



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. On Monday, 22nd April we celebrated Earth Day. All the children took part in different activities throughout the day. Our Eco and Africa Committees hosted a range of activities planting, nature trails, an assembly, they also made soup with Mrs Hughes and served it to the staff at lunchtime. I would like to take this opportunity to wish year 6 pupils lots of luck in their forthcoming SAT tests in May. They have worked exceptionally hard and I am very proud of each and everyone of them.

Reception 2024

Reception places for September 2024 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 by Friday, 26th April and return all documents.

Nursery Applications for 2024



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

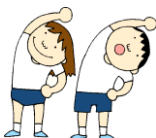
Tameside's website. Alternatively, you can pay for the afternoons at a cost of £15.00 per afternoon.

Photograph Day

On Tuesday, 30th April the children will be having their class photographs. In addition the year 6 children will be having photographs taken for their Leaver's Autograph Book. Please can you ensure your child is in full uniform, if they have P.E that day they will need to bring their P.E kit with them to change into.

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. P.E days Monday -

year 2, Tuesday - year 1, Wednesday - year 6, Thursday - year 5 and Friday, year 3.

Reminder

School will be closed on Monday, 6th May for the Bank Holiday.

Willow Wood Flower Festival

Willow Wood will be holding their annual Flower Festival on Saturday, 11th and Sunday, 12th May. This is a fundraising event; entry is £3.50. Willow Wood has been compassionately caring for patients from the local community for 25 years. The theme is 'all things about Willow Wood'. Our Well Being Ambassadors will be making a flower display for the festival.



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.



Stalybridge Carnival

This year we will be entering the Stalybridge Carnival on Sunday, 23rd June 2024. This will be the 9th year we have taken part. The theme this year is Superheros. We hope all children will take part as this is always a fun day. Mrs Abbott will be holding an assembly on Friday, 3rd May to talk to the children about the Carnival. Letters and permission slips will be sent home that day.

SEND and Inclusion



The next SEND Coffee Morning is on Monday, 24th June 2024 at 9.00am.

Extra Curricular Activities

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

Monday - Class RLP Multi Skills

Tuesday - Year 5 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 5WR Multi Skills



Robinwood Residential

If your child in year 5 has booked a place on the residential to Robinwood in October payments can be made throughout the year. All monies will need to be paid in full by the end of the Summer term.



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**

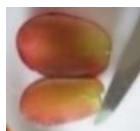


Parking around School

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

The love and attention you always thought you wanted from someone else, is the love and attention you first need to give to yourself.

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

Wednesday, 24 th April	Class 3CH Assembly 9.15am
Tuesday, 30 th April	Class Photographs and Y6 Autograph book pictures
Wednesday, 1 st May	Class 1JW Assembly 9.15am
Monday, 6th May	School Closed - May Bank Holiday
Wednesday, 8 th May	Music Concert (choir and guitars) 9.15 to 10.15am
Thursday, 9 th May	Year 4 trip to Chester
Saturday, 11 th May and Sunday, 12 th May	Willow Wood Flower Show
WC 13 th May	Year 6 SAT Tests (see below)
Monday, 13 th May	Spelling Paper 1 and 2, Grammar and Punctuation
Tuesday, 14 th May	English Reading
Wednesday, 15 th May	Maths Paper 1 - Arithmetic
Wednesday, 15 th May	Maths Paper 2 - Reasoning
Thursday, 16 th May	Maths Paper 3 - Reasoning
Wednesday, 15 th May	Nursery Trip to the Fireground, Rochdale
Wednesday, 22 nd May	Class 3NW Assembly 9.15am
Wednesday, 22 nd May	Nursery Superhero Day
Thursday, 23 rd May	RLP's Class Assembly 9.15am
Thursday, 23rd May	School Closes for Whit Holidays 3.15pm
Friday, 24th May	School Closed for Inset
Monday, 10 th June	School Re-Opens 8.45am
Thursday, 13 th June	Year 3 Trip to Blackpool
Friday, 14 th June	Nursery 2-3pm Father's Day tea and cake
Tuesday, 18 th June	Year 5 Trip to Chester Zoo
Monday, 24 th June	SEND Coffee Morning 9.10am
Monday, 24 th June	Year 5 Taster Day at Copley
Wednesday, 26 th June	Class 5CH Assembly 9.15am
Thursday, 27 th June	Year 1 Trip to Lytham St Annes
Wednesday, 3 rd July	Class 5WR Assembly 9.15am
Thursday, 4 th July	Class 2BL Assembly 9.15am
Wednesday, 10 th July	Class RHO Assembly 9.15am
Thursday, 11 th July	Year 2 Trip to Blue Planet Aquarium
Tuesday, 23 rd July	RLP Trip to Reddish Vale Farm
Wednesday, 24 th July	RHO Trip to Reddish Vale Farm
Thursday, 25 th July	Year 6 Waffles Treat
Monday, 29 th July	Year 5 Leaver's Assembly 2pm
Monday, 29th July	School Closes for Summer 3.15pm
Tuesday, 30th July	School Closed Inset
Tuesday, 3rd September	School Re-Opens 8.45am