



Be the best we can be

Head's Lines

Dear Parents/Carers,

I, like many, honored the armed forces members who have died in the line of duty across the world. Thank you to our Year 6 pupils who volunteered to sell poppies as a sign of respect and gratitude from us as a whole school community.

We started off our anti-bullying week with an assembly around the theme of reaching out where we considered who you could 'Reach Out to' should they encounter bullying. We talked about the random acts of kindness we can show and we pledged to try a new act this week. Children and staff shared their aspiration for the day and week in how we are channeling our efforts into being 1% better each day. These included:

- Playing with someone new
- Paying someone a compliment
- Share a story
- Tell someone a joke to make them laugh

The discussions in assemblies will be followed up in class learning where the children will continue to learn how to 'Reach out' when needed.



We finished off the week with Odd socks day to celebrate that we are all different.

At Goldsworth we have a number of ways for children to ask for help or advice. These include:

- Talking to a member of staff
- Chatting to our Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA)
- Talking to children, maybe the School Parliament or School Council representatives
- Asking Playground buddies
- Using the time to talk box in class
- Chill out club

We have been reminding and celebrating these and other strategies throughout the week, continuing to demonstrate our school values as we endeavor to make a difference and allow ourselves and others to flourish.

Thank you for your kind donations of Christmas jumpers and books for the library and classrooms. We will continue to collect both next week.

Caroline McLennan
Headteacher

Important Notices:

Tuesday 20th December 2022: Whole school finishes at **1:15pm** and the Wise Owl Club closes early at **4:00pm**

Children return on **Wednesday 4th January 2023** at normal time.

School dates:

2022-2023 INSET DAYS:

Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Monday 20th February 2023
Friday 7th July 2023

Next years dates:

Please see attached an academic calendar for 2023 - 2024

2023-2024 INSET DAYS:

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



Weekly Reminders

Whole School	Individual and sibling photos Tuesday 22.11.22 and Wednesday 23.11.22. If your child has PE on either of those days, then please ensure they wear their school uniform and send their PE kit to school for them to change into. Please try and help out the Class Reps by offering to volunteer; some classes are really struggling to find volunteers for activities such as swimming and this may mean that the children may not get to go swimming.																																																																
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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](#).



Year 1 Library Trip

Year 1 Foxes Class had their class trip to Woking Library this week, where they walked very sensibly along the canal all the way to Woking.

Well Done Foxes for demonstrating such excellent behaviour on your walk.



Class assembly

Thank you to 6L for a super class assembly this week. It was wonderful to hear and see how much learning is happening, including Science, Music, Maths and History. The children spoke and sang with confidence as they amused us and made their audience clap and laugh. Well done 6L.

PE kit

As the weather is changing, we have noticed that children are wearing a selection of items for PE lessons. Please can we remind you of the expectations:

PE Kit

- T-shirt in house colour*
- Black shorts
- Trainers with velcro or laces if your child is able to tie laces
- Black tracksuit (dark colours e.g navy/grey)

*Rowling	red
Nightingale	yellow
Attenborough	green
Einstein	blue

If your child needs to wear a garment over their t-shirt then a school fleece or school jumper would be acceptable. Alternatively, a plain black or dark colour (navy, green, grey) sweatshirt, with no logos, would also be acceptable.

Forest School

I would like to remind parents and children that in order to keep safe whilst attending forest school they need to wear long sleeves and long trousers, whatever the weather!

There is a risk from stinging nettles, brambles, possible bites and stings, as well as ticks!!!

Clothing required

- *The thickness of clothing will depend on the seasons*
- *Sturdy trainers, boots or wellies, socks, long trousers, long sleeved top*
- *Waterproof jacket, waterproof over trousers*
- *A water bottle*
- *Hat (sun or winter)*
- *An extra layer is useful, in case weather changes or wind has a chill.*
- *More thin layers are best for warmth and can always be removed if too warm.*
- *Please use old clothes and let your child know that at Forest School they CAN GET DIRTY AND YOU DO NOT MIND!*
- *Names on clothes would also be useful.*

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mrs Conner, Forest School Leader

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 14th 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](#).

Christmas Jumper Collection

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.



National Sleep Helpline

At any given time up to 40% of adults and 50% of children (this rises to 80% with a SEND diagnosis) have difficulties with their sleep. Yet in a recent survey, almost 60% of adults felt there was a lack of support for sleep issues. Sleep problems can leave people feeling isolated and lonely.

The national sleep helpline have provided information about a wonderful free resource that can help parents and children to learn more about their sleep and develop better bedtime routines. Sleep is essential to brain function, by helping children to sleep better, we can help them to succeed in school.

The free helpline is run by trained sleep advisors, many of whom are specialists in working with SEND. They can talk to young people directly, or parents (they can also talk to adults, including older people, about their sleep issues). The helpline is open 5 times a week, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings 7-9pm, and Wednesday mornings 9-11am. The number is 03303 530 541.

You can read more details here: <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>



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
Tuesday 22.11.22 Wednesday 23.11.22	Individual and sibling photos	YR – Y6	Whole School
Thursday 24.11.22	Happy School Bags clothes collection	YR – Y6	Whole School. See FoG newsletter
Thursday 24.11.22	Library visit	Y1	Year 1 children – Otters. Due to the weather this visit has been re-scheduled for 24.11.22
Thursday 24.11.22	Victorian Workshop	Y3	Year 3 children
December			
Tuesday 06.12.22 Wednesday 07.12.22 Thursday 08.12.22	Walk to the local postbox (1 – 3pm)	YR	06.10.22 – Hedgehogs class 07.10.22 – Mice class 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 Tuesday 13.12.22	Nativity (2-3pm) Nativity (9-10am)	Y2	Year 2 children. Year 2 Parents/Carers invited to attend
Monday 12.12.22 Tuesday 13.12.22 Wednesday 14.12.22	Hedgehogs Nativity (9-10am) Mice Nativity (9-10am) Moles Nativity (9-10am)	YR	Reception Parents/Carers invited to attend
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	
21.12.22 to 02.01.23 – school closed for Christmas holidays			