

GOODRINGTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
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Dear Parents

Welcome to our latest newsletter with all the news and events of the past half-term.

HAVERING LIBRARIES

This is from a recent communication from Havering Libraries:

A few months ago we stopped charging fines for children in Havering if library books were taken out on a child's card. We have noticed in class visits that a lot of children often say they aren't allowed to have library cards and we think this is because parents are not aware that children's fines have been stopped. We were wondering if you could possibly reach some of our users and non-users by putting this article from libraries in your next school newsletter and encouraging your children to use a fantastic resource in their community.

Measles

There have been measles outbreaks in some areas, affecting unvaccinated children and adults. When outbreaks occur, local health authorities may advise that any child with suspected measles should be **excluded from schools for 5 days after the onset of the rash**. To prevent the spread of this disease, suspected cases should not be taken to GP surgeries; instead parents should be advised to phone the GP practice for advice and special arrangements for a consultation.

https://i.emlfiles4.com/cmpdoc/0/1/0/5/2/files/482232_nhs-schools-poster.pdf?dm_i=JAQ,5EW25,F9GUPJ,KYA0B,1

Behaviour and Supervision

It is important for all pupils to maintain good behaviour at all times and this includes when outside in the vicinity of the school. Parents and carers must be mindful of their children's noise levels and general safety. They **must not** be allowed to run around outside the school or run ahead of parents/carers when returning to their cars. I would respectfully ask for your support in this very important matter.

School Council

The last School Council Meeting was held in the library on Thursday 31st February where pupils discussed many things including, trips, the playground, fundraising, sporting activities and Inter-House activities. It is commendable and important that pupils from Year 1-6 have a 'pupil voice', where suggestions can be aired.

Head Pupils, Prefects and Duties

I am pleased to inform you all of the recent roles and responsibilities given to the following pupils:

Tolase – Head Pupil: Year 6

The prefects are: Hannah and Emmanuel: Year 6

Mrs Lawrence regularly meets with the prefects to discuss any issues raised from their daily duties.

Mid-Year Reports

The Mid-Year reports will have been sent out to you today and will be in your child's book bags. Please ensure the enclosed response sheet is returned to your child's class teacher on the first day back following the half-term break on Monday 25th February. Please note that these reports give a current overview of your child's progress and by their very nature, will not be as comprehensive as the end year academic reports that are sent out to you at the end of the summer term.

Parents Evening

Parents' Evening for pupils from Reception to Year 6 will take place on **Wednesday 8th May 2019** from 3:30pm until 6pm.

Please note that parents should make arrangements for their children AND for siblings to be looked after, as there will be NO facilities anywhere in the school for their care. Therefore please do not make appointments which will not allow for these arrangements to be made. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. Parents who arrive at the school with siblings will be requested to make another appointment.

Hair Policy/Earrings Policy

Thank you to all parents who are supporting everyone at the school with the Hair/Earrings Policies. The health and safety of every pupil is paramount and we as a staff are extremely thankful for not having the worry of searching for beads/earrings that may have become dislodged.

Please ensure that any hair adornments are in the school uniform colour of yellow. No other colour is acceptable.

Sharing Assembly

The parents of Years 1 and 2 are invited into the Sharing Assembly on Thursday 21st March. The pupils will be able to share their work with their families. Mrs Ward is looking forward to you joining everyone in this special KS1 special assembly.

The parents of pupils in the Pre-School and Reception classes will be invited to come along to their child's Stay and Play afternoon in the summer term on Tuesday 9th July 2019. More details will be given nearer the time.

Medical Update

Can you please inform the office **immediately**, if your child has developed a medical condition or allergy in the **last 12 months** and we will provide you with the necessary form for you to complete.

It is **vital** that you inform the school if there are any changes to your child's health. **Please also keep ill pupils at home.** Whilst I appreciate that parents need to work, please ensure that you have contingency plans in place, should your child become poorly. **An ill pupil must be collected from school as soon as possible to avoid their distress and the possibility of germs being passed to others.**

If your child has a tummy upset or sickness, please keep them off school for at least 48 hours after their last bout of illness.

A number of pupils have come to school recently that have been quite clearly unwell. It has not been until the pupil has arrived in class for registration that their teacher has seen how poorly they were. The process of trying to contact the parent/carer to return to collect the pupil before they have travelled too far away from the school is often difficult, time consuming and also upsetting for the child who is unwell. Please do not drop poorly pupils into school in the hope that staff will not be concerned.

We are a small school in a building where everyone is in close proximity. Please be considerate to pupils and staff alike and monitor your child's health before coming to school. We appreciate your support in this crucial matter.

