



Gorse Hall Primary

Spring 2nd Half Term Newsletter

Monthly Message from Miss Flood

The class assemblies start tomorrow with class 4AF, please see the dates for the fridge for all class 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 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.

Staff News

At Easter Miss Beswick our year 6 teacher will be leaving us, we wish her well with her new adventure. The class will be taught by Miss Suleman. Also leaving us on 15th March is Miss T Bowe our Mid-day Assistant for year 6 and School Cleaner. We wish her all the best. Both will be sadly missed.

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.

Nursery Applications for September 2024

We will be allocating nursery places for September 2024 next week. 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.



Re-applying for the 30 Free Hours Childcare

If your child is entitled to 30 free hours you need to re apply every three months to clarify your eligibility . Failure to do so may result in you having to pay for the afternoon sessions.

Parents' Evening

Parent's Evening this year is on Monday and Tuesday 18th and 19th March 3.30pm till 6pm. There is also an evening for class 3CH only on Wednesday, 20th March. This year we are using Arbor to book appointments. A lot of parents have already booked their slots. If you have not yet booked and would like to come to Parent's Evening you can see which dates and slots are still available on your child's Arbor Portal.

World Book Day

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday, 7th March. Children can come to school dressed as a book character or in non-uniform if they do not wish to dress up. Each child will receive a £1.00 book token to spend at participating stores.

SEND and Inclusion

The SEND Coffee Morning will be at 9.10am in the school hall on Monday 11th March. We look forward to seeing you there

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day this year is Friday, 15th March. Children can come to school wearing their pyjamas that day. They will still need sensible shoes and a warm coat for playtimes.

Easter Service

This year our Easter Service at Holy Trinity Church in Stalybridge is on Tuesday, 26th March at 9.30. It would be lovely if you could join us there.

Easter Egg Competition

On Thursday, 28th March we will be holding our annual Easter Egg Competition. Children can decorate an egg and bring it to school. Winners will receive a prize. All children will bring home an Easter Basket with a cream egg.

Extra Curricular Activities

The extra curricular activities running upto Easter are:

Monday - Class 2BL Multi Skills **Tuesday** - Class 6GB Volleyball, Rock Steady

Wednesday - Year 6 Football Practice, Choir, Chess Club (lunchtime) and Key Stage 1

Music Minis (lunchtime) **Thursday** - Guitars and Class 5CH Multi Skills **Friday** - Class 3CH Volleyball



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 email if your child has received one. Well done to the pupils who have received any of these this month.



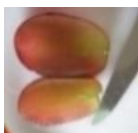
Healthy Break Time Snack

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, chocolate bars etc.**



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. 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.

Robinwood Residential

If your child has booked a place to go on the Robinwood Residential, Monday, 16th to Wednesday, 18th October 2024 payments can be made throughout the year on Parent Pay. This will need to be paid in full by the end of the summer term.



WhatsApp/Snapchat Messages

As a school we are increasingly concerned about the phone activity that some of our children are engaging in. Therefore, I feel it is important to bring to your attention that we have had a number of reports from parents regarding the inappropriate language, behaviour and threats made in messages sent between children, who are on WhatsApp and Snapchat. The age guidance for using WhatsApp is 16 years old and Snapchat is 13 years. It is your responsibility to continually monitor your child's activity on their mobile phone, including specifically what they are writing in these and sending in voice messages. Children growing up with safe and healthy online behaviour is vitally important as they grow into teenagers and young adults. Can I remind you that from the age of 9 years old your child is accountable under the Law and as such these incidents if reported, will be dealt with by the Police.

Kids Club Arrangements

If there are changes to your child care arrangements with outside providers, please can you ensure that you communicate with them any changes regarding pick-ups and report any absences. The Kid's Club workers are spending a lot of time after school looking for children who are absent or have been collected by a family member and not informed the provider of this change. Thank you

School Equipment

Can we ask you to not let your children play with any of the nursery equipment that is out when arriving or leaving school. Also, children should not be on the tyres or in the MUGA before or after school for their own safety. Thank you

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 ready 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. 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 disadvantage your child.



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

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.



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 by to monitor the parking.



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

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant.

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

Class 4AF Assembly 9.15am	Wednesday, 6 th March
World Book Day - Dress up/non-uniform	Thursday, 7 th March
SEND Coffee Morning	Monday, 11 th March
Class 1PH Assembly 9.15am	Wednesday, 13 th March
Red Nose Day	Friday, 15 th March
Bikeability Y6	Monday, 18 th to Thursday, 21 st March
Parents' Evening	Monday, 18 th March
Parents' Evening	Tuesday, 19 th March
Rock Steady Concert 2.15pm hall	Tuesday, 19 th March
Parents' Evening class 3CH only	Wednesday, 20 th March
Class 4KS Assembly 9.15am	Wednesday, 20 th March
Y5 Easter Workshops Holy Trinity Church	Wednesday, 20 th March
Y4 Easter Workshops Holy Trinity Church	Thursday, 21 st March
Easter Service 9.30 Holy Trinity	Tuesday, 26 th March
Class 2LG Assembly 9.15	Wednesday, 27 th March
Decorate and Egg Competition	Thursday, 28 th March
School closes for Easter 3.15pm	Thursday, 28th March
School reopens 8.45am	Monday, 15th April
Visit from Mountain Rescue to Nursery	Wednesday, 17 th April
Class 3CH Assembly 9.15am	Wednesday, 24 th April
Class Photographs	Tuesday, 30 th April (change of date)
Class 1JW Assembly 9.15am	Wednesday, 1 st May
School closed - May Day	Monday, 6th May
Year 4 trip to Chester	Thursday, 9 th May
Nursery trip to Fireground Rochdale	Wednesday, 15 th May
Class 3NW Assembly 9.15am	Wednesday, 22 nd May
Nursery Superhero Day	Wednesday, 22 nd May
Class RLP Assembly 9.15am	Thursday, 23 rd May
School closes for Whit 3.15pm	Thursday, 23rd May
School closed Inset	Friday, 24th May
School reopens 8.45am	Monday, 10th June
Year 3 Trip to Blackpool Tower	Thursday, 13 th June
SEND Coffee Morning 9.10am	Monday, 24 th June
Class 5CH Assembly 9.15am	Wednesday, 26 th June
Class 5WR Assembly 9.15	Wednesday, 3 rd July
Class 2BL Assembly 9.15am	Thursday, 4 th July
Class RHO Assembly 9.15am	Wednesday, 10 th July
RLP trip to Reddish Vale Farm	Tuesday, 23 rd July
RHO trip to Reddish Vale Farm	Wednesday, 24 th July
Year 6 Leaver's Assembly (time to be confirmed)	Monday, 29 th July
School Closes for Summer 3.15pm	Monday, 29th July
School closed Inset	Tuesday, 30th July
School reopens 8.45am	Tuesday, 3rd September