



Gorse Hall Primary and Nursery School

Autumn 1st Half Term Newsletter

Monthly Message from Miss Flood

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 new classes and are working very hard. We will be holding Parents' Evening in October, this is a great opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher to see how they have settled into their new class and discuss other matters. Can I remind all parents that school uniform is yellow polo shirts and not white. The uniform was changed to yellow from September 2022. Please ensure your child is wearing yellow, so all the children look uniform and smart.



High School Applications

The application system for High Schools closes on 31st October 2023. To avoid disappointment please ensure you complete and submit your child's application before this date.

Reception Applications

The application system for Primary Schools opens on 1st November 2023. You will need to complete an application, even if your child attends nursery. To avoid disappointment please ensure you complete and submit it before the closing date, which is 15th, January 2024. The online website for applications is www.tameside.gov.uk.

We will be holding open days where parents can come to look around the school, these dates are: Monday, 13th November at 2pm, Thursday, 16th November at 10am, Tuesday, 21st November at 10am and Wednesday, 29th November at 2pm. If you would like to book on one of these dates please contact the school office.

Nursery Fees and 30 Free Hours

If your child is entitled to 30 free hours, you need to re apply every three months to confirm that you are still eligible. If you pay for the afternoon sessions, this needs to be done through Parent Pay. All letters have been sent out with details of Parent Pay including usernames and passwords.

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 will be notified via email. Well done to the pupils who have received any of these this month.

MacMillan Cancer Coffee Afternoon

Once again we are supporting MacMillan and holding a Coffee Afternoon on Friday, 29th September at 2.15pm in the school hall. It would be appreciated if you would bake for us and bring these into school on the Friday morning, so we can sell them to the children and to you at the coffee afternoon. Please come along to support this cause. Children can bring a donation of 50p to buy a cake.



Parents' Evening

Parents' Evenings this year for years 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 will be on Monday, 9th and Tuesday, 10th October. Year 4 will hold theirs Tuesday, 10th and Wednesday, 11th October. Reception and Nursery (EYFS) will hold their Parents' Evenings on Monday, 16th and Tuesday, 17th October. Letters will be sent home for you to complete and send back, so days and times can be allocated. We ask where possible that children do not attend.

Hello Yellow Day

On Tuesday, 10th October children can come to school wearing yellow to support Healthy Young Minds. You can also donate through Parent Pay if you wish.





Toast Club

Reminder, we sell toast in the hall every Friday from 8:20am. If your child would like plain toast or toast with jam before school please come along.

Harvest

The Harvest Assembly will be held as usual at Holy Trinity Church in Stalybridge on Thursday 12th October at 9.30. Years 1 to 6 will be attending. Please come along and join us.



Flu Sprays

IntraHealth will be in school on Thursday, 19th October to administer the flu sprays to children from Reception to Year 6. Consent forms have been sent home for you to complete if you would like your child/children to have the flu sprays this year. Please complete and send back asap if you have not yet done so. They will be collecting them again this Friday, 22nd September.

Dress in red Day

On Friday, 20th October children can come to school wearing red to support Anti-Racism Day.



SEND and Inclusion

The SEND Coffee Morning is next Monday, 13th November at 9.00am. Our SEND Team and the SEND Peer Parent Support Group will work together to share SEND updates and offer support or guidance. There will be opportunities for you to share your concerns and connect with other parents too. We look forward to seeing you there.

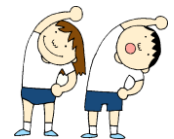
School Uniform Reminder

School uniform is **grey trousers/skirt, yellow polo shirt only (Not White), maroon jumper/cardigan with the school logo**, unless they are year 6 then it is **black jumper with the school logo and black shoes**. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform, as a school we want all children to be uniform as one and look smart. Parents will be contacted if children are not wearing the correct uniform or P.E Kits.



P.E Kit

School P.E kit is **plain black shorts/joggers, white t-shirt and black trainers**. Children should not wear coloured tops, hoodies or sportswear.



Uniform Sales

Once the remaining stock of uniform that we have in school is sold we will no longer be selling it in school. If we do not have an item in stock you need, you can purchase all our school uniform from the uniform shop in Ashton.

Extra Curricular Activities

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

Monday - Class 1PH Multi Skills

Tuesday - Class 5CH Tag Rugby, Rock Steady Music

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

Thursday - Class 4KS Tag Rugby, Dance for year 1 and Guitars

Friday - Class 3NW Multi Skills



Time off in Term Time

Absences for 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.



Robinwood Residential

The children go on Monday, 16th October to Wednesday, 18th. Information leaflets and packing lists have been sent home. Please pay any remaining monies asap. More details will be sent nearer the time.



Pumpkin Competition

We are asking children to be creative and design a pumpkin to bring to school on Friday morning, 20th October. Please ensure your child's name and class is on the pumpkin.



Autumn Discos



On Thursday, 19th October we will be having a Autumn disco. Y1 and Y2 disco will be 1.30 to 2.30pm, Y3 and Y4 will be 2.30 to 3.30pm and Y5 and Y6 will be 3.30 to 4.45pm. To help cover the cost of this we ask if you can pay £3.50 via Parent Pay. Children can come to school wearing halloween costumes or non uniform, if they do not wish to dress up. The children will get a sweet cone, drink and crisps and there will be games and prizes.

Nursery and Reception will have a party in their classrooms they will receive a sweetcone please can you contribute by paying £2.00 payable via Parent Pay.

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**

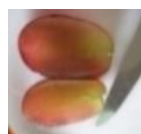


Parking around School

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. All offending vehicles will have their pictures taken and these will be submitted to the Police.

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. Can you also ensure we have an up to date copy of their Asthma Plan from their GP and that they have an in-date inhaler in school.

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 persistant 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.

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



Supervising your children before and after school

Children have been jumping the wooden nursery fence and damaging it. Also, children should not be in the MUGA, on the hill or riding around the playground on scooters/bikes before or after school. For their safety please supervise your child before and after school. Thank you

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 - To be content means that you realize you contain what you seek

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

MacMillan Cancer Coffee Afternoon 2.15pm

Years 1,2,3,5,6 Parents' Evening

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Year 4 Parents' Evening

Harvest - Holy Trinity Church 9.30am

EYFS Parents' Evening

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Anti-Racism - Dress in Red

Flu Sprays

Autumn Discos

Pumpkin Competition

School Closes

School Closed for Inset

School Reopens

Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Socks

SEND Coffee Morning 9 till 10am

Christmas Fair (time to be confirmed)

RLP and 1PH Nativity (time to be confirmed)

RHO and 1JW Nativity (time to be confirmed)

Year 2 Nativity (time to be confirmed)

Nursery Nativity

Christmas Jumper Day

Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 Parties

Nursery Visit to My Wendy House for a Christmas Experience

Year 3 and 4 Christmas Disco

Year 5 and 6 Christmas Disco

Class Parties

Christmas Service Holy Trinity Church 9.30am

School Closes

School Reopens

Friday, 29th September

Monday, 9th October

Tuesday, 10th October

Wednesday, 11th October

Thursday, 12th October

Monday, 16th October

Tuesday, 17th October

Friday, 20th October

Thursday, 19th October

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Monday, 30th October

Tuesday, 31st October

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Friday, 1st December

Monday, 4th December

Tuesday, 5th December

Wednesday, 6th December

Thursday, 7th December

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Tuesday, 12th December

Wednesday, 13th December

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Thursday, 14th December

Friday, 15th December

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Tuesday, 2nd January 2024