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# Gordon School Newsletter

## Term 3 Newsletter 1

*We would like to inform parents that on Thursday 21st January all schools will be producing the annual School Census for the DCFS.*

**The submission of the School Census returns, including a set of named pupil records, is a statutory requirement on schools under section 537A of the Education Act 1996.**

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## Infant News

### Birth Congratulations!



We are very happy to be able to tell you that Miss Lee has had a baby girl and has called her Lexi! Lexi weighed 7lbs 7oz and was born on 6 January. We are all looking forward to seeing Miss Lee and meeting her daughter.

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We also send our best wishes to Callum West's family on the arrival of Coral, who was born on the 15 December and weighed 6lb 10oz.



### Parking

Parking is a little more difficult than usual, when we have bad weather. If you need to bring your car to school, please park considerately as there are more residents leaving their cars at home. Thank you.

### Vision Views

If you have not already done so, please return 'Our Vision We Need Your Views' letter with your responses, as soon as possible to the office. Thank you.

### Clubs

As you are aware, Clubs have been cancelled this week because of the bad weather. Hopefully they will begin next week but we ask that you look at the notice boards to check for any cancelled clubs or events.

### PTA

A **big** thank you to Zoe Newton and Susan Millington (chair and secretary) of the PTA for all their hard work over the past year. They have worked non-stop to make the PTA events such a success.

Zoe and Susan have now resigned from the PTA committee and we are, as always, looking for parents/carers who would like to become more involved in helping to raise money for your children. The money the PTA raise is used to help fund trips, equipment and special events that they otherwise would not have. All parents/carers are automatically members of the PTA.

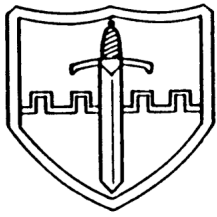


## School Closure Because Of Bad Weather

In the event of bad weather, please listen to the following local radio stations to see if the Gordon Schools have closed - BBC Radio Kent, KM FM or Heart FM or their websites.



Please DO NOT phone the school.



## Junior News

**WELCOME** to our first newsletter of 2010!

**W**elcome back, we hope you enjoyed the Christmas break. We apologise that we had to close the school last week however the safety of our children and staff is paramount, especially in the snowy and icy conditions that we experienced last week.

### PARENTMAIL

**W**e hope you found the text service useful over the school closures last week. If you have not signed up to our Parentmail, please pop into the office to collect a form. Don't forget to keep your details updated on Parentmail i.e. you have a new mobile telephone number.

### Update on priorities from OFSTED Actions, following the HMI visit

1. Data from the first two terms is currently being reviewed and following completion of this, target sheets will be sent to parents and the required follow up action put in place.
2. Pupil progress meetings have been held with teachers
3. We have reviewed and implemented behaviour guidelines to ensure consistency (these have already been sent out to parents)
4. We have reviewed marking guidelines to ensure consistency
5. Carolyn Swain (Literacy Advisor from Medway), delivered Literacy training on our January development day to further support development following the HMI visit
6. Literacy targets are currently being reviewed in line with assessment systems and the Primary National Strategy, to ensure they fully support progression
7. The School Improvement Plan has additional milestones added as recommended by HMI
8. Views form stakeholders are currently being collected with regards to the vision for the Gordon Schools. Please send back your responses they are very valuable

### LEARNING PLATFORM

**F**urther to the information sent out last week, you are now able to view the **Behaviour Ladder on our Learning Platform with regard to behaviour.**

### BELARUS DAY

Friday 22nd January is our BELARUS DAY in which we will focus the whole day on facts and information on Belarus. This is leading on from our links with the country and the forthcoming 2012 Olympics of which Medway Council have linked schools with certain countries



**O**LYMPIC STADIUM - We have been given the opportunity to visit the Olympic Stadium, together with other Olympic venues in London this coming 25th and 26th May. This is obviously a once in a lifetime trip and we do hope as many children as possible will be able to attend this, what we think you will agree, a fantastic opportunity. More details will be released soon.





# 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)
- 2 Mar** 3:30pm—8pm - Parents' Evening
- 12 Mar** 9:15am - Mother's Day event
- 17 Mar** - St Patrick's Day (green day)
- 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** - Last day of term

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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** - Last day of term

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## JUNIORS

### 2010

#### Term 3

- 22nd Jan**—Whole School Belarus Day
- 12th Feb**—End of term 3

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#### Term 4

- 22nd Feb**—Return to school
- Year 6 Cycling Proficiency Course
- 23rd & 24th February**—brass rubbing Year 5
- 15th Mar**—Travelling Book Fayre week
- 16th Mar**—Leeds Castle—Year 5
- 17th Mar**—Rochester castle & cathedral—Year 4
- Leeds Castle—Year 5
- 18th Mar**—Rochester castle & cathedral—Year 4
- 1st April**—last day of term

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#### Term 5

- 19th April**—Return to school
- Year 6 Cycling Proficiency Course
- 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
- 14th to 18th June**—Life Awareness Week
- 21st to 25th June —Health Week
- 22nd June—Sports Day
- 23rd June—Reserve Sports Day
- 28th June to 2nd July—Adventure Holiday
- Year 6
- 5th, 6th, 7th & 9th July—Kingsnorth Trip Year 5
- 12th July—Cycling Proficiency Year 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