

# Gorse Hall Primary and Nursery School

## September 2021

### Newsletter



#### Monthly Message from Miss Flood

Welcome to all the new children in school. Everyone has settled well into their new classes and are working very hard. As you may have noticed we have updated the Gorse Hall School website. As well as looking much better than our old site, the new website is much easier to view and use on all types of mobile devices. We hope you enjoy taking a look around the website and if you have any suggestions for how we might make it even better then get in touch.

#### Covid Reminder

Reminder if your child has any Covid symptoms please book a test. If anyone is a close contact to someone with Covid, it is recommended that they have a PCR test done. If your child is having a PCR test because they are a close contact, but has no symptoms they can come into school until the results come back. However, if they are having a test because they are unwell they are required to stay at home until the result comes back. Any child testing positive for Covid should remain home for 10 days, siblings can still come into school, unless they start to show symptoms, in which case they will also require a PCR test. Letters will be sent home if there is a confirmed case in your child's class/year group from the Public Health.

#### High School Applications

The application system for High Schools closes on **31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**. To avoid disappointment please ensure you complete and submit your child's application before this date.

#### Reception Applications

The application system for Primary Schools opens on **1st November 2021**. You will need to complete an application even if your child attends our nursery. To avoid disappointment please ensure you complete and submit it before the closing date, which is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2022**. The online website for applications is [www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions)

#### Nursery Fees and 30 Free Hours

If your child is entitled to 30 free hours, you need to re apply every three months to confirm that you are still eligible. If you pay for the afternoon sessions, this needs to be paid through Parent Pay. Failure to pay will result in your child's place being withdrawn.

#### New Parents - ParentPay and MyED

You should by now have received your child's individual user name and password to log into the ParentPay system. This is a payment system for school meals, trips, uniform, events and fundraising. You will also need the MyEd app that enables you to see key dates, school information, school blog, newsletters, calendar, letters home and a payment link to Parent Pay. Using the MyED App you can also report your child's absences and send general messages and enquiries. School also use this to communicate with you. If you have any problems/difficulties please call at the school office and we will try our best to help you.

#### Holidays in Term Time

Holidays taken in term time will not be authorised, unless there is an exceptional circumstance. Please fill out a form from the office, so we know how long your child will be absent from school and the reason. There is an increasing number of children missing school due to holidays taken in term time. Children who miss five days or more of schooling over a twelve week period will receive a fine. The fines are £60.00 per child per adult.

#### Attendance

Attendance and punctuality is important for all children to enable them to achieve the best outcomes and to access the Education provided. Attendance and punctuality is monitored on a regular basis and we communicate regularly with the Authority. Attendance is expected to be no lower than 97%.

### **Bikeability**



On Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> September some of the children in year 6 will be taking part in Bikeability. This is national cycle training programme. The course builds the skills and confidence of children who can already ride a bike. If your child is taking part they need to bring their bike and helmet to school each day. Children wear normal school uniform but make sure they have suitable clothing for the weather so coat if it's cold and wet.

### **Virtual Parents' Evening**

We will be holding virtual parents' evenings again this year on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> October. Letters will be sent home next week so you can book a slot with your child's class teacher.

### **Hello Yellow Day**

On Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> October children can come to school wearing yellow to support Healthy Young Minds. You can also make a donation if you wish via Parent Pay.



### **Anti-Racism Day**

On Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October we are asking children to wear something red to school for Anti-Racism Day.

### **Eco Committee**

Our Eco committee have been busy looking at Climate Changes and Global Warming. This week they attended a Webinar with other children from Los Angeles, Beijing, Delhi and London in support of a call to the United Nations to acknowledge children's rights to breathe clean air. They have also spoken to the researchers from 'The One Show' this week.

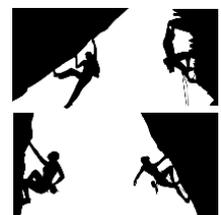


### **Virtual Book Fair**

This year we will be having a Book Fair that is a little different. Books will be delivered to school on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> till Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> October. The children will be taken in classes to browse through the books. I will send all parents a link, so if you would like to purchase a book for your child you can do so on line.

### **Robinwood Residential**

Children in year 6 will be going to Robinwood on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> October. A list of things to take has been sent home. This is a wonderful trip and the children who have been in previous years have had a wonderful time.



