



Gorse Hall Primary

Autumn 2nd Half Term Newsletter

Monthly Message from Miss Flood



December is a busy month leading up to Christmas. This year we will be holding a Christmas raffle again and the children will be taking part in sponsored events. We hope you will take part buying lots of tickets and collecting sponsor money to raise money for the PTA. We are happy to be able to invite parents into school for the Christmas plays, please see dates and times below. There is also Christmas Jumper day, parties and Christmas dinner to look forward to. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support and to wish you a lovely Christmas and send best wishes for the coming year.



Non Uniform Day

On Friday, 2nd December children can come to school in non-uniform. It would be lovely if each child brought either chocolate or a bottle, so we can make up raffle prizes.



Christmas Plays



Monday, 5th December - Parents of children in RLP and 1PH are invited to watch at 9.15am

Tuesday, 6th December - Parents of children in RHO and 1JW are invited to watch at 9.15am

Wednesday, 7th December - Parents of children in 2LG are invited to watch at 9.15am and 2JC can come to watch at 2.15pm

Thursday, 8th December - Parents of children in nursery are invited to watch at 9.15am



Christmas Raffle

Once again this year we will be holding a Christmas Raffle. The first prize is a Microsoft Xbox Series X Console and we hope to have many other prizes. At present we are desperate for donations. Please can you have a rummage around at home for any new items or unwanted gifts e.g smellies, toys, games, books, candles, gift sets, perfume, ornaments etc. All donations would be very much appreciated.

Christmas Jumper Day

As we are asking for sponsorships we don't expect any donations this year for Christmas Jumper Day, but children can come to school on Friday, 9th December wearing their Christmas Jumper. Thank you to everyone who has donated spare jumpers these can be distributed on the day to children without one.



Sponsored Events

On Friday, 9th December during the day the children will be undertaking a sponsored event. Nursery are having a sponsored nursery rhyme, reception are having a sponsored sing a long and years 1 to 6 are having a sponsored spell. We are asking family and friends to sponsor the children all monies can be paid through Parent Pay. Thank you



Christmas Parties

All parties will take place during the last week of term. Reception, nursery, year 1 and Year 2 parties will be on Tuesday, 13th December. Year 3 and 4 will have a disco on the afternoon of Wednesday, 14th December and years 5 and 6 will have their disco on the afternoon of Thursday, 15th December. Children can come to school wearing their own clothes on their party day.

Christmas Dinner Day

The children will be having their Christmas dinner on Friday, 9th December. Thank you for returning all the food choices.



Holy Trinity Christmas Celebration

Children in years 1 to 6 will be taking part in a Christmas Celebration at Holy Trinity Church in Stalybridge on Thursday, 15th December at 9.30am. Everyone is very welcome to attend and we hope to see as many families there as possible.

Donating a Gift

We are supporting Tameside's Toy Appeal again this year and supporting one of our parents who helps families at Christmas time by arranging gifts to be delivered. If you would like to help us to help them, please bring a new unwrapped gift into school by Tuesday, 13th December.

SEND & Inclusion

Thank you to everyone who attended the SEND Coffee Morning. The next date is the 13th March. The time will be confirmed as this may be moved to the afternoon.

SEND Parent Peer Support Group

We are launching our SEND Parent Peer support group. This consists of a group of parents who are offering their time to support you with any questions, worries or advice that you may have regarding your child's additional needs.

Meet Siobhan (mum of 5)

As an SEN parent, a few of my experiences include: ASD assessment and diagnosis, CAMH's referral process, Parental EHC assessment request, EHC reviews, specialist high school placements, school transition, school refusal and masking, food aversions and learning difficulties. I am really honoured to be asked to be part of the SEND Parent Peer Support Group. I understand the difficulties and frustrations of getting a diagnosis and how isolating it can be. I hope to be able to offer some support and guidance to parents who are going through similar journeys. I am always here whether it's for advice relating to school or for other issues such as DLA forms or accessing local charities or even just for a friendly chat! My email address is siobhan.dunstan@outlook.com but please feel free to also stop me at school!

Reception Applications 2023

The online application for reception opened at the beginning of November and closes on 15th January 2023. Please ensure you submit your application before this date to avoid disappointment.

School Uniform

Reminder 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. 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 next half term are:

Monday - Class 2LG Multi Skills **Tuesday** - Class 3AF Basketball, Rock Steady **Wednesday** - Year 6 Football Practice, Choir, Chess Club (lunchtime) and Key Stage 1 Music Minis (lunchtime) **Thursday** - Guitars, Media Cubs and Class 6WR Basketball **Friday** - Class 4KS Multi Skills.

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.





Robinwood Residential

We have now booked Robinwood again for next October. There are limited spaces, so if your child is currently in year 5 and would like to go next academic year, please pay the deposit of £30.00 on Parent Pay. This is a wonderful trip and the children who have been in previous years have had a fabulous time!



Break Time Snack

Children in nursery, reception and key stage 1 are given fruit 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.**

Parking around School

There have been a lot of complaints recently regarding parking both before and after 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 can't access their own homes. One resident came home after a 12 hour night shift to have his drive blocked by 2 cars. The traffic wardens have been informed about the problems we are experiencing therefore, they will be intermittently stopping to monitor the parking.



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.

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.

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.



Safeguarding Online Safety

We continue to work hard on online safety, which is a specific theme for our computing curriculum at the present time. 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 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 to provide necessary information and guidance.

GDPR

The Data Protection policy is on our website www.gorsehall.tameside.sch.uk

Last Word

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

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

Non-Uniform day	Friday, 2 nd December
RLP and 1PH Christmas Play 9.15am	Monday, 5 th December
RHO and 1JW Christmas Play 9.15am	Tuesday, 6 th December
2LG Christmas Play 9.15am and 2JC 2.15pm	Wednesday, 7 th December
Nursery Christmas Play 9.15am	Thursday, 8 th December
Year 2 Holy Trinity for a Christmas Workshop	Friday, 9 th December
Christmas Raffle Draw	Friday, 9 th December
Sponsored Events	Friday, 9 th December
Christmas Dinner Day	Friday, 9 th December
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday, 9 th December
Choir to Sing at The Lakes Home 2pm	Monday, 12 th December
Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 Parties	Tuesday, 13 th December
Years 3 and 4 Disco	Wednesday, 14 th December
Nursery Trip to My Wendy House	Wednesday, 14 th December
Years 5 and 6 Disco	Thursday, 15 th December
Holy Trinity Celebration 9.30am, Years 1-6	Thursday, 15 th December
School Closes 3.15pm	Friday, 16 th December
School reopens	Tuesday, 3 January 2023
Young Voices Choir	Monday, 30 th January
School closes	Friday, 17 February
School reopens	Monday, 27 February
SEND Coffee Morning	Monday, 13 th March
Easter Service 9.30 Holy Trinity	Thursday, 30 th March
School closes	Friday, 31 March
School reopens	Monday, 17 April
School closed	May Day, Monday, 1 May
School closes	Thursday, 25 th May
School closed Inset	Friday, 26 May
School reopens	Monday, 12 June
School Closes	Thursday, 27 th July
School closed Inset	Friday, 28 th July
School closed Inset	Friday, 1 September
School Closed Inset	Monday, 4 September
School reopens	Tuesday, 5 th September

