



Gorse Hall Primary and Nursery School

February Newsletter

Monthly Message from Miss Flood

This week is Mental Health Week. Miss Evans, Mrs Abbott and our Well-being Ambassadors have welcomed children and their families into the school grounds every morning. The theme this year is 'Knowing me, Growing Me'. This means finding out about ourselves, strengths, likes, dislikes and our memories we have, so we can grow emotionally and be better equipped to face challenges. To link with this all the children have been set a homework challenge task. Also next Tuesday, 11th is Safer Internet Day, the children will be taking part in different activities on the day.

The school assemblies are going well, it has been lovely to see so many parents/carers come and show their support. We break up next Friday, 14th February, I hope you all have a lovely February half term.

Number Day



On Friday, 7th February it is National Number Day. Children can come into school in non uniform and wear something with a number on. If your child wishes they can design a number t-shirt for the day and there will be prizes for the most impressive entries.



Pyjama Day

As a treat for the last day Friday, 14th February the children can come to school in their pyjamas. The children really enjoy this, please ensure they have sensible footwear and a warm coat as they are still playing out and the weather is cold and could be wet.

Chinese New Year



The children loved celebrating Chinese New Year and enjoyed the Chinese food provided by our school cook. We would also like to thank Kwong Hing for their donation of food, which they kindly brought in for children to try.



After School Providers Collecting your Child

If your child attends an after school club e.g. Grow Happy or Sky High Achievers please can you ensure you let them know if your circumstances change and you no longer need them to collect your child. There are a lot of occasions where the providers are looking for children after school only to find out they have been collected.

Nursery places for September 2025

We have spaces at our nursery from September for any children who turn 3 before the 31st August 2025. We offer 15 free hours in the mornings Monday to Friday 8:45 to 11:45am. We also offer 30 hours, which you can access free if you are eligible or you can pay £15.00 per afternoon. If you would like an application form please call at the school office.



Toys brought into school from Home

There is an increasing number of children bringing toys into school. No toys should be brought in unless the teacher has asked your child to bring something for a specific lesson. Bringing toys causes disruption and upset to others who don't have their toys.

Wellies



As you know we have developed our outdoor learning for the children. If you have any wellies that your child has outgrown sizes 1 - 6 please could you donate them to school. Thank you

Reminder of School Uniform and P.E Kit

There are children coming to school in incorrect uniform and footwear. All children should be dressed in full uniform, which is grey trousers/skirt, yellow polo shirt, maroon school jumper/cardigan (black for year 6) and plain black shoes. If it is your child's P.E day they can come in P.E wear, which is plain black jogging bottoms/shorts, white t-shirt, school jumper/cardigan and plain black pumps or trainers. Children **should not** be wearing tracksuit tops or coloured trainers.

School Theatre Trips

This year for our school trips we have decided to offer theatre trips. The year 3 and 4 will be watching the Horrible Histories on Thursday, 13th February, Year 5 Mary Poppins on Wednesday, 14th May and Year 6 Chitty Chitty Bang Bang on Wednesday, 12th March at the Palace, Manchester. The children will be travelling to the venues by coach. All parents have been messaged with the details and prices of the trips. If your child has any outstanding payments, please can you settle these before the deadline of their trip.



Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance and punctuality are important for all children to enable them to achieve the best outcomes and to access the Education provided. The school day starts at 08.45am. There are a lot of children arriving late through the main entrance. Please can you make sure your child arrives on time and enters school through their class entrance. Children arriving late miss a vital part of the school day. Attendance and lateness will be monitored closely by our Attendance Officer and Welfare.

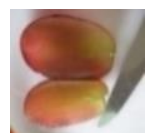


Holidays in Term Time

Holidays or time off during term time is not authorised, unless it is an extremely exceptional circumstance. If your child needs time off during term time please collect a form from the school office, so we know 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.

Reminder - Cutting up Grapes

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



Toast Club



Reminder we serve toast every Friday in the school hall from 8:20am to 8:45am, 10p per slice.



Supervising Your Child/Children Before and After School

Children should not be on 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.

After School Clubs and Extra Curricular Activities

The after school clubs running from after February half term to Easter are:

Monday - Class 1JW Multi Skills

Tuesday - Rock Steady Music and Netball

Wednesday - Year 6 Football Practice

Thursday - Class 6HW Volleyball, Guitars and Chess Club (lunchtime)

Friday - Class 5CH Multi Skills, Swimming 4EC



Robinwood Activity Centre Residential

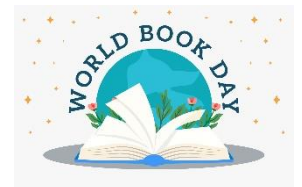
There are a few spaces left for the residential trip to Robinwood next year. If your child is currently in year 5 and would like to go when they are in year 6, please go to Arbor and book them on. This is a wonderful trip, the children

will enjoy team building exercises and get to experience lots of activities from morning till night. The children who have been in previous years have had a fabulous time!



World Book Day

On Thursday, 6th March it is World Book Day. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. If your child does not wish to dress up they can come in non-uniform for the day.



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.



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.

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 safeguarding concerns and are worried 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 - Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated

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

Number Day	Friday, 7 th February
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday, 11 th February
Class 1JW Assembly 9.15am	Tuesday, 11 th February
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Y3 and Y4 Trip to the Theatre	Thursday, 13 th February
Safe Squad Y6	Friday, 14 th February
Pyjama Day	Friday, 14 th February
School Closes	Friday, 14th February
School Reopens	Monday, 24th February
World Book Day	Thursday, 6 th March
SEND Coffee Morning 9am	Monday, 10 th March
Year 6 Trip to the Theatre	Wednesday, 12 th March
Red Nose Day	Friday, 15 th March
Class 2LP Assembly 9.15am	Tuesday, 18 th March
Class 3LG Assembly 9.15am	Wednesday, 19 th March
Rock Steady Concert 2.15pm	Tuesday, 1 st April
Easter Service Holy Trinity Church 9.30am	Thursday, 27 th March
School Closes	Friday, 4th April
School Reopens	Wednesday, 23rd April
Class Photographs	Tuesday, 29 th April
School Closed Bank Holiday	Monday, 5th May
Class 3NW Assembly 9.15am	Wednesday, 7 th May
Year 5 Trip to the Theatre	Wednesday, 14 th May
Class 2BL Assembly 9.15am	Tuesday, 20 th May
Class 5KS Assembly 9.15 am	Wednesday, 21 st May
School Closes	Thursday, 22nd May
School Reopens	Monday, 9th June
Stalybridge Carnival	Sunday, 22 nd June
SEND Coffee Morning	Monday, 23 rd June
5CH Class Assembly 9.15am	Tuesday, 1 st July
Oak Class Assembly 9.15am	Wednesday, 2 nd July
Rock Steady Concert 2.15pm	Tuesday, 22 nd July
Leaver's Assembly (time to be confirmed)	Friday, 25 th July
School Closes for the summer	Friday, 25th July