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## GODFREY ERMEN MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2023

Dear Families,

I am writing to say thank you for your continued support. We have had a very busy year with lots to celebrate and be proud of.

The children have had so many lovely experiences which we are sharing on our news page on the school website: [News | Godfrey Ermen Memorial CE Primary \(gems-salford.co.uk\)](http://www.gems-salford.co.uk) This has included the Early Years' trips to the farm and the fun times you have had with your children at the Stay and Play events. We have seen children in Key Stage 1 going on trips to Eureka and Dunham Massey as well as having opportunities to perform and work with you in classrooms at Christmas and across the year.

We have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming visitors into school as part of our curriculum with the team from MAPAS working with Year 4 - finishing with a lovely concert at the Lowry and a further opportunity to perform for Year 2! Year 3 have enjoyed trips and activities, including a lovely day in Llangollen!

Our older children have had opportunities to go to Salford City Academy to do workshops and sports activities as well as enjoying staff from the academy coming into school to do music and other activities. Year 5 travelled back in time to Ordsall Hall and Year 6 had an adventurous few days at Kingswood, Greystones and the climbing wall – taking themselves out of their comfort zones!

The sports days that we were able to hold at ParkWyddn were a great success and it was lovely to see so many people there. Thanks to Sam and the team for making us feel so welcome and it was a real joy to be there. The sports days that were rained off have been rearranged for September so we will send the date out to you at the start of next school year.

In this last week of term, we have had some amazing opportunities, including a great day of workshops from Greater Manchester Police called Actions Have Consequences. It was brilliant to see the children engaging with the team and listening so carefully to the messages. We were also treated to a fabulous concert by the MAPAS Schoolabout choir and orchestra yesterday. We even saw some familiar faces in the choir which made the staff team really proud.

This year we have continued to extend our after-school club offer and it has been so rewarding to see the children enjoying the range that is on offer – from singing clubs to Forest School to a wide range of sports clubs and our wonderful Digital Leaders! We look forward to continuing all of this next year and offering even more opportunities – including computing activities and more music. We have planned out the year and will be sharing this with you in September.



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As always, we will be continuing our parent mornings and welcoming you to our weekly celebrations and inviting visitors into school to work with our children. These are a great opportunity to welcome you into school and for you to find out more about the classrooms. Thank you for the way you have supported all of this.

### A few changes are coming:

#### Uniform:

From September, we will be clamping down on uniform. The uniform policy is on the school website with clearly detailed information.

School shoes must be all black – this includes trainers.

Please do not send children in leggings, cycling shorts or jogging bottoms with logos. Please see the policy for information on this.

On PE Days, **children will need to bring their kits with them to get changed into in school.** The details of the sports kit is in the uniform policy: [Microsoft Word - School Uniform Policy - GEMS 2023 \(gems-salford.co.uk\)](#)

#### And finally...

As we head to the end of the school year, I want to wish our Year 6 children every success in the future. We have enjoyed watching the children grow and achieve; recognising their uniqueness. It has been a pleasure to be part of their learning journey and we wish them every success as they head off to high school.

We also want to wish Mr Nuttall lots of luck as he heads on his own adventures. We look forward to hearing all about the places he visits and the new people he will meet on his travels. Keep in touch Mr Nuttall!

I wish all the hard-working team here at Godfrey Ermen an enjoyable rest and I hope that the Summer is as fun-packed for you as we know it will be for our children.

I also want to extend my thanks to our children and families and wish you a safe and peaceful holiday. We have a great school community who work hard together and we value the relationships that we have with you all. Please check out the events that are happening around the City over the holidays – there are lots of things to do!

Have an enjoyable holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Kinch', written over a white rectangular background.

Miss Kinch and the Godfrey Ermen Team