



Dear Parents,

I can't believe we're at the end of our first half term already! The Harvest assembly this morning was a super event and a great way to end the half term giving thanks for all that we have and sharing and giving to others. Thanks to all the children for super singing, to Kate and Mark from St. Mary of Bethany Church, to the staff for organising and practising and to the parents who braved the blustery weather! The food and groceries collected are going to The York Road Project in Woking.



We are saying goodbye today to Miss Tomlinson who is going on maternity leave. We wish her all the very best and can't wait to see her back in a few weeks when we can meet the new addition to the Tomlinson family!

We have also said goodbye to Mrs Tracy Hampton, who has been our facilities manager over the last few years. She has done a great job in ensuring our building is in excellent condition and we are most grateful for all the work she has done and her commitment to the school. We wish her all the best in her new ventures.

Mr Chris Taylor will be taking on the role of facilities manager after half term and we look forward to working with him, so please say hello when you see him around.

Other recent additions to staffing are Mrs Verity Jones, who is working as a Teaching Assistant in Year 5 and Mrs Isabella Ashby, who is also working as a Teaching Assistant mainly in Year 3. We welcome them to our team and are already enjoying working with them!

For those of you who read the Woking News and Mail, look out this week for an article about Mrs Samuel's trip to Shanghai. It will tell you more about what a wonderful and valuable experience it has been.

There have been many exciting events taking place this week. 3P visited Winston Churchill School for a sports festival, Year 2 all went to The Lightbox and today, Year 4 have enjoyed a Lego Workshop linked to their electricity topic and, as I write this, I can hear Year 2 having lots of fun at their Fairytale Ball! We're certainly fulfilling our vision to 'make learning as fun and engaging as possible'!

I'd like to say 'Happy Diwali' to all of our Hindu families. I hope your celebrations were very blessed times for you.

That only leaves me to say I hope you all have a very happy half term and get a chance to go out and enjoy the beautiful Autumn season. In the words of one of our songs from this morning, 'It's amazing, the wonder of creation..' See you back at school on 31st!



Mrs Kozlowski (Head of School)

Sports News

PLEASE SEE SEPARATE PUBLICATION THIS WEEK!

**Ian Lyon
PE Co-ordinator**



Friends of Goldsworth AGM

I attended the 'Friends of Goldsworth' AGM last night and couldn't help feeling disappointed that only 11 parents came. In case you are unaware, every parent, carer and staff member is a member of the Friends and all were very welcome. We heard at the meeting that in the region of £19,000 was raised last year, so I would like to say, on behalf of your children, an enormous thank you to all of you who contributed through attending events that were put on, donating gifts for fayres, organising stalls, discos, quizzes, fireworks, freezepops, camps,.... The list goes on! It is a tremendous amount of money and certainly goes a long way to enhancing your children's experience at school. The latest major purchase has been the new Chromebooks which all children from Year 2 up will be benefiting hugely from. We would not have been able to purchase these if we did not have the support from the Friends. If this is to continue, however, we do need an army of volunteers to help. We don't have to have the same events as we've had before, or in the same format, but it would be a great shame if we were not able to raise this important, extra money in the future through a lack of volunteers. We would also, sadly, lose some of our community spirit, which has always been a strength of the school.



I would like to say on your behalf a very large thank you to our outgoing Friends committee, Claire Charrier, Kate Howard and Neil Hampton. They have worked tirelessly over many years to make the Friends such a success. They will now take a well-deserved break!

We were able to appoint a new treasurer and secretary last night. Mrs Rachel Turner has agreed to be the treasurer and Mrs Linda Sierra-Parkes has agreed to be the secretary. I am very grateful to them for their willingness to take on these important roles. We were not able to appoint a Chair or Vice-Chair, so that position remains vacant. We do need someone urgently to volunteer for this. Perhaps two people could do it jointly to share the load? Please let myself know if you are interested, would like to talk about it, or would be willing to take it on to ensure the continued success of the Friends' work.

Mrs Kozlowski (Head of School)

School Lunches – Summer 2017

Just a reminder there will be new menu out after the October half term break. There will be no jacket potatoes for the first 3 weeks of the new half term. We would like to encourage the children to try new and different foods.

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



Date for your Diary: Parents of Reception children

Please note that on the morning of Thursday 2nd November between 9:00 and 10:30 all parents of Reception children are invited to attend a Phonics and Reading workshop. Please make every effort to attend as this is such an important and crucial part of your child's learning. Even if you have attended with older children before, there may be something new to pick up which will help you to support your child at home. Feedback from previous workshops has always been extremely positive, so I know it will be worthwhile. Attached is an invitation with more details.



Mrs Kozlowski

Forest School

We are asking for volunteers to join us on Saturday 9th 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.

James Howell – *We would like to ask parent helpers on Saturday the 9th 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

Swimming

Saturday Recreational Swimming

Unfortunately, due to a shortage of Lifeguards, we will not be able to run any recreation swimming sessions for the foreseeable future. We are looking for new lifeguards, so as soon as we have hired someone, we will be able to resume these sessions.

The Cycle Training Team at Surrey County Council are recruiting for Cycling Instructors (includes Bikeability) – please click on the link below for more details:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs/erecruitment/details.html?nPostingID=28999&nPostingTargetID=59229&option=52&sort=DESC&respr=1&ID=Q0EFK026203F3VBQB7968LOCX&keywords=cycling%20instructor&Resultsperpage=20&lq=UK&mask=surrext>



Flu Vaccination

We understand that some schools are receiving negative publicity regarding the childhood flu vaccine that is being offered. To reassure parents, the NHS have produced a YouTube video explaining the safety and the benefits of the vaccination. Our nasal flu vaccinations will be carried out on Friday 17th November 2017.

Please see the following link for the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1jHWwm8NQUw>

The Friends of Goldsworth

Fireworks Night

Following on from last year's huge success our second fireworks display will take place on **Saturday 4th November** from **5pm**, with the lighting of the bonfire at **6pm**. Tickets are **£3 per adult** and **£2 per child**, with **under 3s going free**. Tickets and further info can be found here; <http://www.goldsworthfriends.org.uk/events/2017-11-04/fireworks-night>.

We will need a number of volunteers to enable us to put on this event, if you can spare some time to help with setup, during the event or with clear up the next morning, please sign up here; http://www.goldsworthfriends.org.uk/bookings/helpsignup.php?event_id=vvopml. Any questions please email fireworks@goldsworthfriends.org.uk

The Friends of Goldsworth

Wise Owl Club

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another busy half term, Wise Owl Team would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Special thanks go to Mrs Oana Zainea-Beer, Mrs Melinda Mutton and Mr Brendan Bye Harris for all the lovely games, puzzles, loom bands, jewellery sets and arts and crafts donations. They are very much appreciated by our children.

Please be aware that Wise Owl Club will be closed on Monday 30th of October (inset day) and will re-open its doors on Tuesday 31st of October.

Wise Owl Club wishes everyone a restful and happy half term and is looking forward to seeing everyone again soon.

Kind Regards

Niki
Wise Owl Manager