



## Be the best we can be

### Head's Lines

Dear Parents/Carers,

At Goldsworth we work hard to make a difference to our school, community and world. We have a number of Ambassadors who show us on a daily basis how small acts can make a huge difference. The small things here help make a difference to ourselves, others and make our school continuously better ... the 1% better at a time!

As a school one of priorities this year is reading, not just decoding words but also reading for pleasure. Our well stocked school library would benefit from some new books/furniture. Our aim is to ask our community to help with providing funds or books for the school library. We can't do it alone - we need everyone's support to make this happen for the children.

How you can help:

- Volunteer to help with one of the events in the Friends Calendar - even if you can only donate an hour of your time, we have lots of small tasks and jobs either pre event or on the day
- Financial Donations - details will be shared on how to do this in due course
- Donate books, from a list, to help replace or boost some of our favourite authors/genres.

Our children and staff love reading; please help us to replenish our lovely library and ensure that every child leaves Goldsworth with a love of reading.

We, once again, are collecting bags of unwanted clothes, on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November**, for re-use through the Happy School Bags scheme. Happy School Bags will give money for every kilo of clothes we collect and they will arrange distribution to those who need them. A huge thank you to all those children, parents/carers and staff members who are going to donate pre-loved clothes. As a school community, we should be proud that all our efforts, both big and small, continue to make such a difference to other families who may well be worse off than ourselves. In addition, please can we have any donations of preloved or new Christmas jumpers. These will be collected separately and used to support some of our Goldsworth families. Please see page 4.

The opportunity to share our learning opportunities continued this week with the class assembly for 3B. It was great to see so many family members who joined our excited child audience to watch our confident and expressive Year 3 pupils deliver such an informative assembly. The children shared their learning of the Vikings, engaging us all with their knowledge, dancing and singing. Well done 3B!

We cannot wait to continue to celebrate all children's learning and progress throughout this Half Term.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to another exciting week of learning.

Caroline McLennan  
Headteacher

#### Important Notices:

##### Netball Club:

Please note that netball club on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November is cancelled due to staff training

##### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022:

Whole school finishes at **1:15pm** and the Wise Owl Club closes early at **4:00pm**

Children return on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023** at normal time.

#### School dates:

##### 2022-2023 INSET DAYS:

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023

#### Next years dates:

Please note the academic calendar for 2023-2024 listing term dates will be published with next week's newsletter.

# Weekly Reminders

<b>Whole School</b>	<p>'Odd Socks Day' is on <b>Friday 18th November</b>. We would be asking for all children to attend school in <b>full uniform</b> but wearing odd/crazy socks in return for a £1 donation for the Anti-Bullying Alliance.</p> <p><b>Netball club:</b> will be cancelled on <b>Wednesday 16th November 2022</b> for children who attend this club.</p>																																																																
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# Reading

Please find a suggested [list](#) of 100 books to read before you leave primary school. We would be grateful for any of these books, both pre loved or new, to be donated to our library. Please see the donation box outside Mrs McLennan's office. Thank you in advance. Thank you for your kind donations of a book for the class when it has been your child's birthday. We are very grateful and would love more both at birthdays and/or Christmas to replenish our book corners in class. Many parents are writing the name of their child, class and age inside the cover ... this is lovely, thank you.

Please find suggestions for books for [3-5 year olds](#).

Please find suggestions for books for [5-8 year olds](#).

Please find suggestions for books for [9-12 year olds](#).



# Sports News

After weeks of regular practice at netball club, the Year 5 and 6 girls took to the court for their first games of the season as part of their cluster league. A mixture of nerves, enthusiasm and excitement was present in abundance with many of the team playing in their first Netball games outside of lessons and training.

They started brightly, moving the ball swiftly into space with Grace, Lexi and Eva combining to take an early lead in the first game. The score remained close late into the second half before the St Lawrence 'B' team ran out 4-2 winners. The second game against St Lawrence 'A' was a real test for the Goldsworth girls. Despite losing 7-0, the energy and positivity throughout the game was fantastic with Laura, Amy and Millie working tirelessly throughout to pressure the opposition players. The final game against St Dunstan's showed just how much the girls had progressed with each match. With Georgia, Emaan and Dhruhi dominating in defence to halt the St Dunstan's attack to draw the match 0-0.

A fantastic effort from all the players involved and the ever-supportive Goldsworth parents on the sidelines made for a highly enjoyable afternoon for all involved.



Seymours have donated 25 footballs to the school in preparation for the World Cup.

They will be handing out free footballs to any child who would like one this weekend – just head to Seymours in Woking this weekend.



Whilst we are delighted to be able to offer swimming lessons here at Goldsworth, we have noticed that children do not appear to be as strong at swimming as they were in the past. Please can we urge you to not just use the swimming lessons here but also source additional lessons outside of school to ensure that your child becomes a proficient swimmer. Living so near the canal and in general, swimming skills are vital and an invaluable skill to develop.

We were treated to a wonderful gymnastics display in assembly on Monday. There were House routines and then some individual routines to music from a couple of children who attend Woking gymnastics club outside of school. The children and staff were amazed by the standard of all the children who presented, you were all amazing!

# Christmas Jumper Day

## Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day is Save the Children's annual event which raises money for children in the UK and across the world. Every December, millions of people across the United Kingdom (and beyond!) put on a festive outfit at their workplace, school or with friends and make a donation to help give children the magical future they deserve.

Christmas Jumper Day is on Thursday 8 December, however Goldsworth will support this charitable event on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** when we celebrate our annual whole school Christmas lunch. Children will be asked to donate £2 on the day and wear school uniform and a Christmas jumper/item of clothing.

This year, the UK government have made a promise to match the same amount as you give. Every time you give £2 to Save the Children, they give £2.

