



Gorse Hall Primary Easter Newsletter

Monthly Message from Miss Flood

The class assemblies have begun, well done to 3AF who were the first, it was lovely to see so many parents come and show their support. Please see the dates for the fridge for all other assemblies. Parents' Evening is coming up it would be lovely to see as many parents attending as possible. This is an opportunity to see your child's work and speak with the class teacher regarding progress and any concerns. At the appointment you will receive a mid-year summary to take away, which will indicate if your child is on track to meet age related expectations in reading, writing and maths and if not what intervention and support is in place. There are lots of fun activities on the last day, the Willow Wood Bunny Hop and decorate an Egg competition, which is always popular and we look forward to seeing all the wonderful creations. Finally, I hope you all have a nice Easter break.

Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Wright our year 6 teacher who has had a beautiful baby girl. Our Site Manager Mr Nicholson (Bernie) will be leaving us on Friday, 31 March after 12 years service. A new Site Manager has been appointed, Mr Butler, he will be joining us during the Easter holidays. Also leaving us on Friday, 31 March is Pam our Head Cook, who has been with us for many years providing school lunches for the children. Bernie and Pam will be missed dearly and we wish them all the best for the future.

Nursery Applications for 2023



We have allocated nursery places for September. There are a few spaces left. If you would like to put your child's name down for a place please call at the school office for an application form. We offer 15 free hours in the mornings 8:45 to 11.45am or 30 hours 8:45 to 3:15pm. If you are a working family you may be eligible for 30 free hours, you can check this on line through Tameside's website. Alternatively, you can pay for the afternoons at a cost of £10.00 per afternoon.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will be held on Monday, 20th and Tuesday, 21st March. Nursery will hold theirs in school during the morning and the afternoon. Letters will be sent home soon for you to choose times and days. This is an opportunity for you to meet with the teacher, without interruption. We ask that where possible you do not bring your child back to school with you.



Easter Service

This year's Easter Service is on Thursday, 30th March at 9:30am at Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge. It would be lovely to see as many parents join us as possible.

Easter Events



On Friday, 31st March we will be holding a Willow Wood Bunny Hop again to raise money for our local Hospice and school funds and an Easter Egg competition. Children can decorate an Easter Egg and bring it to school. There will be a prize for the best egg in the class. This is always a popular competition and the children have lots of fun making them and the creations are always amazing.



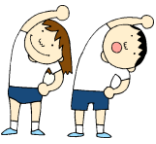
SEND and Inclusion

A SEND Coffee Morning will be at 9.00am in the school hall on Monday 13th March. We are hoping to have a guest speaker who specialises in ADHD/Autism to provide information and useful tips to help support your child at home. There will also be opportunities for you to speak with members of our SEND Team about any concerns you may have. We look forward to seeing you there.



School Uniform Reminder

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 Reminder

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.

Bikes and Scooters

There are a lot of children coming to school on balance bikes and scooters. Children are **not** allowed to ride around inside the school grounds on these. Please ensure they are off them before they enter the gates.

School Equipment/1JW and Reception

Please do not let your children play with any of the nursery equipment that is out when coming to or leaving school. For children in reception and 1JW - all parents should wait outside the fenced area until the teacher brings them into school. Please do not let your child play in the enclosed areas. Also, children should not be on the tyres or in the MUGA before or after school for their own safety.



Extra Curricular Activities

The extra curricular activities running upto Easter are:

Monday - Class 2JC Multi Skills **Tuesday** - Class 3EC Volleyball, Rock Steady
Wednesday - Year 6 Football Practice, Choir, Chess Club (lunchtime) and Key Stage 1 Music Minis (lunchtime) **Thursday** - Guitars and Class 6GB Volleyball **Friday** - Class 5JC Multi Skills and year 5/6 French conversation Club



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. Children should be at their class entrances ready to start the day for 8:45am. 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%. Penalty warnings will be issued to families with persistent absence and lateness.

Late Arrival at School

There are a lot of children arriving late through the main entrance after 8:45am. When your child arrives late at school, he/she misses a vital part of the school day as teaching starts immediately. Your child may also feel embarrassed at having to enter the classroom late, when lessons have already begun.



Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals day's worth of teaching lost in a year KS1	Equals day's worth of Teaching lost in a year KS2
5 mins	3.7 days	3.4 days
10 mins	7.4 days	6.9 days
15 mins	10 days	10.3 days
20 mins	14.7 days	13.8 days
30 mins	22 days	20.7 days

Frequent lateness can add up to a considerable amount of learning lost and can seriously disadvantage your child.

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.



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

There are a couple of spaces left on the Robinwood Residential, 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! If you would like to discuss anything further please contact the school office.



Healthy Break Time Snack

Children in early years 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 healthy snack with them not bags of crisps and chocolate bars**



Parking around School

Please be considerate when parking around school. 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.

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 newsletter as there may be changes

SEND Coffee Morning	Monday, 13 th March
2LG Class Assembly 9.15am	Wednesday, 15 th March
Nursery (toast and tea 10.45am-11.45am and 2-3pm)	Friday, 17 th March
Parents' Evening	Monday, 20 th March
Parents' Evening	Tuesday, 21 st March
Rock Steady Concert 2:15pm - parents invited	Tuesday, 21 st March
Year 5 Easter Workshop at Church	Wednesday, 22 nd March
Year 4 Easter Workshop at Church	Thursday, 23 rd March
2JC Class Assembly 9.15am	Wednesday, 22 nd March
Bikeability Y6 - Details to follow	Monday, 27 th to Thursday, 30 th March
RLP My Wendy House (am)	Monday, 27 th March
RHO My Wendy House (am)	Tuesday, 28 th March
Year 6 Bikeability	Monday, 27 th to Thursday, 30 th March
Easter Service 9.30 Holy Trinity	Thursday, 30 th March
Willow Wood Bunny Hop	Friday, 31 st March
Easter Egg Competition	Friday, 31 st March
School closes	Friday, 31st March
School reopens	Monday, 17th April
Nursery trip to Fireground	Wednesday, 26 th April
5JC Class Assembly 9.15am	Wednesday, 26 th April
School closed	May Day, Monday, 1 May
5BL Class Assembly 9.15am	Wednesday, 3 rd May
Coronation Day Garden Party	Friday, 5 th May
School Closed	Bank Holiday, Monday, 8th May
SATs Week	Tuesday, 9 th May to Friday, 12 th May
Year 4 trip to Roman Experience, Chester	Thursday, 11 th May
Flower Festival at Willow Wood Hospice	Saturday, 13 th and Sunday, 14 th May
Year 5 trip to Chester Zoo	Tuesday, 16 th May
1JW Class Assembly 9.15am	Wednesday, 17 th May
Concert 2:15 to 3pm Parents invited (Choir, Guitars and J. Stone)	Wednesday, 17 th May
Class Photographs	Thursday, 18 th May
1PH Class Assembly 9.15am	Wednesday, 24 th May
School closes	Thursday, 25th May
School reopens	Monday, 12th June
Little Bikers every week - Nursery	Monday, 12 th June to 17 th July
Little Bikers every week - Reception	Friday, 16 th June to 21 st July
4OH Class Assembly 9.15am	Wednesday, 21 st June
Stalybridge Carnival - We are taking part this year	Sunday, 25 th June
SEND Coffee Morning	Monday, 26 th June
RLP Class Assembly 9.15am	Wednesday, 28 th June
RHO Class Assembly 9.15am	Wednesday, 5 th July
4KS Class Assembly 9.15am	Wednesday, 12 th July
Y6 Bowling Trip	Tuesday, 18 th July
Reception trip to Cannon Hall Farm	Tuesday, 18 th July
3EC Class Assembly 9.15am	Wednesday, 19 th July
Governors' Award Assembly 9:15am	Thursday, 20 th July
Sports Day years 3 and 4 1:30-3pm	Thursday, 20 th July
Sports Day years 5 and 6 1:30 to 3pm	Friday, 21 st July
Y6 Waffles	Monday, 24 th July
Year 2 trip to Blue Planet Aquarium	Monday, 24 th July
Leaver's Assembly (time to be confirmed)	Thursday, 27 th July
School Closes	Thursday, 27th July
School reopens	Tuesday, 5th September