

Gorse Hall Primary and Nursery School

October 2021

Newsletter



Monthly Message from Miss Flood

It has been a very busy half term, the children have worked really hard. As Covid cases are rising I would like to reassure you that we are doing everything we can to keep your children safe whilst they are in school. Thank you for your co-operation at this worrying and stressful time. I know everyone is tired and ready to finish school, I hope you all have a lovely and restful half term break.

Covid Reminder

As cases of Covid are rising in school, if there is a confirmed case in your child's class a letter will be sent home from the Public Health with recommendations and advice. If your child is unwell please get a PCR test to rule out Covid and isolate until the results come back.

High School Applications Deadline

The application system for High Schools closes on **31st 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 **15th January 2022**. The online website for applications is www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions

Robinwood Residential

Children in year 6 will be going to Robinwood on Monday, 18th to Wednesday, 20th 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. Children need to arrive as normal Monday morning and will be leaving by coach around 9.10am. They will be leaving Robinwood at 2pm on the Wednesday and will be back at school for the normal finishing time of 3:15pm.



Virtual Parents' Evening

We held telephone consultations with parents on Monday, 4th and Tuesday, 5th October. We hope your child has settled into their new class and you had lots of positive feedback from their teacher. If you still haven't managed to speak to your child's teacher and would like to, please contact the school office and we can arrange this for you.

Hello Yellow Day



On Friday, 8th October children came to school wearing yellow to support Healthy Young Minds. There were lots of fun activities going on all day, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Well done to all the winners on the day. We raised £102.50, thank you to everyone who donated.

'The One Show'



Our Eco committee have very been busy looking at Climate Changes and Global Warming and they attended a Webinar with children from around the world to acknowledge children's rights to breathe clean air. On Thursday, 14th October our children will be filming with 'The One Show'. This is a fantastic opportunity and very exciting for all of us here at Gorse Hall Primary and Nursery School. We will let you know when it will be aired.

Anti-Racism Day

On Thursday, 21st October we are asking children to wear something red to school for Anti-Racism Day.



Harvest

This year again we will be celebrating Harvest virtually on Thursday, 21st October at 9:30am. Please send any donations of food into school that week and we will take them to the Food Bank. Thank you

Design a Pumpkin and Dress up Day.



After the success of last year's pumpkin competition we are asking children to be creative and design a pumpkin to bring to school on Friday morning, 22nd October. The pumpkins will be judged and displayed at the front of school. Please make sure your child's name and class is on their pumpkin. Also, on Friday, 22nd October children can come to school wearing a Halloween costume or non-uniform if they do not wish to dress up.

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, 9th November to administer the flu sprays. A link has been sent via MyED for you to give permission or decline.

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.



Remembrance Day

Once again this year the Remembrance Service cannot go ahead in its usual format. We will be laying a wreath on behalf of the school.

Children in Need

On Friday, 19th November it is Children in Need Day. Children can come to school in non-uniform and if you wish to do so you can make a donation on Parent Pay that week.

Christmas Fundraiser and Raffle

The Christmas Fair unfortunately will not be able to go ahead again this year. However, after the success of the Santa Run fundraiser and PTA Christmas Raffle we propose to do this again. Our main raffle prize is a **PS5 with console and Ratchet and Clank Game**. Any donations for raffle prizes will be greatly received. The Fundraiser and Raffle will take place on Friday, 10th December, which is also Christmas Jumper Day.



Christmas Jumper Day



Friday, 10th December is Christmas Jumper Day. Children can come to school wearing their Christmas Jumper. This is to raise money for Save the Children. All donations can be made that week through Parent Pay.

Toy Appeal

This year we will be again supporting one of our parents with his Christmas gifting to families in need. If you would like to donate a gift, please bring it, unwrapped to the school office by Wednesday, 16th December. Please do not bring anything before October half term. Thank you

New Parents - ParentPay and MyED App

You should have received your child's log in details for Parent Pay, which enables you to pay for meals, trips, uniform, events and fundraising. On the MyEd App you can see key dates, information, school blog, newsletters, calendar, letters home and a link to Parent Pay. Using MyED you can also report your child's absences and send general messages and enquiries.

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%.

Free School Meal Eligibility

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, as you have a low income or are 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.**

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.



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

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns regarding safeguarding issues, please look on the school website for guidance 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

Happiness is not having what you want, but wanting what you have!

Dates for the Fridge

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

Robinwood Residential	Monday, 18 th to Wednesday, 20 th October
Virtual Harvest	Thursday, 21 st October
Anti-Racism - Dress in Red Day since last newsletter)	Thursday, 21 st October (date has changed
Design a Pumpkin and Non Uniform Day	Friday, 22 nd October
School Closes 3:15pm	Friday, 22nd October
School Reopens 8:50am	Monday, 1st November
High School Online Applications closes	Sunday, 31 st October
Reception Application opens	Monday, 1 st November
Reception Online Application Closes	Saturday, 15 th January 2022
Flu Sprays	Tuesday, 9 th November
Safe Squad Year 6	Monday, 15 th November
Anti-Bullying Week	WC Monday, 15 th November
Children in Need Day	Friday, 19 th November
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