



Newsletter

10th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome Back!

It has been really lovely to welcome all of the children and their families back to Goose Green. This even more true than usual, given the restrictions that have been in place over the past 18 months or so. It makes such a difference to be able to invite you all onto the playground, to be able to bring you into the school building and to be a lot more 'normal'.

We're also able to do many more everyday activities with your children – here is a picture of the whole school assembly I took this morning. We haven't been able to have an assembly since February last year! How lovely to be all together again.



Singing assemblies have started again too and our new Music teacher, Mrs Townsend, introduced the *Boogie Bike* – a pedal-powered boombox to play music for the children to enjoy. She then took it into the playground at playtime and the children had great fun dancing in the sunshine!

New Staff

I should like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Townsend and all of the other new staff who have joined the Goose Green family. Ms Frankland, Year 4 teacher; Ms Richmond, Year 4 HLTA; Ms Balesi, TA. And welcome back to Ms Pietrus, who has returned after her maternity leave. Do say hello to them if you see them!

Reception Lunch

Well done to all of our new Reception children (*Butterfly class*) who have completed their first week at big school. You have been amazing!! We finished off the week with the opportunity for parents to come and join their children for lunch – we hope that you enjoyed it!

In-House Catering

Speaking of lunches, this was the first week of our in-house catering for the lunches at school. Feedback from children (and staff!) has been very positive and we have noticed over the course of the week that more children are trying a wider variety of foods, including vegetables and salads. I would appreciate hearing any comments that you might have about what your children are enjoying about the changes to the menu.

Snacks – Fruit Only Please!

Younger children up to Year 2 are still given a free piece of fruit as a snack during the day. Times may vary depending on your child's timetable. You are very welcome to send your older children to school with a piece of fruit to have as a snack if you so wish. However, please do not send in crisps, biscuits or any other type of snack – these are not permitted at school. Thank you for your co-operation!



Our Safeguarding and Child Protection policies can be found at www.goosegreenprimaryschool.org/about-us/key-information
Please feel free to ask the office for a hard copy of the safeguarding policy if you would like to receive one.

School Uniform

You can order school uniform using ParentMail and any items ordered before Tuesday lunchtime will be sent home with your child on Wednesday. I'm told that there is a slight delay in restocking some of the jumper sizes – my apologies. We should be fully replenished by the end of next week and we will let you know as soon as we are fully stocked. Don't forget that you can also order one of our fantastic tote bags through ParentMail.



Music Tuition

The school offers a wide variety of opportunities to learn a musical instrument. Piano, violin, brass, guitar and cello tuition restarts next week, and drumming lessons begin the week after.

- Miss Harris offers lessons on trumpet and baritone. Instruments are available! Please contact jo@joharrismusic.com for a free trial lesson
- Want to learn to play guitar?! There are now a few spaces available for weekly guitar lessons at Goose Green. If you've never played a musical instrument before, the guitar is really easy and really fun! Learn some of your favourite songs as well as building a good understanding of how music works. If you would like to work towards a grade exam or play in a concert, you can. If not, you don't have to! For more information please e-mail AndrewBriggsGuitar@gmail.com
- Paul has been teaching the drum kit at Goose Green for several years now. Learning how to play the drum kit is very good for coordination, focus and enjoyment! Students will also learn how to read music for drum kit. If you are interested in your child learning the drums, lessons take place in school time on Monday afternoons, usually in pairs. Contact me at paulbrett1@gmail.com if you have any questions regarding the lessons, including the cost.



Feel free to contact the office if you would like any further information about these or the violin and piano tutoring.

Values Points Winners

This afternoon I met all of the fabulous children who were the first Values Points winners in their classes this year. It is fantastic to see all the great things that they have been doing and I have to say that Friday afternoon is my favourite part of the week for that reason. We will have our winners chosen in assembly on Monday – watch this space.

Well that's it for now. I hope that you have a restful weekend and I look forward to seeing you again on Monday morning.

Simon Wattam

FOGGS Update

We have lots of fun planned for this term!

Reception welcome picnic

Parents and carers of Reception children are invited to a picnic after school on Thursday 16th September at Goose Green park from 3:30 to 4:30. It's an opportunity to meet each other and have a chat while the children play. We will be at the end nearest the roundabout and should be easy to spot - look for green jumpers. Please bring snacks to share.



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Year 1 to 6 socials

Details will be shared via the Class WhatsApp groups. If you're not already a member please and would like to join, please contact FOGGS on info@goosegreenpta.org and we will put you in touch with your class rep.

Save the date - coming soon:

20th October - International Evening is back for 2021

10th December - Winter Fair - festive fun for all