



## Dear Parents,

What a wonderful week it has been! This week we have a separate report about our experience with the lovely teachers from Shanghai, including a piece written by our Prime Minister and a report from Beth Davies, our governor responsible for maths. In a nutshell, we have had many, many visitors to Goldsworth coming to watch the teachers and we have benefitted so much from seeing their style of teaching, discussing theories behind it, leading us all to a place of greater understanding. Miss Wang and Mr Ou have been delightful members of the Goldsworth team and we have become firm friends. I hope that we will be able to keep in touch with them and continue to strengthen our links across the globe for many years to come. What a privilege and an honour it has been!

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Samuel who has organised the exchange so efficiently and to the office staff who have supported her so well. We received many compliments this week from our visitors about how well-organised the events were and how positive and friendly and welcoming everyone in the school is.

Continuing on the same theme, I have just heard that Mrs Samuel has passed all her maths mastery training and is now officially a 'Maths Mastery Specialist Teacher'. Many congratulations to her – it is well-deserved!

In other news, Reception were visited by The Naughty Bus yesterday! They had a great time exploring the bus, finding out what buses were like in years gone by and particularly enjoyed being on the top deck!

Next week is our Anti-Bullying week and there are lots of activities planned for the children on this very important theme, so please do speak to your children about what they are learning.

Have a great weekend,

**Mrs Kozlowski (Head of School)**

## ICT visit

Earlier this week I had a meeting with Mr May to understand more about the recently purchased Google Chromebooks and how these will be accessed by the children for learning purposes. I admit I'm fairly new to Google, being more familiar with MS Office and Apple, so it was a learning curve for me. For those not familiar with the Chromebook, it is essentially a laptop with a keyboard, so children will learn keyboard skills rather than just using a touchscreen.

I was able to see work completed in class by year 5 students for a Roman warrior 'Wanted' poster. Children had time in the class to create the poster and were able to receive real time feedback from their teacher about suggestions for improving their work e.g. changing font type to make the poster clearer to read or adding in a title. The children were excited to receive the comments and were able to react to these and update their work immediately.

Cyber security is a growing concern for parents and I raised specific questions about email and access to appropriate material. The children are only able to email within the Goldsworth domain and unable to send or receive emails externally, therefore teaching them how to use the technology in a safe environment. Access to websites is carefully restricted so that children should not be able to access inappropriate material.

It was clear to me that there is a great deal of enthusiasm both from the staff and children, certainly if my children are anything to go by, and this will be key to making good use of the Chromebooks. It is still early days and staff and children are getting to grips with new ways of doing things but already, half a term in, I'm sure the benefits are being enjoyed by our children.

**Helen Bryant - Governor for ICT**



## School Lunches – Autumn 2017



**Christmas Lunch is now available to order via WisePay. Order now to avoid disappointment!!**

Just a reminder there will be new menu out after the October half term break. Jacket potatoes will be back on the menu from Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November and will only be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

School lunches must be paid for in advance, either weekly or half-termly. Meals cost £2.25 each, so you would need to pay £11.25 for the week or £85.50 for the next half term (38 days). It is your responsibility to ensure that there is money in the account. Should this not be the case, we will ask you to bring in a packed lunch. Please check your WisePay account and adjust your payment accordingly.

**Lee-Anne van Heerden - Office Manager**

## Language of the Month

The language of the month for November is **Mandarin**.

Mandarin is spoken by more people than any other language; over 1 billion. It is the main language of government, the media and education in China and Taiwan, and one of the four official languages in Singapore. There are also significant numbers of Mandarin speakers in Malaysia, Indonesia, Russia, the USA, Mongolia, Vietnam, Brunei, South Africa, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Hong Kong, the Philippines, UK and Mauritius.

Please find attached the first words in Mandarin.

You can also listen to the pronunciation of these words on the following website:

<http://www.newburyparkschool.net/langofmonth/mandarin/player.html>

Thank you

**The MFL team**

## MacMillan Coffee Morning - Fundraiser

Coral and Siren North would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to those who came along to their MacMillan Coffee Morning. They have raised a whopping £350. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you

**Mr North, Coral & Seren**



## Forest School

We are asking for volunteers to join us on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 10:00-1:00 to plant our new Forest School area and clear the current Forest School area. Children are welcome but are the responsibility of parents. Please sign up in the front office if you are able to come and include your email address and whether you have tools available to bring.

Message from James Howell, Environmental Secretary, Pupil Parliament

*We would like to ask parent helpers on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> December to help put new trees in the new environmental area. This will be up on the infant field and hopefully your sons and daughters will really enjoy playing and learning in it. We will be planting around 100 trees. Some will grow and some will not grow.*

We are also looking to plant some more mature trees so if you would like to donate a mature tree then please let me know.

**Miss Eagle**

## Wise Owl Club

Invoices must be paid in full within 14 days either via Wisepay or childcare vouchers. All invoices for November were issued either on 1<sup>st</sup> November or for children with extra sessions on 8<sup>th</sup> November. If you have any queries, please contact Lorraine Mills ([lmills@goldsworthprimary.co.uk](mailto:lmills@goldsworthprimary.co.uk)).

## Thank you

A massive thank you to Mrs Alison Sanderson, Mrs Tatsiana Stamenova, Mrs Helen Bryant and Mrs Tracy Hampton for all the lovely games, books, dolls, arts and crafts materials, drawing paper and toys that have been donated to Wise Owl Club recently. Your generous contribution is helping our children to **Create** wonderful things and have **Fun** within our Club.

All of this donations are very much appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend

**Niki- Wise Owl Manager**



## Friends of Goldsworth

### Christmas Fayre - Friday 8th December 5-7pm

Preparations are underway and it's nearly time for you to join in!

Our **Festive Mufti Day** is on **Thursday 30th November**. In return for pupils wearing their own/festive clothes we are asking for donations for the following stalls at the Fayre:

**Infants: Chocolate Tombola**

**Juniors: Bottle Tombola**

**Whole school: Jolly Jars**

Start saving those jars and fill as many as you can with wrapped sweets or small toys please. We always sell out on the Jollys Jars stall so every jar counts!

Thanks to those of you who have volunteered to have an estate agent board on your property to advertise this event and raise further money through our sponsors Manners Residential Estate Agents.

Please contact us on [xmasfayre@goldsworthfriends.org.uk](mailto:xmasfayre@goldsworthfriends.org.uk) if you have any raffle/auction donations or would like to get involved.

### Happy School Bags

Thank you for all your fantastic Happy School Bag donations this week which raised **£437.40** as well as supporting others access affordable second-hand clothing and helping to reduce landfill.

### Extraordinary General Meeting - Tuesday 5th December 7:30-8pm

All parents and staff are invited to join us for a short Extraordinary General Meeting to appoint a new Chair and Vice-Chair of the Friends of Goldsworth PTA. We need at least 15 attendees to validate these appointments and to continue our fundraising events for the benefit of the students at Goldsworth Primary.

Please come along on Tuesday 5th December from 7:30 to 8:00pm in the middle Year 6 Classroom.

**Friends of Goldsworth**