For more details, please click [here](#).



We will be collecting any unwanted Christmas Jumpers so please be ready to dig them out. We will be collecting these in the front foyer and Mrs Knight and Mrs Williams will share them with our families ready for Christmas jumper day.

## Remembrance Day

Remembrance  
**DAY**



We recognised this today at 11 am with a 2 minute silence. The children were amazing and showed great respect. **Remembrance Sunday** is a national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. I will be attending my local service as I sure many of you will be too.

# Anti-bullying week



The theme for this year is REACHING OUT so we will talk about how we can reach out if people are treating us unkindly or we think we are being bullied. It does not have to be when it is you who is being bullied, but when you witness someone else being bullied, or if you are a bully yourself and you want to stop and you want help. We will talk about the different ways that we can reach out and how to act those out in our assembly. We are going to finish Anti-bullying week by wearing Odd Socks on Friday 15th November to celebrate that we are all different and that's OK.

'Odd Socks Day' is on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, during Anti – Bullying week: w/c 14.11.22.

We would be asking for all children to attend school in **full uniform** but wearing odd/crazy socks in return for a £1 donation for the Anti-Bullying Alliance. Please see the poster for further information.



**ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE**

This ANTI-BULLYING WEEK we are holding

**ODD SOCKS DAY on FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**

**Odd Socks Day** Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!

Come to school wearing your full school uniform along with odd socks for a £1 donation to help raise money for the Anti – Bullying Alliance.

#OddSocksDay  
#AntiBullyingWeek  
#ReachOut

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# Term Dates

Many of you have realised that our last day of term is 20<sup>th</sup> December and not 16<sup>th</sup> December which is the date all Surrey maintained schools (and some academies) are finishing. As an academy trust, we have the freedom to choose our own term dates and historically, we have always looked for opportunities to be able to give our families some holiday dates where they may be able to secure some time away at slightly cheaper prices. Depending on how the dates fall, some years lend themselves to this possibility more than others. This academic year, by going on a little longer at Christmas, we have been able to extend our May half term holiday and, in addition to the normal May half term week, we will also be closed on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June, allowing families to take some holiday outside of the normal school holiday dates.

We know that not all families will be able to take advantage of this, but hope that some will, and, while we will continue to work a little longer this term, we will all enjoy extended time in the summer term whether we are fortunate enough to be able to go away or not.

I hope this helps to understand the reasoning behind the decision.

## **Academic Year 2023-2024**

We will be publishing the academic calendar for 2023-2024 listing term dates with next week's newsletter. In the meantime I can confirm the INSET dates:

### **2023-2024 INSET DAYS:**

Friday 1st September 2023  
Monday 4th September 2023  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
Tuesday 2nd January 2024  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

# Key Dates for Autumn Term

Please check this weekly as new dates may be published. We will indicate these in red.

Date	Event	Year Group	Community Participation
Monday 14.11.22	FoG Second Hand uniform sale	YR – Y6	Whole School
<b>Wednesday 16.11.22</b>	<b>Netball club cancelled</b>	<b>Y3 – Y6</b>	<b>All those registered for netball club</b>
Thursday 17.11.22	Library visit	Y1	Year 1 children - Foxes
Thursday 17.11.22	Nasal Flu programme	YR – Y6	Whole school – <b>consent letter emailed to parents, please ensure you return it.</b>
Friday 18.11.22			
Friday 18.11.22	'Odd Socks Day'	YR – Y6	All children to attend school in full uniform but wearing odd/crazy socks in return for a £1 donation for the Anti-Bullying Alliance
Tuesday 22.11.22	Individual and sibling photos	YR – Y6	Whole School
Wednesday 23.11.22			
Thursday 24.11.22	Happy School Bags clothes collection	YR – Y6	Whole School. See FoG newsletter
<b>Thursday 24.11.22</b>	<b>Library visit</b>	<b>Y1</b>	<b>Year 1 children – Otters. Due to the weather this visit has been re-scheduled for 24.11.22</b>
Thursday 24.11.22	Victorian Workshop	Y3	Year 3 children
<b>December</b>			
Tuesday 06.12.22	Walk to the local postbox (1 – 3pm)	YR	06.10.22 – Hedgehogs class
Wednesday 07.12.22			07.10.22 – Mice class
Thursday 08.12.22			08.10.22 – Moles class
Friday 09.12.22	Carol Service (2:15-3:15pm)	Y1	Year 1 Parents/Carers invited to attend
Wednesday 07.12.22	Pantomime visit	Y3	Year 3 children
Wednesday 14.12.22	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas school lunch	YR – Y6	All children to wear school uniform and a Christmas jumper/item of clothing
Monday 12.12.22	Nativity (2-3pm)	Y2	Year 2 children. Year 2 Parents/Carers invited to attend
Tuesday 13.12.22	Nativity (9-10am)		
Monday 12.12.22	Hedgehogs Nativity (9-10am)	YR	Reception Parents/Carers invited to attend
Tuesday 13.12.22	Mice Nativity (9-10am)		
Wednesday 14.12.22	Moles Nativity (9-10am)		
Monday 19.12.22	Church Service (9-11am)	Y1 - Y2	The Reception children will no longer attend the service. Their teachers have requested that they do not attend as they are already participating in a Nativity event the week before. Only Year 1 and Year 2 children and Parent / Carer Helpers will attend the service.
Monday 19.12.22	Christingle Service (2-3pm)	Y6	Year 6 children. Year 6 Parents/Carers invited to attend
Tuesday 20.12.22	Church Service (9-11am)	Juniors (Y3 - Y6)	Junior children & Parent/Carer Helpers
Tuesday 20.12.22	End of Term – school closes at 1:15pm	Whole School	
<b>21.12.22 to 02.01.23 – school closed for Christmas holidays</b>			