



Dear Parents,

We've had a fabulous first week back at school, beginning on Tuesday with our assembly where we were lucky enough to be visited by three of our former pupils, now students at Woking High School. I had invited them to come and share with our children the progress and improvement they have made in playing their musical instruments since they were pupils here only 4 or 5 years ago. They spoke to the children about the need to set goals, persevere, join groups, make friendships and the opportunities their musicianship has given them over the years and they demonstrated the improvement they have made by playing music from when they were here and then music at the standard they are now. The children's faces were a picture as they heard the beautiful, complex, expressive and impressive music now being produced. My thanks go to Jude, Sam and Sophie for being willing to share their experiences and talents and I hope our children will be most inspired and encouraged through listening to them.

If that wasn't enough, we were visited again yesterday by an astonishing young choir from Graveney School. The whole school was utterly impressed and the sound the 89 students made sent shivers down our spines with its strength. What was so great to see was all the students enjoying their singing so much – again, a great inspiration for our own children.

Thank you to all our Reception parents who attended the Phonics Workshop yesterday. We hope you found it useful and have lots of ideas to help you support the children at home. Thanks also to the Reception team for running it so well.

Next week, we are very excited as we will be welcoming 2 teachers from Shanghai who will spend the next two weeks with us exploring maths teaching. It will be a mutually beneficial experience and we can't wait to meet them and work with them to find ways of improving our maths teaching even further.

I received some very good news during half term! We now have volunteers to become the Chair and Vice Chair of the Friends of Goldsworth. Thank you very much to Helen Smith and Cathryn Jagger who have expressed their willingness to take on these roles respectively. We will be calling an extra-ordinary AGM to vote them on to the committee officially and we will let you know the date of that as soon as it is confirmed.

Don't forget the Friends Fireworks event at school tomorrow evening. Let's hope it stays dry! Have a great weekend.

Mrs Kozlowski (Head of School)

Shanghai Visit

We would like to make parents aware of the need to be extremely vigilant at drop off and pick up time over the next two weeks. We are expecting a lot of extra visitors in the school due to our Shanghai Exchange and they will be travelling in unfamiliar surroundings.

Please ensure you follow all of the schools' guidelines, take extra care on the road and remember to use the footpaths provided at all times.

Many thanks

The School Office



School Lunches – Autumn 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

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>

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

The Friends of Goldsworth

Fireworks Night - Saturday 4th November

It's time for the Big Bang Crew to Shine!!! It looks like the rain will hold off for the evening, so it's sure to be a fantastic event.

Tickets (**£3/adult, £2/child, under 3s free**) are available on the door from **5pm**, with the lighting of the bonfire at **6pm**.

We'd still like a few more volunteers to help marshal the event - if you are able to help please email fireworks@goldsworthfriends.org.uk

Happy School Bag

This term's Happy School Bag collection is **Tuesday 14th November**. Please drop bags off at the infant bike shed as in previous collections.

The Friends of Goldsworth