



# Gorse Hall Primary and Nursery School

## October Newsletter

### Monthly Message from Miss Flood

We have a busy end to October with some of the Year 6 children going on a residential next week, which I'm sure they will love. The children staying behind will have the opportunity to be class helpers for the week, which is a responsible role. Parents' Evening is coming up, so please log onto your child's Arbor account to book an appointment with their class teacher. Also, on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> October the children in years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be attending our annual Harvest Festival at The Holy Trinity Church in Stalybridge. It would be lovely if parents could join us. Thank you, once again for your support and efforts in raising the fabulous amount of £400 for MacMillan Cancer Support.

### High School Applications

Reminder the application system for High Schools closes on **Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024**. To avoid disappointment please ensure you complete and submit your child's application before then.

### Reception Applications and Open Day for September 2025

The application system for Primary Schools opens on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024. You will need to complete an on line application before the closing date, which is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. We will be holding an open day for new parents on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am and 2pm if you would like to book on please contact the school office. **The online website for applications is [www.tameside.gov.uk](http://www.tameside.gov.uk)**

### Nursery Places for September 2025

If your child turns 3 before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 and you would like a nursery place for September please call at the school office for a registration form. We offer mornings (8.45 to 11.45am) or 30 hours (8.45 to 3.15pm).

### Current Nursery - 30 Free Hours

If your child currently attends our nursery and accesses the 30 free hours you will need to re- apply every three months to confirm your eligibility.

### Hello Yellow Day

On Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> October children can come to school wearing yellow to support Healthy Young Minds. There will be lots of fun activities all day for the children. If you would like to make a donation to Young Minds you can do so through Arbor.

### Parents' Evening

Parents' Evenings this year will be held on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> October and Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Please make an appointment through your child's Arbor account. This is an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher, where possible please do not bring your child/children.

### Robinwood Residential

Some of the children in Year 6 will be going to Robinwood Activity Centre on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> October. They should come to school at the normal time of 8.45am and they will return on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October for 3.15pm. All information has been sent to parents through Seesaw. We hope they have a wonderful time!



### **Harvest Assembly**

The Harvest Assembly will be held at Holy Trinity Church in Stalybridge on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30. Years 2 to 6 only will be attending. Please come along and join us. Any donations can be brought into school and these will be donated to the Tameside Food Bank.

### **School Trips**

This year for our school trips we have decided to give the children an experience of the theatre. We would like to take the Year 1 and Year 2 children to watch Sleeping Beauty Pantomime at The Stockport Plaza on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December. The year 3 and 4 children will be watching the Horrible Histories at the Palace Theatre. Year 5 Mary Poppins at the Palace and Year 6 Chitty Chitty Bang Bang also at the Palace Theatre, Manchester. The children will be travelling to the venues by coach. All parents have been messaged with all the details and prices of the trips. If you would like your child to attend it is vital that you sign them up through Arbor. Once signed up you can either pay the full amount or £5.00 and then pay a little at a time until the trip deadline. As the trips to the theatre are tickets only and so expensive. After the deadline we will have to amend the tickets, so children not signed will not be able to attend the trip sorry.

### **MUGA and SCOOTERS**

Children should not be in the MUGA before or after school. For their safety and the safety of others please supervise your child before and after school and leave the school grounds immediately once you have collected your child.

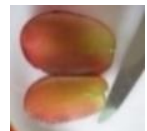
There have been complaints of children riding around the school grounds on scooters and then leaving them abandoned for others to fall over. If your child does come to school on a scooter please ensure they do not ride it on the school premises and you take it home. We cannot keep scooters in school and cannot be held responsible for any left on the school premises.

### **Flu Sprays**

Intrahealth will be in school on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November to administer the flu sprays to children from reception to year 6. Consent forms have been sent home for you to complete and send back asap.

### **Reminder - Cutting up Grapes**

Children are not allowed to bring whole grapes to school. Please cut them into segments, to avoid choking.



### **Christmas Raffle Tickets**

Don't like to talk about Christmas too soon but on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November our school will be holding its annual Christmas Fair. This is our main fund-raising event and is always well supported. Our main raffle prize this year is a Nintendo Switch and Deluxe Mario Carts game. Raffle tickets can be purchased off Arbor for £1.00 each. You will be allocated numbers which will be emailed to you. Thank you for your support.

