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# **GIRLINGTON NEWS**

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### Staff leavers and starters

Baby news!

Mrs Pickard and Miss Charlton have both had baby boys. Both of them are doing really well.

We have to say goodbye at the end of the term to Mr Mohammed who works with our Deaf children. He has got a new job in IT. We would like to thank him for all his hard work and wish him well in his new role.

In January we have three new teaching assistants starting with us, Miss Ali in KS2, Miss Ahmed in Early Years and Miss Hussain in KS1, we also have starting with us Mrs Herbert who will be teaching in Reception Class.

## **Birthday Celebrations**

Unfortunately, due to an increasing number of children with allergies, we are unable to accept food items brought into school to celebrate children's birthdays. This includes chocolates, cakes and sweets. Instead, each class will have a box of special birthday badges that the children will be able to ask to wear for the day, should they wish to do so to celebrate their special day.



# **Happiness Heroes**



This term each class has appointed a Happiness Hero. This is part of our My Happy Mind initiative, where children learn how to maintain good mental health. Each Happiness Hero will attend half termly meetings with Mrs Arthur where they can share ideas about how to support mental health and wellbeing in school.

Don't forget to sign up to the My Happy Mind parent app. Click the link <a href="here">here</a> for the website.

The app will help you to support your child's mental health and wellbeing. It has lots of fun games and activities for you to try.

### Download Apps -

Android link - https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.kj138126.app&hl=en GB

Apple link - https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/myhappymind/id6471412523

#### **Veg Power**

We have been encouraging all of the children to eat their vegetables at lunchtime. Vegetables provide a vital part of a healthy diet. As well as offering free fruit to all children each day, we have a healthy salad bar and a daily selection of warm vegetables served each lunchtime.



### **Attendance**

Whole school attendance is 94.3%. We have had a recent decline in attendance due to a lot of illness in school.

We are still experiencing a lot of lateness to school in the morning.

Research shows that children who arrive at school on time every day do better in school.

In the new year the attendance officer will be targeting families who are persistently late to school. Please speak to Mrs Arthur if you would like any help with this.

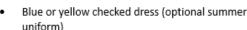
# School Uniform Reminder

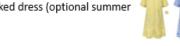
#### School Uniform (Reception - Year 6)

Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan (with school logo) \*



- Yellow polo shirt (with or without a school logo)
- Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress
- Plain blue navy or grey shalwar kameez
- Plain navy or black headscarf





Black school shoes (not trainers)



School Book Bag



\*Children in Year 6 wear a royal blue 'Good Role Model' sweatshirt instead of the navy-blue sweatshirt. Children are given a voucher to purchase this.

### PE Kit (Years 1-6)

 Navy blue long or short sleeved T-shirt (no logo or branding)



Navy blue tracksuit for outdoors (no logo or branding)





Trainers



Navy sports hijab (optional)



#### Other information

*Hair styles* – Only plain hair bands or bobbles. Only a single line is allowed in hair, no zigzag, no patterns or multiple lines.

**Jewellery** - In the interests of safety no jewellery to be worn in school with the exception of small stud earrings for pierced ears and/or a small watch (no smart watches)

All uniform, with the exception of bookbags, sweatshirts and cardigans which must have the school logo on, can be purchased from local supermarkets and other high street shops. Logoed bookbags, sweatshirts and cardigans must be purchased from The Uniform Shop, Darley St, Bradford.

### **Parents Evening**

Parents evening will take place on **Wednesday 14th January 2026**. After the holiday you will receive an email where there will be a link to book an appointment with your child's teacher.

### Holiday Activities and Support

Please click on the link below to find out about holiday activities and support in Bradford.

https://fyi.bradford.gov.uk/media/o4ohamhg/west-dec-2025.pdf

https://localoffer.bradford.gov.uk/kb5/bradford/directory/service.page?id=qJbODwPnHho

All the staff at school would like to wish you a relaxing break.

We will look forward to seeing you all on Monday 5th January 2026.

Mrs K Swales

Headteacher