

4 GEORGE TOMLINSON NEWS

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday and that you are feeling refreshed and ready for the new academic year!

Our staff INSET training was a fantastic opportunity to take a step back and look at the huge achievements of last year, apparent from not only the children's progress and attainment results but from the successful recruitment of some outstanding new teachers, the embedding of our new curricular schemes, behaviour system, increased attendance and the success of our parent workshops but by looking at how resilient and motivated our children are. We took time to look at our new plan for the year ahead; thinking about how we can drive our school forward this year towards outstanding. The team are excited to contribute towards our goals and this year will see even more opportunities for our pupils to succeed, feel good about themselves and their achievements and lots of ways for you as parents to get involved and see just what life at GT is like!

I would like to warmly welcome Mihaela Burnei, David Foster, Mark Wood, Rio Cooper and Tina Kent to our school as well as welcoming back Zoe Jones to the team! I am sure you will make them feel welcome and we are very happy they have joined us. For pictures of who's who please refer to our updated board in reception area.

From next week we would like to invite five parents per week to eat for free with us in our school hall at lunchtime. This is an opportunity for you to eat with your child, sample our delicious and healthy food and see just how well our children are able to socialise and demonstrate excellent behaviours even at lunchtime. There will be a sign-up sheet in the reception area each Monday and five places are available per week. It will work on a first come first served basis, but if you are a working parent who is unable to come into school please ring our office and ask them to put your name down instead. Bon appetit!

Last year you were incredibly generous and donated dry food and tins to our Harvest collection which we gave to our local food bank. This year we will be repeating the opportunity to contribute and a table of donations will be placed in the main reception area from Monday. With so many people in difficult financial situations in our current climate, we know how important it is that food banks are stocked ready to provide for families in our area. Please give generously if you can.

From next week I will be setting a Headteacher's homework challenge every month for any children who wish to complete it. I will share examples of work that children complete in my assemblies and it is another opportunity for a home-school link to be forged. The homework is not compulsory but may provide fun activities for your children to have a go at! The homework will be on the website under Provision > Curriculum.

As we look ahead to the coming year we are feeling very excited about all there is to come. Mr Cooper is going to be leading on Well-Being and Mindfulness, outdoor learning and lots of exciting projects across the school. His role will work well with Mr Brown's role as Pupil Voice coordinator. He will be in charge of leading us to become a UN Rights Respecting School which is an award we are working on achieving this year, as well as ensuring that our children have a voice in their learning and are part of our drive towards outstanding. Yesterday after school, the staff met the Place 2 Be counselling service which is starting at the end of this month. We were blown away when we listened to the impact this service has on children's lives across the country and are delighted that we were able to secure the very last place offered to Waltham Forest schools. Place 2 Be will work with individual families and children but also provide a Place 2 Think service where children can pop in and speak to a counsellor about any problems they may have such as friendship issues or general worries. I feel delighted that this will work so well alongside our well-being work and focus on children's happiness and security.

Well done to all of our students who achieved Star of the day today. I'd also like to extend my congratulations to all pupils on a successful start back to the year! Teachers are reporting how happy they are with their new classes and how well pupils are settling in.

Here's to a very successful and happy year ahead for the whole school community.

Best wishes,

Verity Carter

Headteacher



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Chloe Alder
Deputy Headteacher

Weekly Events

Whole school star of the week assembly
- Every Friday at 9am

Head Teacher Drop in - Every
Wednesday 9:15am-11am

English Classes for parent and carers
every Wednesday at 6pm

Upcoming dates

Monday 11th September

Parent Workshop - Behaviour & Stay
on Green 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Wednesday 13th September

English Tuition for parents (sign up at
the office) - 6pm - 7pm

Parent and Child Gardening Club -
3:15pm - 4:15pm

Monday 18th September

Parent Workshop - What is Inspire
Maths 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Wednesday 20th September

Meet the Teacher - 3:30pm - 3:45pm

English Tuition for parents (sign up at
the office) - 6pm - 7pm

Thursday 21st September

Meet the Teacher - 3:30pm - 3:45pm

Friday 22nd September

Jeans for Genes Day - Non-Uniform

Stars of the Week & Sports Awards

Congratulations and well done to this week's
STARS OF THE WEEK!



Notices



Our Harvest Festival collection will begin on Monday 11th September. We're all about giving back to our community and we will be collecting for the Leytonstone Food Bank.

If you would like to donate, a table has been set up by the school office. Please donate dry and tinned foods such as pasta, rice, tinned veg, tinned soup etc.

Many thanks!