessions from a secondary specialist to support our work with higher level writing and we are also researching other links with secondary schools to support other projects.
- We have interactive whiteboard training in place for September, to ensure that all children are inspired by this method of teaching.
- We are currently looking at introducing a more comprehensive assessment system for science in September.
- We are in the initial stages of organising a 'One World' whole school project to unite our whole school community at the beginning of the year. Look out for more details!
- Organisation for next year is well under way and this has included aspects of curriculum review to ensure we are constantly improving and updating what we do.
- A vision for the Gordon School has now been written and will be produced as a booklet for all parents in due course.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and this has been really appreciated by everyone at the school.

## Meet the Governors

Hello! My name is Mr. Firann McKinlay and I am a Staff Governor. I am coming to the end of my second year at Gordon and have spent this period teaching in Year 6. I have always been interested in how School Governing Bodies work and how they function in relation to teaching staff and the overall running of the school. When I heard there was a vacancy for a staff governor in September last year, I thought it was the perfect opportunity to find these things out first hand, as well as integrate myself into the whole life of the school - which is something I believe is very important for all teachers to do. I look forward to contributing to the continued improvement of Gordon Junior School.

### PARENTS DISCUSSION FORUM MEETING

ON TUESDAY 13TH JULY AT 9AM

HELD IN THE INFANT SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM

AND

### MEET THE GOVERNORS

ALSO ON TUESDAY 13TH JULY AT 2.45PM IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL





# Diary Dates

## INFANTS

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Term 6

**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 (now confirmed)

**23 Jul** - Infant Staff Development Day

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Please remember to send into school every day named sun hats and water bottles.



## JUNIORS

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Term 6

**28th June to 2nd July**—Adventure Holiday Year 6

**2nd July**—Closing date for Medway and Kent Selection Test

**6th July**— Kingsnorth Trip Yr 5 Shakespeare Class and part of Dickens Class

**7th July**—Kingsnorth Trip Yr 5 Strong Class and part of Dickens Class

**9th July**—Kingsnorth Trip Yr 5 Pratchett Class and part of Dickens Class

**14th July**—Year 6 Play to Parents 7pm

**15th July**—Year 6 Play to Parents 7pm

**16th July**—Reports being sent out

**19th July**—Opportunity for parents to see teachers regarding reports and see their child's new class teacher

**20th July**—Year 6 graduation

**23rd July**—Year 6 leavers assembly

Last day of term - Finish at 3.15pm

### ADVANCED INFORMATION

Infant and Junior Staff Development Days for academic year 2010–2011

Wednesday 1 September 2010

Tuesday 4 January 2011

Friday 27 May 2011

Monday 6 June 2011

Friday 22 July 2011