



Gorse Hall Primary

April/May Newsletter 2022

Monthly Message from Miss Flood

The children have settled back into the new term. I would like to take this opportunity to wish year 6 and year 2 pupils lots of luck in their SAT tests over the next couple of weeks; they have worked exceptionally hard and I am very proud of each and everyone of them. It is lovely to be able to book trips again for the children. There are some exciting days out planned, please see dates for the fridge for all trip locations and dates.

SEND and Inclusion

We are very pleased to announce that Gorse Hall School has been recognised for its effective SEND leadership and practices and has been awarded with the SEND Inclusion Award. The report states, 'The school has fully committed to the process of the Award and used it to celebrate much existing effective practice, to build on staffs existing understanding, knowledge and skills and to identify areas for further development. The SENCO provided a clear presentation with a comprehensive and thorough summary of the school's journey to achieve the SENDIA. The evidence provided in the paper based portfolio, for all the KPIs, was also very clear and substantial. The school deserves particular praise for using the expertise of the headteacher and link governor, who were SENCO's in previous roles, to offer support and challenge to the existing effective SENCO. They all work in partnership to promote inclusion as a core principal and as a whole school approach.' A huge thank you to the parents who worked closely with us while working towards this award.

Welcome to the Wellbeing Corner

Looking after our wellbeing is so important now more than ever. We know when we are mentally and physically well but sometimes, we need a little extra support. Here are 5 simple steps to practice every day.

1. Connect - talk and listen, be there, feel connected.
2. Be Active - do what you can, enjoy what you do, move your mood.
3. Take Notice - remember the simple things that give you joy.
4. Keep learning - embrace new experiences, see opportunities, surprise yourself.
5. Give - your time, your words, your presence.



Reception Applications for September 2022

Letters of confirmation have been sent out for reception places for September along with a data collection sheet and permission forms. Please can you complete all the documents, along with the acceptance slip and return to school as soon as possible.

Nursery Spaces for September 2022

There are places available in our nursery for September. If you would like a place for your child 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.

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.

School Uniform - Reminder

School uniform is black/grey trousers/skirt, white or yellow polo shirt, maroon school jumper/cardigan, unless they are year 6 then it is black school jumper and black shoes. Children should not be coming to school in tracksuits, hoodies and should not be wearing trainers.

P.E Kit Day - Reminder

School P.E kit is **plain** black shorts/joggers and white t-shirt and black trainers. Children should not be coming to school in named/coloured tracksuits. Also children should only wear their kit to school on their P.E day.

Jubilee Celebrations

From Monday, 23rd to Thursday, 26th May we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by having a themed week. Children will be learning about different aspects of the Queen's life and there are lots of fun activities planned for the week. On Thursday, 26th May children can come to school dressed as a King, Queen, Princess, Prince, or in red, white and blue if they would prefer. Also, on Thursday, 26th May there will be a competition where children can make a crown at home. There will be a prize for the winner of each class. We are asking for donations for our red, white and blue raffle, e.g. red (maltesers), white (pencil) and blue (car) and packets of rich tea biscuits for the children to decorate.



Jubilee Dinner

Letters have been sent out to invite the children on sandwiches to take part in the Jubilee Dinner on Tuesday, 24th May. If your child is already on school meals you do not need to do anything except choose a cheese or ham sandwich off the menu. If your child has sandwiches normally but would like the dinner and is in reception, year 1 or 2 then please either let your child's class teacher know or the office and make a sandwich selection. If your child is in nursery, year 3, 4, 5 or 6 and would like one please pay £2.40 into school meals on Parent Pay and choose from the sandwich selection. If your child is entitled to free school meals but normally brings sandwiches and would like a meal on that day please just let the office know, you do not need to pay.

After School Clubs

The after school clubs running up to the Whit holidays are:

Monday - Class RLP Multi Skills

Tuesday - Year 4 Rounders

Thursday - Year 3 Rounders

Friday - Year 6 Multi Skills

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



Book Donations

We are asking for book donations for reading or story time. Please can you only send books that are in very good condition. Thank you

Robinwood Residential

There are two 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.



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 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. Tameside will contact you and the debt must be paid to them and not school.



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.

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.

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.

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

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

Class Photographs	Friday, 6 th May
SATs Week for Y6	WC 9 th May
SATs Week for Y2	WC 16 th May
Nursery Trip to Fireground	Monday, 16 th May
Year 4 Trip to Chester	Thursday, 19 th May
Jubilee Celebration Week	WC Monday, 23 rd May
Jubilee Dinner Day	Tuesday, 24 th May
Thursday, 26 May 2022	School closes
Friday, 27 May 2022	School closed INSET
Monday, 13 June 2022	School reopens
Year 5 Trip to Chester Zoo	Thursday, 16 th June
SEND Coffee morning (Focus is Transition)	Thursday, 23 rd June
Year 3 Trip to Eureka	Tuesday, 28 th June
Friday, 1 July 2022	Little Bikers
Thursday, 7 July 2022	Y6 transition
	Whole school move up day
Friday, 8 July 2022	Y6 transition and Whole school move up day
RLP Trip to Reddish Vale Farm	Monday, 11 th July
RRB Trip to Reddish Vale Farm	Tuesday, 12 th July
6WR Trip to Portland Basin	Wednesday, 13 th July
6JC Trip to Portland Basin	Friday, 15 th July
Monday, 18 July 2022	Y6 Bowling at Denton Wellness Centre
Tuesday, 26 July 2022	School closes

School Holidays 2022/2023

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