



Gorse Hall Primary and Nursery School

November Newsletter

Monthly Message from Miss Flood

Welcome back I hope everyone had a relaxing October half term. This next half term is very busy in the lead up to Christmas. We will be holding a Christmas Fair again this year on Friday, 29th November 3.30pm till 6pm. This is our main fundraising event of the year and we rely upon the support of all the parents for donations. I thank you in advance for your contributions and continuous support to school. Please read the newsletter thoroughly as there is a lot of information about up and coming events including all the Christmas parties and performances.

Arbor and Emails

As you know we are no longer using Parent Pay. Everything is done through your child's Arbor account. Please ensure you have set this up so you can see all information, trips, meals and other payment items. All communication from the school office is sent through email from Arbor, so please check your emails daily for information and ensure the office have your correct email address.

Reception Applications and Open Day for September 2025

The application system for Primary Schools opened on 1st November 2024. You will need to complete an on line application before the closing date, which is 15th January 2025. We will be holding an open day for new parents on at various times on Monday, 18th November if you would like to book on please contact the school office. **The online website for applications is www.tameside.gov.uk**

Nursery Places for September 2025

If your child turns 3 before 31st 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.

School Theatre 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, 6th December (the deadline for this trip has gone, if you did not sign your child up for the trip but would like them to go, please contact the school office asap).

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.



Odd Socks Day

Week commencing Monday, 11th November is Anti Bullying Week in school. There will be lots of activities all week around this. On Tuesday, 12th November it is Odd Socks Day. Children need to wear school uniform but are encouraged to wear odd socks the odder the better. There will be a class prize for the best class effort.



Christmas Raffle Tickets

On Friday, 29th November our school will be holding its annual Christmas Fair. This is our main fund-raising event and is always well supported. The main raffle prize is a Nintendo Switch and Deluxe Mario Carts game. Raffle tickets can be purchased through Arbor for £1.00 each. You will be allocated numbers which will be emailed to you. Thank you for your support. Please support us by donating any items we could use to make up other raffle prizes. Thank you



Flu Sprays

Intrahealth will be in school on Wednesday, 13th 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.



Parents' Evening

Thank you to all the parents that attended Parents' Evening and completed the feedback forms.

Non-Uniform Days and Donations

Every Friday from now until the Christmas Fair on Friday, 29th November we are asking for donations and children can come in non-uniform that day, please see dates below.

We are also asking for any small adult gift donations. On the night children can purchase a gift which will be wrapped, so they can surprise their parent on Christmas morning.

Friday, 8th November - Jingle Jars, these are large plastic cups or jars filled with goodies.

Friday, 15th November - Chocolate for the Chocolate Bola Stall

Friday, 22nd November - Bottles for the Bottle Bola Stall

Day of the Fair, Friday, 29th November - Home baked goods (Cakes, biscuits, cupcakes etc.) for the Bake Stall

SEND Coffee Morning

On Monday, 18th November we will be holding a SEND Coffee Morning in the hall at 9.10. All welcome.

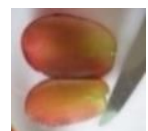


Spervising Your Child/Children

Children should not be in the MUGA before or after school or riding around the school grounds on scooters. 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.

Reminder - Cutting up Grapes

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



After School Clubs and Extra Curricular Activities

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

Monday - Class 2BL

Tuesday - Netball, Rock Steady Music

Wednesday - Year 6 Football Practice and choir

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

Friday - Class 3LG



Christmas Performances

Monday, 9th Decmeber - Reception and Nursery 9.15am

Tuesday, 10th December - Y1 9.15am

Wednesday, 11th December - Y2 9.15am



Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day

On Thursday, 12th December children can come to school wearing their Christmas jumper. Also on this day it will be Christmas dinner for the children on school meals. If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like a school Christmas meal, there will be the opportunity. A letter will be sent home giving details of this.

Christmas Parties

On Tuesday, 17th December nursery, reception, year 1 and year 2 will have their Christmas parties during the school day.

On Wednesday, 18th December years 3 and 4 will have a disco during the school day.

On Thursday, 19th December years 5 and 6 will have a disco during the school day.

All children can come to school in non uniform on their party day.



Church Service

On Thursday, 19th December at 9.30am the children in Y1 to Y6 will be attending Holy Trinity Church in Stalybridge for our annual Christmas service. Parents are welcome to come along.



Parking around School

TMBC have recently implemented a scheme around Gorse Hall and St Peter's to introduce more dropped crossings to help disabled users and parents with prams. This should make it much safer for parents to navigate the footways and provide safe crossing points. However, we have noticed recently that people are already starting to park on them meaning they are useless. These crossings are designed to be left clear and not parked on. All offending vehicles parking on these and zig zag lines will have their registration 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.

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 - Happiness is not having what you want. It is appreciating what you have.

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

Non uniform - Jingle Jars	Friday, 8 th November
Flu Sprays	Wednesday, 13 th November
Children in Need Day	Friday, 15 th November
Non uniform - Chocolate	Friday, 5 th November
New Reception Intake Walk Around	Monday, 18 th November
SEND Coffee Morning 9.10am	Monday, 18 th November
Non uniform - Bottles	Friday, 22 nd December
Non uniform - Home Bake	Friday, 29 th December
Christmas Fair 3.30 - 6pm	Friday, 29 th November
Rock Steady Concert 2.15pm	Tuesday, 3 rd December
Y1 and Y2 trip to Stockport Plaza	Friday, 6 th December
Nursery, Birch and Oak Christmas Performance	Monday, 9 th December
Year 1 Christmas Performance	Tuesday, 10 th December
Year 2 Christmas Performance	Wednesday, 11 th December
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday, 12 th December
Christmas Dinner Day	Thursday, 12 th December
Nursery, Birch, Oak, Year 1 and 2 Xmas Parties	Tuesday, 17 th December
Year 3 and 4 Disco	Wednesday, 18 th December
Year 5 and 6 Disco	Thursday, 19 th December
Holy Trinity Church Christmas Service 9.30am	Thursday, 19 th December
Class Parties	Friday, 20 th December
School Closes	Friday, 20th December
School Re-Opens	Monday, 6th January 2025

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