



Gorse Hall Primary and Nursery School

March Newsletter

Monthly Message from Miss Flood

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 any 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. This is also an opportunity to review SEND one page profile targets.

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.



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.

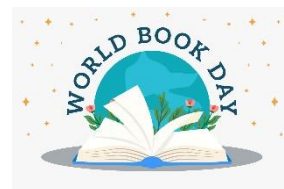
SEND Coffee Morning



On Monday, 10th March at 9 till 10am we will be holding a SEND coffee morning in the school hall. This will be an opportunity to meet with the SENCo Miss Suleman and the SEND team. There will also be a guest speaker from Kooth, Ryan Whittaker to share information about positive mental health.

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. Also there will be a themed menu from the kitchen that day for school meals. A letter has been emailed to invite children who normally bring sandwiches to take part if they wish. Meals can be paid for on Arbor.



Class 2LP Assembly

Unfortunately, class 2LP's assembly has been changed from the 18th to Tuesday, 25th March. Sorry for any inconvenience.



Easter Service

This year's Easter Service is on Thursday, 27th March at Holy Trinity Church in Stalybridge at 9.30am. It would be lovely to see as many parents join us as possible

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will be held on Monday, 31st March and Tuesday, 1st April from 3.30pm to 4.20pm and then 4.40pm to 6pm. These appointments can be booked on Arbor, which opens on Monday, 10th March at 8am and will close on Monday, 31st March at 10pm. These are 10 minute appointments. This is an opportunity for you to meet with the teacher without interruption. We ask that where possible you do not bring your child back to school with you.



Easter Egg Competition

On Friday, 4th April 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 a Cadbury Creme Egg that day.



Design a Hat Day

On Friday, 28th March children can design and wear a hat for the day. This is to raise money for brain cancer. You will be able to make a donation on Arbor if you wish.

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!



School Theatre Trips

This year for our school trips we have decided to offer theatre trips. Year 5 will be going to watch 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 as soon as possible.



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.

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.

After School Clubs and Extra Curricular Activities

The after school clubs running to Easter are:

Monday - Class 1JW Multi Skills

Tuesday - Rock Steady Music and Netball

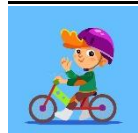
Wednesday - Year 6 Football Practice

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

Friday - Class 5CH Multi Skills, Swimming class 4EC



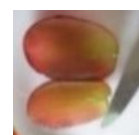
Little Bikers



The children in nursery and reception will be taking part in Little Bikers every Friday. This will give the children skills to ride a balance bike.

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.

Spervising 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.



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 - Worrying doesn't take away tomorrow's troubles, it takes away today's peace.

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

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, 14 th March
Year 5 Science Theatre Show in School	Tuesday, 18 th March
Class 3LG Assembly 9.15am	Wednesday, 19 th March
Class 2LP Assembly 9.15 (changed date)	Tuesday, 25 th March
Parents' Evening	Monday, 31 st March
Parents' Evening	Tuesday, 1 st April
Rock Steady Concert 2.15pm	Tuesday, 1 st April
Easter Service Holy Trinity Church 9.30am	Thursday, 27 th March
Design a Hat Day	Friday, 3 rd March
Decorate an Egg Competition	Friday, 4 th April
School Closes	Friday, 4th April
School Closed for Inset	Tuesday, 22nd April
School Reopens	Wednesday, 23rd April
Class Photographs	Tuesday, 29 th April
School Closed for 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 Closed for Inset	Friday, 23rd 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