

Gorse Hall Primary and Nursery School

December News Note



Mothly Message from Miss Flood

We have had a very busy month leading up to Christmas. Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair by donating items, buying raffle tickets and coming along. We raised £3500.00, which is amazing and will be used to enhance the outdoor provision. All the nativity plays were well attended and the children were amazing. This week they have their Christmas parties and Santa will be coming along. On Wednesday our nursery children are going to My Wendy House for Christmas activities and on Thursday reception are visiting Tatton Park for a Santa Experience. Friday is our Christmas service at Holy Trinity Church in Stalybridge, years 1 to 6 will be going, we hope to see you there. On behalf of everyone in school I'd like to thank you again for your continued support, I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and New Year.



Reception Applications

The application system for Primary School admission in September 2024 opened on the 1st November. 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.

Christmas Parties

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

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

Year 3 and 4 Disco - Wednesday, 13th December

Year 5 and 6 Disco - Thursday, 14th 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.

Extra Curricular Activities

The extra curricular activities from January to February half term:

Monday - Class 2LG Multi Skills

Tuesday - Class 3NW Basketball, Rock Steady Music

Wednesday - Year 6 Football Practice, Choir, Chess Club

Thursday - Class 6JC Basketball, Dance for year 3 and Guitars

Friday - Class 4KS Multi Skills



Staff Changes

On Friday, 15th December we sadly say goodbye to Mrs Read, she has been part of Gorse Hall for 20 years, we will miss her and wish her well. Mrs Wright will be returning to school after her maternity leave and will be teaching class 5WR. We also have to say goodbye to Miss Clegg who will be leaving us in January, we wish her well for the future.

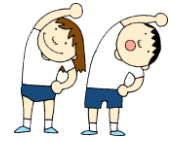
Free School Meal Vouchers

Once again the Tesco vouchers have been given out to the children who are eligible for free school meals. This is different to the universal free meals in Early Years and Years 1 and 2. If you are in receipt of benefits and think you may be eligible please call at the school office to collect a form so we can check for you.

School Uniform Reminder



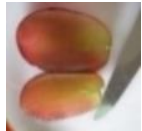
School uniform is grey trousers/skirt, yellow polo shirt only (Not White), maroon jumper/cardigan with the school logo, unless they are year 6 then it is black jumper with the school logo and black shoes. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform, as a school we want all children to be uniform as one and look smart. Parents will be contacted if children are not wearing the correct uniform or P.E Kits. School P.E kit is plain black shorts/joggers, white t-shirt, and black trainers. Children should not wear coloured tops, hoodies, or sportswear.



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.

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 - What happens if you eat Christmas decorations, you get tinselitus!

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

Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 Parties

Tuesday, 12th December

Nursery Visit to My Wendy House for a Christmas Experience

Wednesday, 13th December

Year 3 and 4 Christmas Disco

Wednesday, 13th December

Year 5 and 6 Christmas Disco

Thursday, 14th December

Reception trip to Tatton Park

Thursday, 14th December

Christmas Service Holy Trinity Church 9.30am

Friday, 15th December

School Closes

Friday, 15th December

School Reopens

Tuesday, 2nd January 2024

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

