

# Gorse Hall Primary

## Autumn 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term Newsletter



### Monthly Message from Miss Flood

It is lovely to see you all back and I hope you all had a great summer. A warm welcome to all the new children in school, I hope you will be very happy here at Gorse Hall. Everyone has settled well into their classes and are working very hard. Next month we will be holding Parents' Evening for children in years 1 to 6 and EYFS will have theirs in early November. This is a great opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher to see how they have settled into their new class and discuss any other matters. I hope you will all be able to attend.

### Governor Update

At the end of the summer term Glynn Goodchild our Chair of Governors resigned from the role of Chair due to an exciting opportunity working within the health team in the local community. We thank him for the unwavering support, commitment and work overtime that he has put into this role. He will continue to work as one of our Governors in an associate capacity. Pauline Ashton and Michael O'Dowd have begun the shared role as Chair of the Governing Board. Both of which are highly knowledgeable and experts in Education as well as experienced School Governors. We wish them well in this new venture.

### Safeguarding Online Safety

We continue to work hard on online safety, which is a specific theme for our computing curriculum at the present time. We will be focussing on this in more detail during our Hello Yellow week. 10<sup>th</sup> October. Vodafone digital parenting magazine is a useful resource for parents to understand their children's use on social media and what parents can do to help keep their children stay safe online. A downloadable version is available through the following link <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/digital-parenting-order-form/> As always there is a range of information on our school website for you to access and work with school to ensure that our children are developing safe and sensible online behaviours.



### Safeguarding Concerns

If you have any concerns regarding safeguarding issues and are concerned about a child please send an email to [head@gorsehall.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:head@gorsehall.tameside.sch.uk) outlining your concern or telephone school and ask to speak to a member of the safeguarding team - Miss Flood, Miss Evans, Ms Suleman or Mrs Troy. You can also refer to the safeguarding information on our school website [www.gorsehall.tameside.sch.uk](http://www.gorsehall.tameside.sch.uk) to provide necessary information and guidance.



### Wellbeing Corner

Please see leaflet which is being sent home - walking for wellbeing!

### High School Applications 2023

The application system for High Schools closes on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022. To avoid disappointment please ensure you complete and submit your child's application before this date. We encourage you to attend all the High School open nights so you can make an informed choices on completing the application.

### Reception Applications 2023

The online application for reception will open at the beginning of November and closes on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Please ensure you submit your application before the end date to avoid disappointment. We will be holding visits for prospective new parents this half term on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm and Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October at 10am. If you would like to book a visit please contact the school office.

### Macmillan Coffee Aternoon

We are holding a coffee afternoon in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm in the school hall. Please come along for a coffee and cake. Any cake donations please bring to school the day before and any money donations can be made via Parent Pay.

### Nursery Spaces

There are a few places available in our nursery. 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 if you are a working family 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

School uniform is grey trousers/skirt, yellow polo shirt, maroon jumper/cardigan with the school logo on, unless they are year 6 then it is black jumper with the school logo and black shoes. Parents will be contacted if children are not wearing the correct uniform.

### P.E Kit Day

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. For after school clubs, children need to bring their P.E kit and change after school.

### Extra Curricular Activities

The extra curricular activities this half term are:

**Monday** - Class 1PH Multi Skills **Tuesday** - Class 5JC Tag Rugby **Wednesday** - Year 6 Football Practice, Choir, Chess Club (lunchtime) and Key Stage 1 Music Minis (lunchtime) **Thursday** - Rock Steady, Guitars, Media Cubs and Class 4KS Tag Rugby **Friday** - Class 3AF Multi Skills. The class afterschool clubs are on till October half term then it will be offered to the opposite class.

### Certificates and Awards

Certificates are given out every Friday in our whole assembly. These are Class Achievement, Jigsaw, Kind and Headteacher's Certificates. All parents are notified through MyEd if your child has received one. Well done to the pupils who have received any of these this month.



### School Meals

On the 1<sup>st</sup> September the cost of a school meal increased to £2.68 per day, £13.40 per week. If you receive benefits and think you may be entitled for free school meals please call at the school office for a form and we can check your eligibility. Even if your child is in early years and doesn't pay for them you can apply as school will receive extra funding.