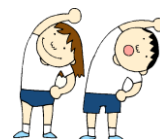
### **School Uniform**

Reminder school uniform is grey trousers/skirt, yellow polo shirt, maroon jumper/cardigan with the school logo, 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

School P.E kit is plain black shorts/joggers and white t-shirt and black trainers. 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.



## Asda Cashpot for schools

If you shop at Asda and scan your reward card can we please ask you to link your account up with our school so that we can get funds for our school too. To date we have £148.00 so every little helps (although that is probably the wrong supermarket!) Thank you.

## After School Clubs and Extra Curricular Activities

The after school clubs running upto the end of October are:

**Monday** - Class 2LP

**Tuesday** - Year 5, Rock Steady Music

**Wednesday** - Year 6 Football Practice and choir

**Thursday** - Class 4EC, Guitars and Chess Club (lunchtime)

**Friday** - Class 3NW



## 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.



## 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.

## 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 and vehicles parking on the zig zag lines will have their pictures taken and these will be submitted to the Police.

## Birthday Sweets

Children are not allowed to bring in lollies for snacks or birthday treats. For health and safety reasons please send your child with soft sweets e.g. haribos or chocolate bars.

## Nut Allergies

We have 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.



### 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. 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, lateness and multiple holidays taken in term time.

### Late Arrival at School

Reminder school starts at **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.



### 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 £80.00 per child per adult, so a family of four would be £320.00.



### 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.gorsehall.tameside.sch.uk)

Last Word - Today is a perfect day to just be happy.

**Dates for the Fridge - please check every newsletter as dates may change.**

Hello Yellow Day	Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup> October
Healthy Living Week	WC 21 <sup>st</sup> October
Parents' Evening	Monday, 21 <sup>st</sup> October
Parents' Evening	Tuesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> October
Halloween Disco (time to be confirmed)	Wednesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> October
Harvest Assembly	Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup> October
Pumpkin Competition	Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> October
Choir going to Willow Wood	Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>School Closes</b>	<b>Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>
<b>School Re-opens</b>	<b>Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>
Flu Sprays	Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> November
Children in Need Day	Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> November
New Reception Intake Walk Around 10.30am	Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> November
SEND Coffee Morning 9.10am	Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> November
Christmas Fair (time to be confirmed)	Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> November
Nursery, Birch and Oak Christmas Performance	Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 1 Christmas Performance	Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 2 Christmas Performance	Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> December
Nursery, Birch, Oak, Year 1 and 2 Xmas Parties	Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 3 and 4 Disco (time to be confirmed )	Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 5 and 6 Disco (time to confirmed)	Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> December
Holy Trinity Church Christmas Service 9.30am	Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> December
Class Parties	Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>School Closes</b>	<b>Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>
<b>School Re-Opens</b>	<b>Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2024/2025/2026

### Autumn Term 2024

School closes

Friday, 25 October 2024

School reopens

Monday, 4 November 2024

School closes

Friday, 20 December 2024

### Spring Term 2025

School reopens

Monday, 6 January 2025

School closes

Friday, 14 February 2025

School reopens

Monday, 24 February 2025

School closes

Friday 4 April 2025

### Summer Term 2025

School reopens

Tuesday, 22 April 2025

School Closed May day - Bank holiday

Monday 5 May 2025

School closes

Thursday, 22 May 2025

School closed INSET

Friday, 23 May 2025

School reopens

Monday, 9 June 2025

School closes

Thursday 24 July 2025

School closed INSET

Friday, 25 July 2025

### Autumn Term 2025

School reopens INSET

Monday, 1 September 2025

School reopens

Tuesday, 2 September 2025

School closes

Friday, 24 October 2025

School reopens

Monday, 3 November 2025

School closes

Friday, 19 December 2025

### Spring Term 2026

School reopens

Monday, 5 January 2026

School closes

Friday, 13 February 2026

School reopens

Monday, 23 February 2026

School closes

Friday, 27 March 2026

### Summer Term 2026

School reopens

Monday, 13 April 2026

School closed May Day - Bank Holiday

Monday, 4 May 2026

School closes

Thursday, 21 May 2026

School closed INSET

Friday, 22 May 2026

School reopens

Monday, 8 June 2026

School closes

Thursday, 23rd July 2026

School closed INSET

Friday, 24th July 2026