



Godwin Newsletter 8th January 2021

Head Teacher's Message

Happy New Year! We hope that you and your families are all safe and well.

I would like to start by saying thank you for your support and patience during these challenging times.

There is lots of information to share with you which I have tried to make accessible. With so much going on for all of us at the moment I hope that this is helpful!

We have just over 50 children in school at the moment. It has been great to see their enthusiasm for learning this week. If you are a critical worker and need a school place for your child, please email the school and we will contact you.

Obviously having some children in school means that not all class teachers are available to support online remote learning. This means that many of our other teachers are 'doubling up' and covering more than one class each day. This is an incredible amount of work and I would like to thank all of our staff for their continued commitment to responding quickly to new government requirements and ensuring that Godwin children are receiving high quality learning each day.

Thank you also to you, our Parents and Carers, for juggling everything in your lives and supporting the children with their learning. The children who have been using Google Classroom have been really dedicated and demonstrated great perseverance- well done to them! We know that it can be very difficult to motivate and encourage your children when the learning they are doing is different from your own school experience. Thank you also for your positive messages - it is a great boost to the staff.

Legally, all children not at Godwin must be accessing their online learning, in the same way that they have to attend school every day unless they are ill. From Monday 11th January, children who are not logged on to Google Classroom will be marked as unauthorised absent.

We will be doing the register online at 9am each day, starting on Monday. It is important that your child has logged on to Google Classroom before 9am so that they can click on the link their teacher has put in for them. This will then mean that they can see their teacher and classmates each morning for the register, just like they would if they were at school. Please ensure that your child is dressed and ready for registration, just like they would normally be. We hope that this daily interaction creates a nice ethos each morning and will support you in getting your child ready to start the day on time. If your child is ill, please call the school to let us know so that we don't contact you to ask why they are not on Google Classroom.

We are emailing out year group timetables so that you know what subjects your child will be studying each day. This timetable will remain the same until half term. We have made break and lunchtimes the same across the whole school to make it easier for you if you have children in different year groups. We hope this will be helpful.

We will also be emailing you the Curriculum Newsletters so that you have an overview of what your child will be learning in each subject.

Yesterday, we hosted an online session for parents and carers on how to use Google Classroom. This session was recorded so if you would like to access it please click on this

link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LW2ChmeEE84> If you have any other technical problems which aren't resolved after watching the video please also check the Home Learning page of our website for further advice:

<https://www.godwin.newham.sch.uk/home-learning> If you are still struggling please email us and we will do our best to help.

We have loaned out over 60 laptops and are trying to sort out some technical issues to lend out some more. If you do not have a device for your child to use, please email us and we will put you on a waiting list.

On Friday we held our first online catch-up meetings for class teachers and children. There were a few teething problems - apologies if your child was unable to join their meeting - but they seemed really popular with those who attended. The next ones are on Monday - we hope that your child enjoys catching up with their class teacher and peers. The link to these has been emailed to you. If you did not receive the link please email the school: info@godwin.newham.sch.uk and let us know your child's full name and class and we will send it again.

We are also re-sending our Online Safety brochure and Remote Learning Guidance - we hope that these will be useful.

Achievement Awards

3M – Iggy for persevering and trying his best even though initially he found Google Classroom tricky to use.

4B – Adela for working hard to complete all her activities on Google Classroom to a high standard.

4I –Dimitar for completing all his learning daily and challenging himself.

4T – Shyilo for persevering and putting maximum effort into all her home learning tasks.

4V – Megan for trying her best in all areas of the curriculum and staying positive.

5K – Rayne for articulating clearly and presenting a fantastic speech via video on Google Classroom.

5S – Isla for being an evaluative learner and presenting her work in exciting ways.

5T – Sacha for making good choices about how he approaches online learning and trying his very best.

5Y – Sylvester for being a persevering learner by completing his daily tasks on time and reflecting on his learning.

Humaira for being consistently on task, showing perseverance and thinking carefully about her choices.

6B – Layla for perseverance and putting maximum effort with her online learning and demonstrating respect and thoughtfulness in her online communications.

Sammy for considering his choices and contributing to class discussions.

6J – Kader for persevering with his Google Classroom learning and trying his best.

6W – Georgie for the great effort with all her Google Classroom submissions.

6Z – Zara for always conscientiously responding to teacher's marking.

