



# Newsletter

9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It was so lovely to see all of the children excited to come back to school and refreshed after the break. We have started the term with a project to enable the teachers to get to know the children. This is called 'Know me to teach me'. The children have been given the opportunity to create something that represents them and these projects will be displayed in school.

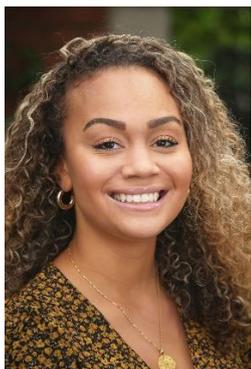
It has also been great for us to finally start our co-headship together this week. With the appointment of both of us to Headteacher, the leadership team at Goose Green now consists of two Headteachers, a team of Assistant Heads and our Senco. Please do come and say hi to any of us in the playground!



Cat Shuttleworth  
Headteacher



Louise Partridge  
Headteacher



Lauren Brandford  
Assistant Head



Melissa Godden  
SENCO



Lucy Hutton  
Assistant Head



Zantha Lue-Taim  
Assistant Head



Lauren Seminario  
Assistant Head

## Queen Elizabeth II

This morning we had an assembly with the children to talk about the death of the queen. We talked about her life and some of the changes that have happened in the country while she has been queen.

Currently the DFE advice is that schools should stay open. As more plans are made public we will update you if anything changes.



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## Lunchtime Fun

The children have enjoyed playing some new games with their friends and catching up with each other after the holidays.



## Reading

This year one of our priorities is to develop reading across the school. Last week all of the staff had phonics training for a new scheme we will be using. Look out for parent workshops that will happen over the next term to tell you more.



Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday

Louise Partridge and Cat Shuttleworth

## FOGGS Update 09/09/22

### Welcome back everyone!

We hope you've had a good summer break and are ready for lots of fun family events and fundraising this school year.

### Welcome picnic for Reception children and parents/ carers

FOGGS would like to invite all Reception children and parents to a picnic after school on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September in Goose Green Park. This will be a relaxed opportunity for the children to play together while adults chat to each other, and to parents from other year groups, about the first full week of school, and ask any questions.

Please gather in the playground as usual at pick up time and we will walk across to the park together.

Please bring after school snacks to share (no nuts, no pork) and a picnic blanket if you have one.

### Back to School Socials for parents and carers in Years 1 to 6

Over the next few days your Class Reps will be inviting all parents and carers to a social evening via your class WhatsApp groups. It's a great opportunity to get to know each other better and chat about school life. If you are not yet part of the WhatsApp group for your year, please contact FOGGS ([info@goosegreenpta.org](mailto:info@goosegreenpta.org)) and we will put you in touch with your Class Rep.

### FOGGS Autumn Term open meetings

We will meet **online on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm via Zoom**, and **in person on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 9am at school**.

We will send the Zoom link via ParentMail the day before the meeting.

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Please do join either meeting to review the last school year and find out what we have planned for this year, and – most importantly – to join in!

### **Join FOGGS: we need new committee members and volunteers to coordinate specific events.**

Without new people we will not be able to organise much loved and highly anticipated events in the school calendar or complete the library fundraising.

#### **What is FOGGS**

FOGGS (Friends of Goose Green School) is a group of parents and carers who work together to develop our school community, fundraise to meet the school's objectives and further our reputation and presence in the local community.



The FOGGS committee members work together to achieve these objectives. The key responsibilities for each role are:

- **Chair:** organises termly meetings; liaises with school, external bodies and sponsors to schedule and plan events, coordinates volunteers to make events happen.
- **Treasurer:** oversees the financial aspects of FOGGS, which includes preparing financial reports, checking bank statements, coordinating cash and card payment systems at events. For this role it would be helpful to feel comfortable using excel and/ or have a background in finance.
- **Secretary:** communicates on behalf of FOGGS with school, parents and carers and the local community; coordinates the Class Reps and WhatsApp groups; coordinates our social media activity.

Each of these roles require an average commitment of one to two hours a week, with more activity around key events.

#### **Why should I get involved?**

Joining the committee or volunteering to organise an event is a fun way to become more involved in school life, and to enhance the Goose Green School experience for all the children. You will also get to know other parents and carers and develop new skills.

#### **How do I get involved?**

You can contact FOGGS directly on [info@goosegreenpta.org](mailto:info@goosegreenpta.org) or leave a message at the office and we will call you back, or ask your Class Rep for more information.

If you are thinking about joining the committee, please feel free to contact us with any questions before the meetings.

During each meeting we will simply ask who would like to join the committee and in what capacity. You do not need to be nominated by another parent/ carer. There will then be a vote to confirm new appointments.

#### **Dates for your diary**

- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September after school: Reception Welcome picnic
- To be confirmed via WhatsApp: Year 1 to 6 parents/ carers social evenings
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 5:30 to 7:30pm: International Evening

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