



# The Goddard Park Weekly Bulletin

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## An Afternoon at School

by Reg Thoburn – Volunteer & Chair of Governors

I arrive at Goddard Park for the afternoon and sign in, collect my visitors badge (important) and greet the friendly and courteous staff at the desk. I check in with the Headteacher to make sure nothing urgent needs my attention.

On arrival in Year 2 I am greeted by Mrs Tanfield. The children are coming in from lunch, walking quietly and sensibly with their hands behind their backs. Lots of the children want me to choose them to read first. The children are always polite and often quite chatty, especially if they have just had a birthday.

Reaching seven years of age is a major milestone for any child and they are all very keen to tell me how old they are and when they started losing their 'baby' teeth.

When you are listening to children read the afternoon goes quickly and the time soon arrives when the children are lining up for assembly. I pack away the reading books and join the children for their assembly, today the subject is RESPONSIBILITY. The children are all keen to take part especially when it comes to singing the songs and performing movements. Assembly is over and the children make their way back to class and get ready for home time.

It is always an enjoyable time and I would encourage all parents, grandparents or carers to volunteer to do something similar, you would be most welcome. We should all be very proud of Goddard Park School, the children, the staff and the volunteers.

Mike Welsh, Headteacher.

### School Meals

#### Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Day!

The 28th February is Shrove Tuesday, better known as 'Pancake Day'. Pancakes will be on the menu as part of our School meals and here is a recipe for you to make your own (makes about 8 pancakes).

**2 eggs**  
**100g plain flour**  
**300ml milk**  
**25g melted butter**  
**Vegetable oil for frying**

Break the eggs into a bowl, add the flour and half the milk, whisk until smooth. Whisk in the remaining milk and the melted butter to make a batter.

Heat a frying pan until very hot. Add a touch of oil and swirl around. Pour in a little of the batter mixture so it covers the pan.

Cook until the middle of the pancake is set then turn it over and cook the other side until it has browned. Slide the pancake onto a plate.

Repeat until you have used all the batter.

Serve your pancake with lemon juice, sugar or syrup or any topping of your choice. Enjoy!

### Chickens for Schools

In Year 1 we have taken delivery of our hen eggs. We are all very excited as the eggs have now started hatching. So far we have four chicks, who are very cute, and are waiting eagerly for the remaining eggs to hatch.

### School Clubs in Reception

The after School clubs run by Reception Staff are continuing this term. Spanish, Cookery and iPad club are all on Wednesday after School and Reception Choir every Thursday.

### Star of the Week!

Reception : Blake Livingstone-Bragg  
Year 1 : Millie Grant  
Year 2 : Aayan Rai, Joseph Richards  
Year 3 : Dawid Kaparuk  
Year 4 : Keiran Flatman  
Year 5 : Ellie Mills  
Year 6 : Morgan Anderton  
Gabriel Munoz-Ribeiro  
Kaleisha McIntosh  
Samuel Maxam



# DIARY DATES FOR THE YEAR



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

## February

Friday 24.02.17 – Bikeability course for 12 children from Year 6 (9am to 12pm)

Monday 27.02.17 – History Club trip to Kingshill Canal 2 – 5pm.

## March

Tuesday 07.03.17 – Class 4 Pizza Express trip (AM)

Tuesday 14.03.17 to Monday 20.03.17 – Book Fayre after school (3.15pm to 4pm)

Wednesday 15.03.17 – Junior Music Festival

Wednesday 15.03.17 – Trip to Avebury for one class of Year 3

Monday 20.03.17 – half of Year 6 at West Midlands Safari Park

Thursday 23.03.17 – half of Year 6 at West Midlands Safari Park

Friday 24.03.17 – Red Nose Day, theme to be decided.

Monday 27.03.17 – Trip to Avebury for second class of Year 3

Monday 27.03.17 – Great Big Dance-Off South Heat at Wyvern Theatre (all day) – Glee children attending

Tuesday 28.03.17 – Reception ‘Make A Noise’ Music Festival 3.15 – 6pm.

Wednesday 29.03.17 – Trip to Avebury for third class of Year 3

Thursday 30.03.17 – Dental Health Team visiting Year 4

## April

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

Monday 26.06.17 to Friday 30.06.17 – Year 6 Induction Week at Dorcan

## 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 7 who achieved 100% attendance the week before half term.

**Well Done!**

