

# George Tomlinson News

*Dear Parents and Carers,*



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We have come to the end of the Spring term and are ready for a lovely Easter break.

This week we said goodbye to Ms Alder as she sets off for maternity leave. It was especially sad as we held our last ever SLT meeting as a full team! We had a little lunch party (the word 'party' used here in its tamest of definitions!) during our meeting to say farewell. I have worked with Chloe in two schools for seven years and will miss her enormously!

With Ms Alder gone we need an additional SLT member to support us and so asked for applications from within our middle leadership team. I'm very happy to announce that Ms Shakes will be our Acting Assistant Head for the summer term. She will be out of class for four days a week and we have found a wonderful replacement teacher for this period called Ms Stephanie Zupan. Ms Lucy will of course still be in class and Ms Shakes will be in there daily checking up on how the children are doing. Well done Ms Shakes, we look forward to working with you in your new role!

We also said goodbye to Ms Kara as she goes on maternity too. We will miss her very much but wish her all the very best for her exciting new chapter! Ms Kara leaves her class in the capable hands of Ms Helena Begum who has begun to do some handover work with us this week in preparation for summer 1.

We are absolutely delighted to welcome back Charlotte Stewart to our school. Charlotte was our Receptionist and left in the summer term but very happily has come back to us in her new role of Administrative Officer. Charlotte will be on Reception every morning and working on admissions in the afternoons. It is lovely to have her back with us and I am sure you will be delighted too! A big thank you to Ashleigh and Lorraine who have been covering our Reception for the past months, we have loved having you with us and wish you all the best in your next roles!

This week we held parent's evenings via Zoom and phone calls. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us, I hope you found it useful. If you missed out please contact your child's teacher to arrange a suitable time to talk.

We enjoyed some year group assemblies and sessions held by Rocksteady on Wednesday, they really make learning an instrument very accessible to all children and their sessions are great fun! They are offering additional sessions so that hopefully anyone who wishes to join can do so.

## *Weekly Events*

For safety reasons, our usual weekly events are all cancelled until further notice.

## *Upcoming dates*

### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

Return to school

### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

Year 1 parents evening  
Telephone calls

### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

Year 1 parents evening  
Telephone calls

Also on Wednesday our Year 6s had a VE Day party to mark their WW2 topic! They made scones during the week and ate these as well as food that was generously donated by some of our Y6 parents. It was a lovely day much enjoyed by all!

On Thursday our Year 5s hosted an art gallery to showcase their work for their abstract artwork as inspired by the artist Tiffany Delune who first came to work with us during Black History Month celebrations. Well done Y5, the work was beautiful. I have shared some images from it on our Instagram.

On Thursday of this week the PTFA held an 'Amazing Hair' day. We saw some fabulous hair styles, wigs, head scarves, hats, henna tattoos and accessories worn! Thank you to the PTFA for organising and to everyone who contributed their £1 donation.

Also this week we gave all the pupils an Easter egg hunt which they enjoyed with their classes! I am sure there will be lots of tired children needing some restful days and time to relax after a busy half term!

I hope you have a wonderful holiday with your families and we look forward to seeing you on 19th April!

Best wishes,  
Verity

## *Attendance*

1<sup>st</sup> - Y1P & Y4M - 100.0%

2<sup>nd</sup> - Y2E - 99.5%

3<sup>rd</sup> - Y4D - 98.6%

No late marks - Y1C, Y2F, Y3B, Y3CA, Y4D, Y4M, Y5M, Y6M.

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31 March 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

### **Idling concerns outside of George Tomlinson Primary School**

The Behaviour Change Team at Waltham Forest Council are concerned about the health and safety of the pupils and the school community at George Tomlinson Primary when travelling to and from school.

During school drop off and collection times there are over 500 pupils entering and exiting the school. Since the introduction of the School Street there has been a reduction in the volume of vehicles travelling to and from school, poor and inconsiderate driver behaviour and risk of life-endangering collisions however there has been an increase in idling.

#### **What is Idling?**

- Idling is when a vehicle's engine is left running while it is parked or stationary for a period longer than 30 seconds, contributing further to toxic emissions in the air we breathe.
- This commonly happens when drivers are stopped at traffic lights or waiting whilst parked outside a house, school or business.

#### **Why should you support No Idling?**

- **Health** - Idling vehicles in school zones can be hard on young lungs. Vehicle exhaust fumes in our air contains many pollutants that are linked to asthma and other lung diseases, allergies, heart disease, cancer and other health problems.
- **Environment** - Vehicle idling increases your carbon footprint, using up natural resources and increasing emissions, which damages the environment.
- **Road Safety** – Vehicles idling can add to noise pollution outside of schools which can distract pupils when walking, cycling and crossing the road.
- **Cost** – Despite the popular myth that idling your car uses less fuel than turning it off and restarting – idling actually costs you money. It is more efficient to turn off your engine if you are going to be sitting more than 30 seconds and this will also reduce wear and tear of your engine.

#### **How to reduce Idling**

- If you must travel by car, please park outside of the School Street zone a short walk away from the school, switch off your engine and walk the last part of your journey.
- Walk, cycle or use public transport for your journey where possible.
- Try to arrange car sharing with other parents/guardians.

Please help us make the local area safer for all pupils, as well as everyone who lives near to and works at George Tomlinson Primary School.

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated. If you would like any further information please contact [schoolstreets@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:schoolstreets@walthamforest.gov.uk)

Kind regards, Waltham Forest Behaviour Change Team



1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

**Re: New Headteacher Appointment**

Dear all,

The Governing Body are delighted to announce the appointment of Ms Nicola Wilson as the new Headteacher of George Tomlinson Primary School. Following a rigorous and successful selection process, involving Governors, pupils and the Local Authority, Ms Wilson was the unanimous choice of all members of the selection panel. Nicola stood out as an exceptional candidate, both personally and professionally and will bring experience, skill, enthusiasm and a commitment to excellence, to George Tomlinson.

Nicola is currently Head of School at Henry Maynard Primary School in Walthamstow and has spent the last year as an Acting Head. She has built significant leadership skills at this lovely community school maintained by the Local Authority. She is passionate that every child at George Tomlinson should continue to have every opportunity to achieve their personal best and is excited to be joining the team.

Nicola will commence her post at the beginning of the new academic year this September 2021. Governors are confident that with her appointment brings a strong, stable, successful and exciting future for our school. I know that Nicola is very much looking forward to meeting you all, introducing herself and continuing to build a shared vision for the future, whilst ensuring a smooth transition for September. We ask you to give her a very warm welcome as our new Headteacher and we look forward to working with you all and Nicola over the coming years. We wish you and Nicola every success for the future.

Yours faithfully,

The George Tomlinson Governing Body