



11 January 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Happy New Year and welcome back to all our pupils and families!

We have already had a visit from KIC Theatre this week offering topic related workshops to each class. These were thoroughly enjoyed by all and we have already booked sessions for next academic year as the children and staff always give such positive feedback. Pygora Class began their swimming lessons this week so we have got off to a flying start in Term 3.

Staff Changes

Miss Coles and Miss Wilson-Bell are both going on maternity leave soon and we wish them the best of luck with the arrival of their babies. We would therefore like to welcome Miss Crockford who will be stepping into the SENCO role and also Miss Corrigan who is teaching Billy Class from Monday to Wednesday. Both are experienced teachers and we are delighted they have joined us at Goat Lees.

Book Swap - Wednesday 16 January

Our next book swap event will take place on **Wednesday 16 January**. If your child has a book they would like to swap, please make sure they take it into school on that day.

Free School Meals

We would like to encourage eligible parents to sign up for Free School Meals, even if you currently receive the universal FSM in KS1. Goat Lees Primary School may be in a position to offer help with uniform items to those who are eligible. Please ask in the school office for further information or help with completing application forms.

After School Clubs

You have received a letter today offering different After School Clubs for our pupils in Terms 3 & 4. Please ensure that the slip is returned by **Friday 18 January**. A confirmation slip will be given to you on Monday 21 January to confirm which club/s your child/ren will be attending. The clubs will start again week beginning 28 January and run until the week commencing 11 March. Please remember to collect your child promptly when clubs finish at 4:15pm. We ask that the children commit to their chosen club and attend every week unless they are absent from school through illness.

Music Lessons

Please be advised that we do have spaces for our Trumpet Lessons. If you would like your child to take up this instrument, please email music@goatlees.kent.sch.uk. Classes are £5 each, and there are 5 lessons per term. The fee can be paid either in full (£25) or weekly (£5) via sQuid, our online payment system.

Spelling Shed

As we have received a lot of positive feedback about Spelling Shed, we will be continuing it this term as a tool to support your child in learning their spellings. As with everything online, their time should be limited but a daily practise of 15 minutes would really help them. We know that some parents have said that this is too competitive for their child and, of course, your child does not have to use it, However we would still appreciate your support in helping them to learn their spellings at home in a different way.

With kind regards

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