



# The Goddard Park Weekly Bulletin

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## After School Activities

I want to share the **After School Activities** this week including the Goddard Park **Glee Club at the Wyvern Theatre** on Monday. On Tuesday the Reception children took part in the 'Make A Noise Festival' at **The Platform** in Swindon. On Wednesdays the Reception children are taking it in turns during the year to attend **iPad Club, Spanish Club** and **Cookery Club**. The boys and girls **School Football Teams** have matches this week on Wednesday and Thursday. Various other After School Clubs run during the week including **Maths Club, Family Gardening, Rotakids, Netball** and **Woodland**.

The children are offered numerous, varied After School clubs and we will always keep parents updated with what's available for their child.

Mike Welsh, Headteacher.

## *Calling all parents – new childcare offers launched by the government*

You can now find a straightforward explanation of all government childcare support on the new Childcare Choices website: [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

Using the website's Childcare Calculator, you can quickly find out which of the offers are available to you and choose what works best for your family: [www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator](http://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator)

## *What is available through the childcare service?*

### Tax-Free Childcare

Tax Free Childcare is an online payment account, topped up by the Government, which parents use solely to pay their childcare costs. For every £8 that families pay in, the Government will make a top-up payment of £2, up to a maximum of £2,000 per child per year (or £4,000 for disabled children).

Tax-Free Childcare will be available for children under 12 years old (under 17 years old for disabled children) and can be used to contribute towards nursery, childminder and after-school care. To be eligible, parents must be in work (including self-employment) and each earning at least £120 per week and not more than £100,000 per year. The offer will be introduced to parents with the youngest children first and gradually rolled out so that all parents will be able to apply by the end of 2017.

### 30 hours free childcare

30 hours childcare for three and four year olds will be available in England from September 2017. This doubles the existing 15 hours currently available and could save working families up to £5,000 a year.

Parents will be able to check their eligibility now using the online childcare calculator [www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator](http://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator) and, if eligible, submit an online application ahead of September.

## Star of the Week!

Reception : Alex Marshall

Year 1 : Aiden Hawson

Year 2 : Freya McRae

Year 3 : Charlotte Boyd

Year 4 : Holly Mercer

Year 5 : Julia Dziarkowska

Year 6 : Jamie Ranns, Casey Mutlow,

Leo Morris, Tia Fieldsend,

Michaela Leadbeater



## School Meals

This term the children have enjoyed our special day menus. We have celebrated National Breakfast Day with sausages, bacon, hash browns and baked beans. On National Pizza Day the children were offered pizzas with various toppings including Pepperoni, Cheese and Tomato, Roasted Vegetable and Ham and Pineapple.

To celebrate Red Nose Day, Mrs Greig made 500 shortbread biscuits and decorated each one with white icing, a cherry for a nose and chocolate drops for the eyes. The children loved them. Next week, leading up to Easter, we will be making Easter Biscuits and Chocolate Easter Nests. Wishing you all a very Happy Easter from the Goddard Park Catering Team.



# DIARY DATES FOR THE YEAR

*These diary dates will be updated in each Bulletin so please check back to see additions or changes.*

## March

Thursday 30.03.17 – Dental Health Team visiting Year 4  
Thursday 30.03.17 – Year 2 trip to Adams Farm

## April

Monday 03.04.17 – Class 13 trip to Steam  
Tuesday 04.04.17 – Class 14 trip to Steam  
Wednesday 05.04.17 – Class 15 trip to Steam  
Friday 7.04.17 – School closes for Easter at 1.30pm  
Monday 24.04.17 – School re-opens at 8.40am

## May

Thursday 04.05.17 – School closed for Parish Elections  
Monday 08.05.17 to Friday 12.05.17 – KS2 Statutory tests  
Monday 15.05.17 - Teacher Training Day, School closed  
Friday 26.05.17 – School closes for half term at 1.30pm

## June

Monday 05.06.17 – School re-opens at 8.40am  
Thursday 15.06.17 – Year 6 Taster Day at Dorcan  
Wednesday 21.06.17 – Year 6 trip  
Monday 26.06.17 to Friday 30.06.17 – Year 6 Induction Week at Dorcan  
Tuesday 27.06.17 – Year 6 trip

## July

Tuesday 04.07.17 – Busy Bees Pizza Express Trip (AM)  
Friday 07.07.17 – Wind Roadshow (KS2)  
Monday 10.07.17 – Year 6 Induction Day at Dorcan  
Thursday 13.07.17 – World Music Roadshow (Reception and KS1)  
Friday 21.07.17 – School closes for Summer holidays at 1.30pm

## September

Friday 01.09.17 – Teacher Training Day, School closed  
Monday 04.09.17 – School re-opens at 8.40am

## Attendance Trophy Winners

Congratulations to Class 22 who achieved 100% attendance last week.

**Well Done!**

