



Gorse Hall Primary and Nursery School

Summer 1st Half Term Newsletter

Monthly Message from Miss Flood

The children have settled back into the new term. Next week we will be celebrating the King's Coronation. There will be lots of fun activities for the children and a picnic on Friday, 5th May. Reminder school is shut on the 1st and 8th May for Bank Holidays. I would like to take this opportunity to wish year 2 and year 6 pupils lots of luck in their forthcoming SAT tests. They have worked exceptionally hard and I am very proud of each and everyone of them.

Reception 2023

Reception places for September 2023 have now been allocated by Tameside. Acceptance letters have been sent out along with data collection sheets and permission forms. Please can you let us know if you are accepting or declining the place and return all documents as soon as possible.

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.

King's Coronation



On Friday, 5th May we will be celebrating the King's Coronation in school. This will be a fun day and at lunchtime we will be having a picnic lunch, weather permitting. Children on school dinners will have a picnic lunch provided that day, a sandwich, sausage roll, fruit, biscuit, crisps and a drink. If your child usually has sandwiches but would like one of our picnic lunches instead, please let the office know for numbers. If your child is in nursery, year 3, 4, 5 or 6 please pay £2.68 for this on Parent Pay under school meals. If you are paying you will not need to let us know as that will be the confirmation. Children in reception, key stage 1 or on free school meals do not need to pay, but will still need to let school know. The deadline to order a meal is Thursday, 27th April, unfortunately we will not be able to order any after this date as the cook will have ordered the food.



Willow Wood Flower Festival

Willow Wood will be holding a Flower Festival on Saturday, 13th 10am to 4pm and Sunday, 14th May. 11am to 4pm. This is a fundraising event, entry is £3.50 and children are free. The theme is 'Inspired by Disney' celebrating a 100 years of Disney Animation. Our Well Being Ambassadors will be making a flower display for the Festival. There will be other activities and entertainment on over the weekend.



Stalybridge Carnival

After a Covid delay we're back! This year we will be entering the Stalybridge Carnival again on Sunday, 25th June 2023. This will be the 8th time we have taken part. The theme this year is Pirates. We hope all children will take part as this is always a fun day. Letters and permission slips will be sent home next week.

Certificates and Awards

Certificates are given out every Friday in our whole school assembly. These are Class Achievement, Jigsaw, Kind and Headteacher's Certificates. All parents of children receiving one are notified via email. Well done to the pupils who have received any of these this month.



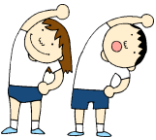
SEND and Inclusion



Thank you to parents who attended the SEND Coffee Morning and completed the Parent Survey Forms. 100% of parents who attended rated the morning as 'very useful'. 60% of parents say that they prefer to communicate via email and 40% prefer to communicate via telephone. The next SEND Coffee Morning is on the 26th June 2023 at 9.00am.

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.

Extra Curricular Activities

The extra curricular activities running upto the end of May are:

Monday - Class RLP Multi Skills, this will continue until Monday, 19th June, due to the 2 bank holidays

Tuesday - Class 6WR Rounders, Rock Steady Music

Wednesday - Year 6 Football Practice, Choir, Chess Club (lunchtime) and Reception Music Minis (lunchtime)

Thursday - Guitars and Year 4 Rounders

Friday - Class 5BL Multi Skills and year 5/6 French conversation Club



Robinwood Residential

There are a few 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. If your child is booked on the Robinwood trip the full amount is due by the end of August.



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. Please do not park on street corners and pavements as you are blocking the way for pedestrians and prams. Also be mindful about parking and blocking peoples driveways and access to their properties. 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.

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. Also if your child has an asthma spray in school please can you check with the teacher to make sure it is in date.

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.

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.



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

Success is getting what you want, happiness is wanting what you get.

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

School closed

5BL Class Assembly 9.15am

Coronation Day Picnic

School Closed

SATs Week

Year 4 trip to Roman Experience, Chester

Flower Festival at Willow Wood Hospice

Year 2 SATs

Year 5 trip to Chester Zoo

1JW Class Assembly 9.15am

Class Photographs

1PH Class Assembly 9.15am

School closes

School reopens

Little Bikers every week - Nursery

Little Bikers every week - Reception

4OH Class Assembly 9.15am

Stalybridge Carnival

SEND Coffee Morning

RLP Class Assembly 9.15am

RHO Class Assembly 9.15am

Rock Steady Concert 2:15pm

4KS Class Assembly 9.15am

Y6 Bowling Trip

Reception trip to Cannon Hall Farm

Year 3 Trip to Eureka

3EC Class Assembly 9.15am

EYFS Sports Day 9.30 to 11am

Year 1 and 2 Sports Day 1:30 to 3pm

Governors' Award Assembly 9:15am

Sports Day years 3 and 4 1:30-3pm

Sports Day years 5 and 6 1:30 to 3pm

Y6 Waffles

Year 2 trip to Blue Planet Aquarium

Leaver's Assembly (time to be confirmed)

School Closes

School reopens

May Day, Monday, 1 May

Wednesday, 3rd May

Friday, 5th May

Bank Holiday, Monday, 8th May

Tuesday, 9th May to Friday, 12th May

Thursday, 11th May

Saturday, 13th and Sunday, 14th May

Week commencing 15th May

Tuesday, 16th May

Wednesday, 17th May

Thursday, 18th May

Wednesday, 24th May

Thursday, 25th May

Monday, 12th June

Monday, 12th June to 17th July

Friday, 16th June to 21st July

Wednesday, 21st June

Sunday, 25th June

Monday, 26th June

Tuesday, 27th June

Wednesday, 5th July

Tuesday, 11th July

Wednesday, 12th July

Tuesday, 18th July

Tuesday, 18th July

Tuesday, 18th July

Wednesday, 19th July

Wednesday, 19th July

Wednesday, 19th July

Thursday, 20th July

Thursday, 20th July

Friday, 21st July

Monday, 24th July

Monday, 24th July

Thursday, 27th July

Thursday, 27th July

Tuesday, 5th September