

George Tomlinson News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

I hope you had a lovely summer holiday and you are feeling refreshed and ready for the new academic year! We've had a fantastic first few days back with the children. Walking around the school this week and popping into classrooms, the children are settling in well to their new year groups. I have seen excellent behaviours for learning and some very positive starts to the new academic year.

Over the summer holidays, the school has undergone some building work. You may have noticed the work on the edible playground is mostly complete, we just have to put down some decking around the pond and it will be ready for an opening ceremony on Friday 28th September at 3:30pm-4:00pm. We thank the Trees for Cities charity for all their hard work. They will continue to support us for the rest of the year with our planting and growing plan. We also have some new additions to the school – the hens arrived on Tuesday and the staff all received training on how to care for the hens and handle them with the children. The hens have proved very popular! They are very friendly and are used to children. During the holidays, they will return to the farm, but during term time they will live in our garden. The hens have been laying eggs for us this week and some of the children in Year 1 have already been writing down some delicious recipe ideas! This brings me on to the new dedicated cooking room: it will be up, ready and fully equipped for the children to use towards the end of this term. Thank you very much Paul H. for working hard on that and to the PTFA for providing some of the funding towards it. The new dedicated Art room (which has also been part funded by the PTFA) will be ready to use by the end of next week. In the meantime, children will continue to have art lessons in their classrooms.

Reading continues to be a focus for the school and children will be able to borrow a library book to take home from next week. If your child has an outstanding library book, please help them look for it and return it or donate towards a new book (as detailed in the overdue library letters). We currently have nearly 300 missing books, having just re-scanned all the books in the library to double check. We value our library and will be looking to broaden the range available for children, but we do request the books are looked after and returned.

If any parents or carers would like to volunteer to read with individual children, please contact our English Subject Lead, David Foster who is coordinating the reading volunteers this year: david.foster@georgetomlinson.waltham.sch.uk

It really makes a difference for the children to be heard reading individually on a regular basis and we are thankful to those who can take the time to do this.

If you would like to volunteer in any other way, please contact Vicky Wiley (AHT) who coordinates all other volunteers and work experience candidates: victoria.wiley@georgetomlinson.waltham.sch.uk



Verity Carter
Headteacher,
Lead DSL



Chloe Alder
Deputy Headteacher,
Deputy DSL



Parisa Angeletos SENDCo
Inclusion Manager,
Deputy DSL

Weekly Events

Head Teacher Drop-in – Every Wednesday between 9:15 am and 11 am
(Please book at the office)

*

Toddler Group every Wednesday from 9:15 – 10:45 am

*

English classes for Parents and Carers – Every Wednesday at 3:30 pm

*

Parents' Reading Morning with children in Y1 & Y2 – Every Thursday between 8:45 am and 9:15 am

*

Whole school Star of the Week assembly – every Friday at 9 am

Upcoming dates

Monday 10th September

- New Reception Children Start
- Nursery re-opens – staggered times

Tuesday 11th September

Monthly coffee Morning Behaviour & Expectations 9 am

Thursday 13th September

Roald Dahl Dress-up Day

From next week, we will be collecting dry food and tins for our Harvest collection for the local food bank 'Eat or Heat'. They will come to school and collect donations during the first week of October. If you would like to donate, a table will be placed in the main reception area. Any donations will be gratefully received.

Sports clubs will start week commencing 17th September and have gone live to book via parent pay today, so please take a look if you haven't already done so.

Please also check the school website for all upcoming events <http://www.georgetomlinson.com>

I hope you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Best wishes,
Chloe Alder (DHT)

Star of the Week



A massive WELL DONE to our STARS this week:

Oli, George, Bjorn, Aaliyah, Edyta, Justina, Emily, David, Eddie, Isabella, Sarina, Juhman, Jahira, Isaac, Jerome and Mustafa