

Dear Parents

Our second week of book fortnight has been a great success. We have continued reading stories to the children every day before lunch, we've had our book fayre which had a great supply of lovely books to purchase and yesterday we had a visit from the author, Caroline Lawrence. The children loved meeting her and listening to her inspirational stories. She gave away some of her secret tips on how to write a great story and many of the children came away with renewed enthusiasm for reading and writing. It was particularly special for Year 5 children as they have studied one of her books earlier in the year. Some of the children were chosen to join Caroline for lunch and heard about her new stories, which have just been published. May I say a special thanks to Miss Harbridge who has been the brains and driving force behind the whole fortnight.



Yesterday 5C led our assembly and told us all about the marvellous time they had at Sayers Croft. They all shared how they had demonstrated the Goldsworth values of courage, hope and love as well as resilience, mindfulness, teamwork and support. It was wonderful to see and hear how much they learnt about themselves and have grown in confidence as a result.

Today Rabbits class wowed us with their assembly on the value of hope and ambition. They acted out a scene from Roald Dahl's Matilda with the added twist of some Goldsworth members of staff thrown in! To hear about their own ambitions and hopes for the future really was inspirational. Both classes this week presented their assemblies with such energy and enthusiasm, it has been a privilege to see what confident, thoughtful, positive children they are.

Year 1 visited Painshill Park in Cobham on Tuesday and had a great day exploring the park and learning more about the environment through games and activities. The children's behaviour was excellent and they were a credit to the school.

Year 6 attended Junior Citizen training on Wednesday where they had talks from the fire service, the police and several others. This is excellent life-skills training for them.

It's been another busy week for our sports teams with cross-country, football, tag rugby and gymnastic teams all in action. See the report below for the details.

Parent Consultation evenings this week were very well-attended. Thank you to all of you who came to see your child's teacher. I hope that the new progress reports were helpful for you to know how much progress your child has made and what their next steps are.

Next week I am looking forward to meeting the class reps on Wednesday morning. If there is something you would like them to discuss with me, please let them know in advance.

Have a great weekend,

**Mrs G Kozlowski,
Head of School**



Sports News

Unfortunately, last Friday our year 6 football players suffered a heavy home defeat at the hands of Pyrford. This Wednesday our year 5 team headed over to Pyrford seeking to turn Goldsworth's fortunes around. Playing many of the players that gave year 6 a walloping, our year 5 team held firm, were outplaying their opponents and took an early lead through an excellent shot from James K. Pyrford then found their shooting boot and equalised. Throughout the rest of the first half chances fell to both sides, but the score remained 1-1. In the second half, an excellent long-range effort from Jiyah K put Goldsworth in the lead. We were holding firm, victory looked possible, but with Pyrford pressing for an equaliser, they broke through to equalise with 10 minutes to go. Looking back at the match 2-2 was an excellent result. There is a definite strength in depth in our year 5 team, which fills me with anticipation for next year's league and tournament games.

This Tuesday over 500 cross-country runners gathered on Goldsworth Park for the District Cross Country championships. With well over 100 athletes in each race, it was very exciting and competition was fierce. Under the excellent leadership of Ms Pether, & Mr Mack, all of Goldsworth's runners ran hard and pushed themselves all the way (hugely proud of every single one of you). Within the team, there are many athletes who deserve individual mention: in our Year 3/4 girls race, we had 3 athletes in the top 10 with Jessica B finishing 8th, Ellie T in 6th and Marley M finishing an even more impressive 2nd – awesome effort by all 3 runners. Our Year 3/4 boys team celebrated almost equal success with Elliot W in 12th, Thomas B in 10th & Micah S in 9th – great team running boys. In our year 5/6 boys' race, James K & Jiyah K (both in year 5) ran impressively to finish, 17th & 18th respectively. Our year 5/6 girls' race saw Liana W finish 7th – excellent work. We are not done yet! Cara F, one of Goldsworth's sporting greats, followed in her brother's footsteps (Iain F – champion 2015) to become Girls District Cross country champion – immensely proud we all are. Team results will be announced in next week's newsletter!

Last night our Year 5/6 tag rugby teams were in action at Chobham rugby club. Our teams performed admirably, displaying a greater understanding of the game than many of their opponents, scoring some excellent tries and were often passing with an accomplished flare. With tag rugby notoriously hard to referee, and with many rules ignored to try and make the games flow, any team could win any match. One of our teams drew 2 and suffered 2 narrow defeats in their pool and went through to the fifth place play offs. Our other team secured 3 solid wins and one narrow defeat in the group stage, finishing second in their group (losing top spot on a coin toss). In the plate semi-final, they suffered a mystifying defeat to Marist. Well done to all the players! We played excellent tag rugby, returning tags, staying onside and always playing within the laws of the game – we can walk away with our heads held very high.

Finally, our Inter house gymnastics competition began this week with both our year 4 & 6 gymnasts in action performing a vault and floor routine – report will follow the completion of the competition in the coming weeks.

Next week we have cross country relays and a class of year 4s heading off to Winston for an Inclusive Netball festival – good luck to all involved.

Ian Lyon
PE Co-ordinator

Parking

Sadly, we have received further complaints from some of our neighbours about inconsiderate and dangerous parking. Please help us to reduce this by trying to walk to school whenever you can, especially with the better Spring weather and, if you do have to bring a car, please do not block driveways or park dangerously on corners or verges. We are trying to teach the children the value of respect, so please help us by demonstrating respectful parking. We like to nurture positive, friendly relationships with our neighbours and this is becoming increasingly difficult.

Mrs Kozlowski
Head of School



Panto Time

Don't miss the ultimate pantomime adventure Robin Hood as it comes to the New Victoria Theatre Woking for the first time ever!

Join the most heroic outlaw of them all as the arrow-shooting hero Robin Hood strives to win the hand of the beautiful Maid Marion while he and his trusty band of Merry Men outwit the evil Sheriff of Nottingham in a show packed full of comedy, action, adventure and plenty of glitz and glamour!

Brought to you by Qdos Entertainment, the world's biggest pantomime producer, Robin Hood features all of the ingredients of a perfect pantomime; a fabulous cast and orchestra, laugh out loud comedy, bundles of audience participation, stunning scenery and special effects, beautiful costumes and plenty of boos and hisses for all the family to enjoy.

To book your tickets click on the link below. Tickets must be paid for to secure your booking.

<http://www.goldsworthfriends.org.uk/theatre/xmas-panto>

Swimming

Saturday Recreational Swimming

The pool will not be open this Saturday, however it will be open on the **18/3**. See our website for further dates :

[Upcoming Events](#)

Session times: 14:00 – 15:15 and 15:30 – 16:45 No need to book, just turn up on the day.

Costs : Adults £3, Juniors £2, Under 12mths Free

Ratios : Children under 4 years = 1 adult to 1 child; Children 5-7 years = 1 adult to 8 children; Children 8-15 years = poolside adult supervision required.