### **School Meal Increase and Free School Meal Eligibility**

Just a reminder that children who have just gone into year 3 will now have to pay for school meals, unless they are entitled to free school meals. Universal meals paid for by the Government are only for children in reception, year 1 and year 2. The cost of a school meal also increased on 1 September to £2.40 per day. If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, as you have a low income or on benefits please collect a form from the school office and we can check for you.

### **Healthy Break Time Snacks**

Children in Early years and Key stage 1 are offered a piece fruit or vegetable every day from the Government. However if they would like to bring their own snack this is fine as long as it is a healthy choice e.g. fruit, cheese, yoghurt, healthy bar, pepperoni etc.

Children in Key Stage 2 bringing their own snack need to also bring a small healthy choice snack; children **should not** be bringing large bags of crisps and chocolate bars for their snacks.

### Afghanistan Crisis Appeal

Stronger Together Tameside are running an appeal for items to be donated urgently. They are seeking donations of larger goods (pasta, rice, long life cupboard fillers, soup, biscuits, tea bags, coffee, sugar, long-life milk and tinned foods). Toiletries (men and women's deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, body wash, tooth brushes, shaving kits). Sanitary products, nappies, baby formula, baby wipes, new underwear and new socks. Items can be donated daily between 12 - 4pm at The Station Pub, 2 Warrington Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 6XB. For more information you can visit [www.strongertogethertameside.co.uk](http://www.strongertogethertameside.co.uk) or email [enquiries@strongertogethertameside.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@strongertogethertameside.co.uk)

### Certificates and Awards

One child from each class receives a certificate every Friday in our assembly. These are Certificate of Achievement, Jigsaw Certificate, Friendship Award and Headteacher Award. Well done to the pupils who have received any of these this month.



### Cutting up Grapes

Please do not send your child to school with whole grapes, cut them into long segments, to avoid choking.

### Nut Allergies

We have several children in school with severe nut allergies. Please do not send your child into school with any **nuts for snack or lunch** e.g. **Nutella sandwiches**, as this could be life threatening to these children. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



### Flu Sprays

The children in reception to year 6 will shortly be offered a yearly flu spray. Intrahealth will be coming into school on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November to administer the flu sprays. A link will be sent home before hand for you to give permission or decline.

### Drink Bottles

Please ensure your child has a drinks bottle with them at school. Also a reminder that children can only bring water or juice to school. **No fizzy drinks or energy drinks are allowed.**



### Birthday Sweets

If you are sending in birthday sweets for your child's class please do not send lollies as we will not be able to give these out, sorry. Thank you

### Asthma Register

If your child has Asthma, please let the office know, so their name can be added to the Asthma Register.

### Medical Conditions

If your child has a medical condition or Allergies that we need to be aware of please contact the school office to discuss this.



### Administering Medicines

We are not able to administer **antibiotics/painkillers** to children. If your child is on a course of medication or needs painkillers, you or a member of your family will need to administer it.



### Head Lice

There is a problem in school with Head Lice. As always please check your child regularly and treat accordingly. If there is a case of Head Lice in your class, a letter will be sent home.

### Supervising children in the playground

For their safety, children are not allowed on the Trim Trail or the MUGA before or after school.



### Parking around School

Please be considerate and park safely when dropping off and picking up your children. Traffic Wardens will be intermittently stopping by to monitor the parking.

### GDPR

The new Data Protection policy is on our website [www.gorsehall.tameside.sch.uk](http://www.gorsehall.tameside.sch.uk)

### Safeguarding

If you have any concerns regarding safeguarding issues, please look on the school website for guidance [www.gorsehall.tameside.sch.uk](http://www.gorsehall.tameside.sch.uk)

### Instructions for how to download our School App

Leaflets are available from the school office. If you need any further information please ask and someone will talk you through it.



### Last Word

Shoot for the moon, even if you miss, you will land amongst the stars!

## Dates for the Fridge

**Please check the dates of events on each newsletter, as there may be changes.**

Bikeability	Monday, 27 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> September
Parent's Evening	Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> October
Virtual Book Fair	Thurs, 30 <sup>th</sup> September to 7 <sup>th</sup> October
Hello Yellow Day	Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> October
Robinwood Residential	Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> October
Virtual Harvest	Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> October
Design a Pumpkin and Non Uniform Day	Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> October

### **School Closes 3:15pm**

**Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

High School Online Applications closes	Sunday, 31 <sup>st</sup> October
Reception Application opens	Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> November
Reception Online Application Closes	Saturday, 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
Flu Sprays	Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> November
Safe Squad in to see Year 6	Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> November
Anti-Bullying Week	WC Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> November
Children in Need Day	Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> November

