



## Be the best we can be

### Head's Lines

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our school vision 'Be the best we can be' underpins our aim to provide children with the very best educational experiences, equipping them with the knowledge and skills required in our ever changing world. We aim to develop the whole child, developing a sense of responsibility for themselves and towards others so they can make a difference with those acts of kindness. As a school community the children can receive house points, marbles in the jar, stickers, praise etc. We believe that the children do not do good things just to receive such rewards, rather these acts of kindness demonstrate their integrity, being a strong member of our community and making a real effort to do what is right.

As well as recognising National smile day in assembly last week, Miss Grainger led an assembly this week on Mental Health day. A challenge was set to make somebody smile and we have really enjoyed hearing today, in assembly, how they did. This will have made a big difference to our young people and something we shall continue to celebrate in the coming year. Carrying on with this theme, we are delighted to introduce our new Year 6 Play Leaders (Games Buddies). These children will have some training over the next couple of weeks to develop their leadership skills and then they will be able to assist at playtime's with different types of play; encouraging friends to listen to each other's ideas etc.

We have met our Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister so we are now honoured to announce all the other roles in Year 6. These include Home Secretary, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Education Secretary, Health Minister, Environmental Minister, Leader of the Media Team, Culture Secretary, House Captains, Sports Captains, Play leaders (Games Buddies), Reading Buddies, Librarians, Education team, Media team, Environmental team and Culture team. These children will have opportunities to lead on agreed goals this year ... I can't wait to hear what they come up with! Thank you to all in Year 6 for this positive and enthusiastic start to the year.

Mrs. Cox will be adding to this by arranging for the election of our School Council. All of these roles develop leadership skills and allow children to recognise the benefits of making a difference.

Have a lovely weekend.

Caroline McLennan  
Headteacher

#### Important Notices:

**Car Park:** Please can we remind all Parents and Carers to ensure that you and your children remain on the pathways surrounding the car park at drop off and pick up times. This is due to the safety of all

**Tuesday 20th 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.

**Parent Consultations:** We look forward to seeing you at the Parent consultations next week:

Tuesday 18.10.22 3:50-6:20pm  
Thursday 20.10.22 4:00-6:40pm

Parent consultations will be a 10 minute face to face appointment in the classrooms. Please ensure you have booked your meeting with the class teacher.

#### School dates:

##### 2022-2023 INSET DAYS:

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023

# Weekly Reminders

<b>Whole School</b>	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October - Parent forum (Parent reps) 2:45pm, main hall Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October – Tuck Shop. See FoG newsletter attached for more details Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October - Annual General Meeting for Friends of Goldsworth (7:30pm, in 5M classroom)																																																																
<b>Reception</b>	Reception are excited to be welcoming a bus visit from Brooklands Museum on Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October. Please could all Reception pupils bring in a £1 coin to purchase their bus ticket. This will be donated to the museum to cover their costs for the visit.																																																																
<b>Year 1</b>	We will be naming nouns and writing sentences next week. Please bring in a picture or photo of your home or your special place on Monday. Year 1 will be making peg dolls in DT after half term. We will be collecting donations of fabric/wool/ribbon- please bring them to our classrooms.																																																																
<b>Year 2</b>	Thank you for collecting junk modelling materials – we do not need any more as we are moving onto new topics. On <b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b> please could children bring a book to school that is special to them. On <b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b> we have our Castles, Knights and Princesses workshop. Please make payment for this via ParentMail.																																																																
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# Parent forum (Parent reps)

## Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2:45pm, main hall

We are delighted to announce our Parent forum where we invite the school community to share your ideas, views via your Parent rep. The Parent forum is a partnership between parents and the school. It is a valuable way to share ideas, views and make suggestions for improvement.

The aims:

- Work together to improve the education provided for our children
- Share information, knowledge and skills
- Meet in a mutually supportive environment
- Further improve communication between Parents/Carers and Staff/Governors

The Parent forum does not have any statutory responsibilities, duties or powers in the school.

