



What's been happening in
school this week?

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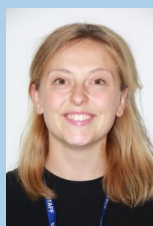
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The Harry Gosling Herald



Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday. It was an absolute delight to see everyone's smiling faces this week! You may have spotted some new happy faces in the playground. We welcomed FIVE new teachers to Harry Gosling. Here they are! From top to bottom we welcome, Gemma Hil-dred our new Scarlet Class teacher, Josie Legge our new Orange Class teacher, Santosh Stride our new Green Class teacher, Simone Fox our new Jade Class teacher and science/IT leader, and Emma Harrison our new Emer-al-d Class teacher.



Our premises staff have been busy over the summer and we have made a number of im-provements in the school and playground. Most notable are the newly refurbished classrooms on the ground floor, and the new toilets in Red and Yellow classes. You can also see the wonderful art work produced by last year's Year 6 pupils, which has been installed in the foyer area. Thank you to James, our premises manager, and to Grace and our team of cleaners for preparing the school so well



for the new year.

With best wishes,
Jennie

Don't forget: *'Every time our bell rings, we step closer to our dreams'*



Every moment in school is precious. Last year we all worked really hard together to improve attendance. Well done, everyone! Who will win this year's STAR Attender cash prize?

This year we are determined to keep up the improvements, especially in the EYFS and Years 1 & 2. We also want to improve the number of chil-dren arriving at school on time. That means 8.55 in the play-ground to be in class by 9 a.m. School fin-ishes at 3.30 p.m. We ask all parents to make sure they pick up on time every day. Don't forget to let us know if anyone else is picking up your child.

We operate the Penalty Notice Scheme which results in a fine after 2.5 days of unauthorised absence. The term dates are on the website so that you can book your travel during holiday periods only.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Lunches for all pupils from Reception to Year 6 are free, however may I remind all parents that, if your circumstances have changed and you think you may be entitled to free school meals, please come in and complete an application as it helps with our school's funding.



Please remember to bring any medication, including asthma inhalers, clearly labelled, to the school office. It is parents' responsibility to provide us with up to date medication and medical information. Please make sure that, if you have changed your address or phone number, you give your new details to the office.



SECONDARY TRANSFER

If you are a parent of a pupil in Year 6, next week you will receive an information booklet at the Year 6 meetings on Tuesday (see separate letter) and can now start to visit secondary schools. This is very important as it really helps you to gain a good picture of what the school is like.

Your timetable over the coming weeks is as follows:

7th September 2018– 30th October 2018— Families can visit Tower Hamlets secondary schools for their open days and evenings.

Harry Gosling will be organising morning trips to 3 secondary schools:

Swanlea—Mon 24th Sept
Mulberry - Weds 26th Sept
Stepney Green Fri 28th Sept

See Janice (via the office) for further information.

There are several workshops for parents which will be held at the local Idea Stores.

Applications naming 6 schools must be completed online at

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>

by Thursday 18th October. Please notify the school when you have applied online.

A film, to accompany the secondary transfer booklet, has been produced and can be viewed on the Tower Hamlets website :

http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/ignl/education and learning/schools/school_admissions/secondary_school_admissions.aspx

If you have any difficulties completing the forms, please let us know. We will be holding a support session on **Thursday 27th Sept at 9 a.m.**

FAMILY HOMEWORK CLUB

Next Thursday our weekly homework club will be open to all families in Years 1-6. It takes place on the middle floor from 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

UNIFORM REMINDER

It is lovely to see everyone so smart at the start of the term. Don't forget, our uniform includes a **school jumper with the school's logo**, tucking your shirt into your trousers or skirt, wearing **black shoes** and, if you choose to, a **white headscarf**.

END OF DAY SNACKS

We are a healthy school so unhealthy snacks are **not** permitted. This means **NO** biscuits, sweets, crisps, chocolate or sugary drinks at the end of the day. Thank you!



PARENT EVENTS

Parent Events begin again next week. Look out for a letter or information from your child's class about when you are invited to visit the classroom. This is a really good chance to see where your child spends their day, and it will provide very useful information about the new classroom routines.

Next Thursday 13th September, I will be running a Parent Information Meeting all about the term ahead. Please come along to the Community Room at 9 a.m.

We will be finalising the full programme of events for parents this term very shortly, so look out in the noticeboards in the playground for the list.

We plan speakers and courses throughout the year, so that parents can learn about how different subjects are taught, and how families can help at home. It is a great way to get involved in your child's education and meet other parents. It's also a great way for us to find out more about what parents want from the school, and how we can help. Working together in this way is really helping our school and our children to improve.