



Newsletter

15th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Black History Month

Happy Black History Month! This year's official theme is *Proud To Be* and we are celebrating in school by asking every child to produce a piece of artwork to demonstrate why they are proud of being black, of black heritage or simply proud to celebrate Black History Month. Keep your eyes peeled for examples of this amazing learning when you are next in school. Mr Wattam has also been celebrating some notable black figures during our assemblies, including the author Malorie Blackman, the cricketer Sir Garfield Sobers and the inventor Garrett Morgan.



Harvest Festival

Many thanks indeed for all of the donations that we have already received for our Harvest Festival collection. We will be donating all of the generous donations to the Spring Community Hub in Camberwell, which runs a number of local food banks. Please bring your donations in to school on Monday 18th October if you can, or by Wednesday 20th October at the latest. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Public Health England – Review of Covid-19 Cases

Following my recent email, I am pleased to confirm again that I have reviewed the current situation regarding cases of Covid-19 with Public Health England. We have agreed that the measures that the school introduced has done the job and that the spread of the virus has been contained. This was in large part because of the swift and decisive action to test children in the two year groups largely affected. Many thanks to parents and carers for organising the tests for your children. Moving forward, it is likely that there will be some cases coming to light at school. I am confident that the school will be able to manage these well, as and when it occurs.

Parents' Meetings

I do hope that you were able to meet with your child's teacher in order to discuss their start to the new year and the learning that they have already done this year. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you were unable to make an appointment for today in order to arrange another suitable time.

Pre-Loved Uniform

We will be giving away pre-loved uniform next Monday (18th October) and Thursday (21st October). You will be able to browse the available items at the end of the school day in the playground, if the weather allows, or in the bottom hall if it is raining. Remember that you should **label your child's uniform** in order to avoid it being included in the next pre-loved giveaway!



PE Teaching

Many of you will already know that Mr Paxton is moving to pastures new after we finish this half term next Friday. We will say a proper goodbye to him next week, but I wanted to introduce you to Mr Edmonds who will be teaching PE to the children for the next half term. Some of the children already know him as Mikey from After School Club and we are pleased to have him on board to continue the PE provision here at Goose Green.



Poetry with Ms Naomi

Ms Naomi's TONGUE TWISTER CHALLENGE is BACK!!

[Tongue Twister Tongue-Tastic! numero treinta y uno \(31\)](#)

Values Points Winners: *Kindness, Pride, Aspiration, Trust, Positivity and Equity.*



Congratulations to Finn, who won for Trust, Lily, who won for Aspiration and Alaia, who won for Positivity.

Doodle Cup Winners

Well done to all of the children who have accessed the online learning on Doodle – so many children are learning so many different things on the site. Thank you to parents for supporting your children with this online resource.



First place: Impala
Second place: Seahorse
Joint Third place: Parakeet and Raccoon

Have a fantastic weekend, see you next week. One week to go before half term!

Simon Wattam

FOGGS Update

International Evening will now take place on *Friday 19th November*. Further details to follow!

The FOGGS AGM was held by Zoom on Thursday 7th October. Please see the minutes that are attached to this newsletter and contact your FOGGS rep if you have any questions.

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