



Gorse Hall Primary

March Newsletter 2022

Monthly Message from Miss Flood

Firstly I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations for the Ukraine appeal it has been overwhelming. The donations will be collected and distributed to all the families in need.

This is a busy month with Parents' Evening, giving you the opportunity to chat to your child's class teacher. We have a busy few weeks ahead until the end of term with Ukraine Appeal Day, Red Nose Day, our annual Easter Service and the Bunny Hop and Egg Craft competition, which is always a fun activity for the children. As always there will be pictures on our Blog and Facebook page.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and restful Easter.

SEND and Inclusion

Thank you to all parents who attended our SEND and Wellbeing Parents Support Group Coffee Morning on Thursday the 10th of March. Elaine Healey from Our Kids Eyes attended and provided lots of information about the amazing work they do to support parents with children with SEND.

For more information, please visit www.ourkidseyes.org. The next SEND Coffee Morning will take place on Thursday the 23rd June and focus on transition and school refusers.

Summer Term One Page Profiles and 4 Plus 1 Reviews will be shared with Parents of children with SEND after the Easter Holidays.

Staff News

Mrs Billance our reception teacher will be leaving us at Easter. We would like to thank her for all her hard work over the years and wish her well for the future. Miss N Welsh will be covering class RRB until the end of July. We would like to congratulate our year four teacher, Miss J Welsh who has had a beautiful baby girl.

Reception Applications for September 2022

If you have submitted an application for your child to attend our school in September you will be notified in April of your child's placement.

Nursery Allocations for 2022

We have sent out letters offering nursery places for September. There are still places available if you would like a place please call at the school office to collect an application form. Your child must be three before the 31st, August 2022 to be eligible. We offer 15 hours free childcare in the mornings and the opportunity for your child to stay all day until 3:15pm. You can either pay a fee of £10.00 for the afternoon or you may be entitled to 30 hours free child care, in that case you would not have to pay anything.

Re-applying for the 30 Free Hours Childcare

If your child receives the 30 free hours childcare in nursery you need to re apply every three months to confirm you are eligible. Failure to do so may result in you having to pay for the afternoon sessions.

Robinwood Residential

There are only a couple of spaces left on the year 6 Residential on Monday, 17th October to Wednesday, 19th October 2022. The full amount is £235.00. Instalments can be made by paying into your child's account through Parent Pay, until the end of August, when the full amount is due. If you would like your child to go please pay a non-refundable deposit of £30.00 on Parent Pay as soon as possible.



Ukraine Appeal Day



On Wednesday, 16th March children can come to school dressed in blue and yellow to raise funds for the families in Ukraine. It would be lovely if every child donated £1.00. You can pay via Parent Pay or send £1.00 into school.

Red Nose Day



On Friday, 18th March we will be celebrating Comic Relief (Red Nose Day). Children can come to school in non-uniform and have wacky hair, if they wish. Noses are on sale from the school office with cash. If you would like to make a donation for Comic Relief please do so via Parent Pay.

Easter Service

We will be holding a virtual Easter service this year on Thursday, 7th April. This will be put on our website for you to view. Children will be attending Holy Trinity Church that week to take part in Easter workshops, which will be fun.



Easter Bunny Hop



On the last day of term, Friday, 8th April we will be holding a sponsored event 'The Easter Bunny Hop'. Children will be bringing home a letter containing all the information and resources for the event. This is to raise money for our local Hospice, Willow Wood. We took part in this last year and the children had a great time. Each child will receive a set of bunny ears, a crème egg and a certificate for taking part.

Design an Egg Competition

On Friday, 8th April we will be holding a design an egg competition. This is very popular and every year we are overwhelmed with the fantastic designs. If your child would like to take part please bring their decorated egg that morning to the hall, via the playground for judging..



Parent Pay

There are still some parents who have not yet activated their children's Parent Pay accounts. Parent pay is used to make payments for dinner money, trips, uniform, fundraising, etc. If you have not yet done so please activate your child's account as soon as possible. If you need another copy of the activation letter please contact the school office and we will reissue this for you.

After School Clubs

The after school clubs running until Easter are:

Monday - Class 2JC Multi Skills

Tuesday - Year 6 Tag Rugby

Thursday - Class 3EC Orienteering

Friday - Year 5 Multi Skills

Times are 3:15pm to 4:15pm, children should be collected from the hall doors via the playground.



Headteacher and Friendship Award

Well done to the pupils who have received the Headteacher Award and Friendship Award this month.