### Break Time Snack

Children in nursery, reception and key stage 1 are offered a piece of fruit provided by the Government. However, if your child would like to bring their own snack this is fine as long as it is a healthy choice. Children in key stage 2 need to bring a snack with them. Please can you ensure your child only brings one item to eat and that it is a healthy choice. **Some children are bringing unhealthy multiple items, bags of crisps, chocolate bars etc. this is only a quick snack.**



### Robinwood Residential

Some of the children in year 6 are going to Robinwood Activity Centre, Todmorden for a residential trip on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, 19<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 fabulous time!

### Parent's Evening

Parent's evening for years 1 to 6GB will be on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October. Class 6WR will be on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> October. Reception and nursery will be on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022. Letters have been sent home with appointment times.

## New Parents

You should have received your child's individual user name and password to log into the Parent Pay website. This payment system is used for school meals, trips, uniform, nursery sessions, events and fundraising. We also use a messaging service called MyEd. Please can you download the app, this is a two-way messaging service from school to you and enables you to message to report absences and appointments etc. The school website is a continual source of information, updated regularly for you to access [www.gorsehall.tameside.sch.uk](http://www.gorsehall.tameside.sch.uk)

The school Facebook page is updated on a regular basis, sharing a wealth of information and celebrating children's achievements. Please access this through the link below and follow the page. Both the website and the Facebook page are of an excellent standard and a huge source of information for our Gorse Hall families.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100043007922628>



## Pumpkin Competition

On Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> October we will be having a non uniform day, where children and staff can come dressed in Halloween costumes if they wish. We will also be holding our annual pumpkin carving competition. These will need to be brought into school that morning and displayed in the class section of the school's front garden. There will be winners chosen per class. As always this is a wonderful, creative opportunity for families to work together on an enjoyable project at home. There will be discos and parties that week - please see the dates for the fridge at the end of this newsletter.

## Young Voices

Our school Choir will be taking part in the Young Voices Concert on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at the MEN Arena, Manchester. We took part in the concert back in 2020 and it was a fantastic experience for the children. Permission slips have been sent home please complete these and return by the end of this week. Details of tickets and t-shirts to follow.



## Hello Yellow Day

On Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> October we are asking children to wear something yellow to school to support Healthy Young Minds. You will also be able to make donations nearer the time through Parent Pay.

## Parking around School

There have been a lot of complaints recently regarding parking both before and after school, especially around the flats facing school. Please can you be considerate when parking, as some parents with prams have not been able to get passed due to parking on corners and residents have been blocked in. The traffic wardens have been informed about the problems we are experiencing therefore, they will be intermittently stopping to monitor the parking.

## Attendance

Attendance and punctuality is important for all children to enable them to achieve the best outcomes and to access the Education provided. The school day starts at 8:45am and finishes at 3:15pm. 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%

## Time off in Term Time

Holidays or time off in term time is not 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.



## 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.





### Cutting up Grapes

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

### 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 Allergy that we need to be aware of please contact the school office to discuss this. It is vital for the wellbeing of your child that this information is shared with us.



### Asthma Register

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

### GDPR

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

### Last Word

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

### Dates for the Fridge - Please check every month as there may be changes

#### Autumn Term 2022

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

Parent's Evening Years 1- 6GB

Class 6WR Parent's Evening

Hello Yellow Day

Harvest Service at Holy Trinity Church 9.30am (Years 1-6)

Robinwood Residential

Halloween Disco years 1, 2 and,3

Halloween Disco years 4, 5 and 6

Halloween party EYFS

Pumpkin Competition

**School closes**

**School closed INSET**

**School reopens**

Reception and Nursery Parent's Evening

Children's Flu Sprays

Odd Socks Day

Children in Need Day

SEND Coffee Morning

Reception trip to Tatton Park

**School closes**

Spring Term 2023

**School reopens**

**School closes**

**School reopens**

**School closes**

Summer Term 2023

**School reopens**

**School closed**

**School closes**

**School closed Inset**

**School reopens**

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Autumn Term 2023

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**School reopens**

Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> October 1:30 - 2:30pm

Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2:45-3:45pm

Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> October in class during the day

Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

**Friday, 21 October 2022**

**Monday, 31 October 2022**

**Tuesday, 1 November 2022**

Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022

Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022

**Friday, 16 December 2022**

**Tuesday, 3 January 2023**

**Friday, 17 February 2023**

**Monday, 27 February 2023**

**Friday, 31 March 2023**

**Monday, 17 April 2023**

**May Day Bank Holiday Monday, 1 May 2023**

**Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Friday, 26 May 2023**

**Monday, 12 June 2023**

**Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Friday, 1 September 2023**

**Monday, 4 September 2023**

**Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023**