Medicine in School

If you require your child to be given medicine during school hours, please ensure that you take the medicine to Mrs Williams or Mrs Ruyten in the office who will ask you to complete and sign a Medicine Form. Medicine **cannot** be administered in school, without firstly obtaining a parent's signature. Under **no circumstances**, may medicine be placed into a child's book bag or lunch bag for them to administer themselves.

Contact Details

Please ensure that **your latest contact information** is given to the office, if for example, you have moved house or have changed your mobile phone number. We really must be able to contact you in the case of an emergency as well as to simply relay information.

E-Safety/Websites/Safer Internet Day

I would just like to remind all parents to be vigilant when their child is on the computer at home. Do put in as many safeguards as possible to protect your child from younger people's sites, which may not always be as innocent as they first appear.

Safer Internet Day was on Tuesday 4th February. Pupils were given extra awareness in lessons by the teaching staff throughout the day. I have included a link to their site so that you can find access to information under Parents and Carers:

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk>

I am also including a link from the NSPCC helping you to keep your child safe online:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>

Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)

Information regarding Comic Relief has started to arrive in school. Friday 15th March will be a non-uniform Onesie/Pyjama day, and pupils can come into school wearing clothes relevant to the theme. Please make sure that the clothing is **appropriate for school** and warm enough for your child, sending in a donation of £1 (or an amount that you feel you would like to donate) with your child in a named envelope. Once all the monies have been received, they will be sent to the organisers to help the many good charitable causes they represent.

Wall displays

Staff change the wall displays three times a year in time for each half-term. Do take the opportunity to view the displays the next time you come into school to see how hard the children have been working.

Meeting Parents

I am always available to meet with parents at a mutually convenient time if there is anything you wish to discuss. My 'open-door' policy continues and unless I am teaching, I will meet with parents immediately if there is a pressing issue they would like to raise. In the first instance, please see Mrs Williams or Mrs Ruyten in the office, who will be very happy to organise a meeting.

PE

It has been noticed that a number of pupils still do not have the full PE kit for their weekly lesson. Staff will always take pupils out into the grounds unless the weather is very inclement. It is not acceptable for any pupil to wear their school cardigan or jumper for added warmth. As mentioned in a previous newsletter, any pupil who is not in named full kit (as per the official list), will remain with their class teacher and complete academic work.

If your daughter is wearing tights to school on a PE day, please ensure that she also brings in a pair of socks into school for her lesson (except for religious reasons).

Please send in a note addressed to the class teacher if your child has a valid reason as to why they cannot participate in PE in any particular week.

Speech Day and Prize Giving

Advance notice is being given for the Years 3-6 Speech Day and Prize Giving. The Speech Day and Prize Giving has been arranged this year, for the **afternoon of Friday 28th June 2019 at 2pm.**

Please make a note of this important time and date in your diary, so all pupils in Years 3-6 can attend the annual Speech Day and Prize Giving event.

Stamps

We continue to send stamps to The Royal Mail for their chosen charity, Barnados. Please collect your stamps from your mail and direct them into the office when we return after the holiday. When Mrs Ruyten has a suitable amount she will send them off to the relevant Royal Mail Department.

TERM DATES 2018/19

Spring Term 2019

Half Term Break-up 3 p.m. Friday 15th February
Return 9 a.m. Monday 25th February
Term Ends Break-up 12.15 p.m. Thursday 4th April

Summer Term 2019

May Bank Holiday Starts 9 a.m. Thursday 25th April
Half Term Closed all day Monday 6th May
Break-up 3 p.m. Friday 24th May
Return 9 a.m. Monday 3rd June
Term Ends Break-up 12.15 p.m. Wednesday 10th July

TERM DATES 2019/20

Autumn Term 2019

Half Term Starts 9 a.m. on Thursday 5th September
Break-up 3 p.m. Friday 18th October
Return 9 a.m. Monday 4th November
Term Ends Break-up 12.15 p.m. Wednesday 18th December

Spring Term 2020

Half Term Starts 9 a.m. Thursday 9th January
Break-up 3 p.m. Friday 14th February
Return 9 a.m. Monday 24th February
Term Ends Break-up 12.15 p.m. Thursday 2nd April

Summer Term 2020

May Bank Holiday Starts 9 a.m. Thursday 23rd April
Half Term Closed all day Monday 4th May
Break-up 3 p.m. Friday 22nd May
Return 9 a.m. Monday 1st June
Term Ends Break-up 12.15 p.m. Wednesday 8th July

I hope you all have a relaxing break, and look forward to seeing you all when we return on **Monday 25th February 2019 at 8.45am with prompt registration at 9.00am.**

Yours sincerely

Mrs J R Ellenby
Head Teacher