School Meal Payments

If your child has school meals please can you make sure you pay regularly on Parent Pay. Debts of over £50.00 will be referred to Tameside for collection. If your debt has been referred to Tameside you will be notified via MyEd App. Tameside will contact you and the debt must be paid to them and not school.

Lateness - coming in through the main entrance

School starts at 8:50am, children should go into school through their class entrance, these doors are open until 9am. Children should only come through the main entrance if they are arriving after 9am, so they can be marked in late. Children who arrive after 9.30am will receive a 'U' code which is classed as an absence for the morning. Regular lateness will be discussed with our Educational Welfare Officer. We monitor attendance and punctuality very carefully and expect attendance to fall no lower than 97%. Please ensure your child attends regularly and punctually.

Time off in Term Time

Holidays or time off taken in term time will not be authorised, unless there is an extremely exceptional circumstance. If your child needs time off during term time please collect a form from the office so we know how long they will be absent from school and the reason. Five days off over a twelve week period will incur a fine. The fines are £60.00 per child per adult, so a family of four would be £240.00.



Administering Medicines

We are not able to administer **antibiotics/painkillers or any medication** to children. If your child is on a course of medication or needs painkillers, either yourself, family or friends are welcome to come to school to administer it.

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.



Asthma Register

If your child has Asthma, please let the office know, so their name can be added to the Asthma Register and ensure they have an in-date inhaler in school.

Nut Allergies

We have several children in school with severe nut allergies, which require an Epi Pen. 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.



Cutting up Grapes

Children are not allowed to bring whole grapes to school. Please cut them into segments, to avoid choking.

Morning Snacks



Children should only bring a healthy snack e.g. fruit, cheese, yogurt, healthy bar, pepperoni etc. They **should not** be bringing bags of crisps and chocolate bars.

Birthday Sweets

If you are sending your child in with birthday sweets for their class, please **do not send lollies** as we are not able to give these out, sorry. Please send chocolate or soft jelly sweets.

Supervising children in the playground

For their safety children are not allowed on the MUGA before or after school. Please can you ensure that you supervise your children in the mornings whilst they are waiting to come into school.

Parking around School

Please be considerate and park safely when dropping off and picking up your children. We have asked for Wardens to come before and after school due to the amount of complaints we are having regarding the parking and blocking of pathways.

GDPR

The 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

Last Word

Dream big, stay focused and surround yourself with good people.

Dates for the Fridge - Please check every month as new dates may be added

Friday, 18 th March 2022	Red Nose Day
Wednesday, 6 th April	Earth Day
Thursday, 7 th April 2022	Easter Service
Friday, 8 th April 2022	Bunny Hop and Egg Craft Competition
Friday, 8 April 2022	School closes for Easter holidays
Monday, 25 April 2022	School reopens
Bank Holiday, 2 May 2022	School closed
Thursday, 26 May 2022	School closes
Friday, 27 May 2022	School closed INSET
Monday, 13 June 2022	School reopens
Thursday 23 June 2022	SEND Coffee morning
Friday, 1 July 2022	Little Bikers
Thursday, 7 July 2022	Y6 transition
	Whole school move up day
Friday, 8 July 2022	Y6 transition
	Whole school move up day
Monday, 18 July 2022	Y6 Bowling at Denton Wellness Centre
Tuesday, 26 July 2022	School closes

School Holidays 2022/2023

Spring Term 2022

School closes Friday, 8 April 2022

Summer Term 2022

School reopens Monday, 25 April 2022
School closed 2 May day, bank holiday
School closes Thursday, 26 May 2022
School closed INSET Friday, 27 May 2022
School reopens Monday, 13 June 2022
School closes Monday, 25 July 2022
School closes INSET Tuesday, 26 July 2022

Autumn Term 2022

School closed INSET Thursday 1 September 2022
School Closed INSET Friday, 2 September 2022
School reopens Monday, 5 September 2022
School closes Friday, 21 October 2022
School closed INSET Monday, 31 October 2022
School reopens Tuesday, 1 November 2022
School closes Friday, 16 December 2022

Spring Term 2023

School reopens Tuesday, 3 January 2023
School closes Friday, 17 February 2023
School reopens Monday, 27 February 2023
School closes Friday, 31 March 2023

Summer Term 2023

School reopens Monday, 17 April 2023
School closed May Day Bank Holiday Monday, 1 May 2023
School closes Friday, 26 May 2023
School reopens Monday, 12 June 2023
School closes Friday, 28th July 2023

Autumn Term 2023

School closed INSET Friday, 1 September 2023
School reopens Monday, 4 September 2023