**Our focus for the first forum will be the role of the Parent rep and how school can support you further. We will also consider the various ways Parent reps can communicate e.g. the use of WhatsApp. Please share your thoughts with your Parent rep to bring to the forum.**

Thank you in advance.

## Parenting courses

Surrey Adult Learning are running online Parenting courses. These courses cover a number of topics including building children's resilience and self-esteem, managing children's anxiety, understanding children's behaviour and exploring behaviour strategies. For more details please click [here](#).

## Pigeons!

We have been looking at various options to deal with the current problem of some nesting Pigeons who have taken up residence at the top of the Year 5/6 building. There has been a large amount of building work which took place in the centre of Woking and as a result, large groups of Pigeons were displaced and have been actively seeking new areas to perch.

Unfortunately, they choose to pick an area of metal screening which is quite delicate and angled in such a way as to make traditional methods of deterrent such as spiking and netting, quite difficult. We have been in regular contact with our pest control contractor, and they had advised us to wait until the end of the summer as many Pigeons will often simply seek shade from the sun and move on during the Autumn. Sadly, they do not seem to be in a hurry to leave and so we will be bringing in a specialist team and are hoping to get this resolved in the next few weeks. The area will then be thoroughly cleaned, sanitised and reinstated for everyday use.

# 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
<b>October</b>			
Tuesday 18.10.22	Fishbourne Palace visit	Y5	Y5 children
Tuesday 18.10.22 Thursday 20.10.22	Parent Consultations 18.10.22: 3:50-6:20pm 20.10.22: 4:00-6:40pm	YR - Y6	Reception to Year 6 Parents/Carers . Please ensure you have booked your 1:1 meeting with your class teacher.
Tuesday 18.10.22	Viking Workshop	Y3	Year 3 children
Tuesday 18.10.22	Parent forum (2:45pm, main hall)	YR - Y6	Class reps invited to meet with the Headteacher
Wednesday 19.10.22	Bus visit from Brooklands Museum	YR	Reception children
Thursday 20.10.22	Tuck Shop	YR - Y6	Reception to Year 6 children. See FoG newsletter for more details.
Thursday 20.10.22	Annual General Meeting for Friends of Goldsworth (7:30pm, in 5M classroom)	YR - Y6	All Parents/Carers invited to attend
Friday 21.10.22	Harvest Assembly (9-10am)	YR - Y6	All Parents/Carers invited to attend
<b>24.10.22 to 28.10.22 – school closed for October half term</b>			
Monday 31.10.22	INSET Day	School closed for children	
<b>November</b>			
Tuesday 01.11.22	Castles, Knights and Princesses Workshop	Y2	Year 2 children
Wednesday 02.11.22	Phonics Workshop (9-10am)	YR	Reception Parents/Carers invited to attend
Thursday 03.11.22	Library visit	Y1	Year 1 children - Otters
Thursday 03.11.22	WW2 workshop	Y6	Year 6 children
Sunday 06.11.22	FoG Diwali Fireworks Festival (see FOG newsletter for info)	YR - Y6	Community event run by Friend of Goldsworth – all welcome
Tuesday 08.11.22	National measurement checks (AM)	Y6	Y6 children. The school nursing team will carry out this check in school.
Thursday 11.11.22	Library visit	Y1	Year 1 children - Owls
Thursday 17.11.22	Library visit	Y1	Year 1 children - Foxes
Thursday 17.11.22	Nasal Flu programme	YR - Y6	Whole school – details to follow from the school nursing team
Friday 18.11.22			
Thursday 24.11.22	Happy School Bags clothes collection	YR - Y6	Whole School. See FoG newsletter
Thursday 24.11.22	Victorian Workshop	Y3	Year 3 children
<b>December</b>			
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
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)	Infants (YR - Y2)	Infant children & Parent/Carer Helpers
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>			