



Gorse Hall Primary and Nursery School

Autumn 2nd Half Term Newsletter



Monthly Message from Miss Flood

This month and next are very busy in the lead up to Christmas. This year for the first time since Covid we will be holding a Christmas Fair. The Fair has always been very popular and we are very excited to hold it again in school. Normally it is held in the evening, but this year we have decided to hold it straight after school at 3.30pm. We hope you will be able to come along, there will be a raffle, stalls, games and Santa will be here! The first prize in our raffle is a PS5 console and FIFA game, tickets can be purchased through Parent Pay. Please read this newsletter carefully there is a lot of information about all the other events being held this month and next.

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 lost learning time and can seriously disadvantage your child.

High School Applications - Now Closed

The application system for High Schools closed on 31st October 2023. If you did not submit an application form for your child please contact school admissions to put in a late application.

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.

Non Uniform Days



Friday, 10th November is non uniform and we are asking if children could bring a jingle jar with a lid. These can be filled with sweets, small toys, hair bobbles or pencils - anything small.

Friday, 17th November, we would like children to bring chocolate

Friday, 25th November, please could you send a bottle of some description for our bottle bola stall. Alcohol, bubble bath, sauce, shampoo - anything really.



Friday, 1st December the day of the fair please could bring baking for the cake stall.



Donations for the Christmas Fair and Raffle tickets



In addition to the above non uniform days we are in desperate need of items for the raffle prizes. Please could you have a rummage around and if you have any new or unwanted gifts you would like to donate we would be very grateful. You can bring these at any time to the school office. We are sorry but this year we will not be able to accept old toys, books, CDs, videos and bric a brac. Raffle tickets can be purchased through Parent Pay for £1.00 each. All numbers will be emailed to you.

Wear Odd Socks for Anti-Bullying Week

This year's theme for Anti-Bullying Week is 'Make a Noise about Bullying'. To kick start the week, all children are to wear odd socks on Monday 13th November. The children will take part in lots of anti-bullying activities throughout the week. Don't forget to complete the homework competition to design or make a musical instrument - Let's come together to make noise about bullying!



SEND and Inclusion



The SEND Coffee Morning has moved to Monday the 20th November at 9:30am. You can come straight in at 9am, as our SEND Team will be there earlier should you wish to speak with us. We have two very special guest speakers from Tameside's Specialist Outreach Support Services: Amanda Edwards (specific learning advisory teacher) and Francesca Morgan (EYFS advisory teacher). Topics such as dyslexia or dyscalculia will be discussed as well as speech and language delay in young children. There will also be lots of opportunity to talk to them or our SEND Team about any specific concerns you may have. We look forward to seeing you.

Christmas Dinner Day



On Thursday, 7th December we would like to invite children who normally have sandwiches to have a Christmas Dinner. If your child would like to have a lunch and they are in reception, year 1 or year 2 please let the office or class teacher know. You do not pay as they are on universal meals. If your child would like to have one and your child is in nursery, year 3, 4, 5 or 6 please pay £2.95 on parent pay. Children on free meals, please just let the office or teacher know they would like one, please do not pay. The deadline to order a meal is Friday, 24th November. Unfortunately, we will not be able to add on any children after this date, as the food will have been ordered.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Thursday, 7th December children can come to school wearing their Christmas Jumper/top.



Christmas Plays

Parents are invited to watch Christmas plays on the days below:



Monday, 4th December - RLP and 1PH 9.15am
Tuesday, 5th December - RHO and 1JW 9.15am
Wednesday, 6th December - Year 2 9.15am
Thursday, 7th December - Nursery 9.30am

Christmas Parties

The discos and parties will be during the school day. Children can come to school in their party wear on their day.

Year 3 and 4 Disco - Wednesday, 13th December

Year 5 and 6 Disco - Thursday, 14th December

Nursery, reception, year 1 and year 2 - Tuesday, 12th December



Christmas Service



On Friday, 15th December we will be holding our Christmas Service at Holy Trinity Church in Stalybridge at 9.30am. Years 1 to 6 will be going. Please come and join us in our Christmas celebrations.

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**



Extra Curricular Activities

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

Monday - Class 1JW Multi Skills

Tuesday - Class 5WR Hockey, Rock Steady Music

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

Thursday - Class 4AF Hockey, Dance for year 2 and Guitars

Friday - Class 3CH Multi Skills



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.

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.



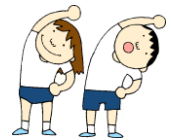
School Uniform Reminder



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.

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.



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 as this could be life threatening to these children.





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.

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

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

Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Socks	Monday, 13 th November
SEND Coffee Morning 9 till 10am	Monday, 20 th November
Rock Steady Concert 2.15pm	Tuesday, 28 th December
Christmas Fair 3.30pm	Friday, 1 st December
RLP and 1PH Nativity 9.15am	Monday, 4 th December
RHO and 1JW Nativity 9.15am	Tuesday, 5 th December
Year 2 Nativity 9.15am	Wednesday, 6 th December
Nursery Nativity 9.30am	Thursday, 7 th December
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday, 7 December
Christmas Dinner Day	Thursday, 7 th December
Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 Parties	Tuesday, 12 th December
Nursery Visit to My Wendy House for a Christmas Experience	Wednesday, 13 th December
Year 3 and 4 Christmas Disco	Wednesday, 13 th December
Year 5 and 6 Christmas Disco	Thursday, 14 th December
Reception trip to Tatton Park	Thursday, 14 th December
Christmas Service Holy Trinity Church 9.30am	Friday, 15 th December
School Closes	Friday, 15th December
School Reopens	Tuesday, 2nd January 2024