



Be the best we can be

Head's Lines

Dear Parents/Carers,

This has been a busy and productive half term and I have encouraged the amazing staff team to have a moment of reflection over half term, whilst doing something they enjoy or relaxes them, to celebrate all that they have achieved so far this year. I would ask you to also do this and reflect on the achievement of your child/ren this half term - from becoming Prime Minister to settling well in Reception, all achievements are unique and special. Together we make an amazing community and we are thoroughly grateful for your care and support.

We have enjoyed reflecting on being kind, not just to others but also, most importantly, to ourselves. We must always remember the various networks around us to reach out to, both at home and school, for when we are finding things challenging or things get too much. These could include:

- Talking to our friends, a member of staff or a parent, carer or someone at home.
- Putting a note in our time to talk boxes in class or the class worry monster
- Going to chill out club for a calm moment or reflection
- Seeking support from a member of our pastoral team: our ELSA, family support worker.

We can all imagine our happy place where we can go to mentally to reflect and focus. This could be going for a walk in nature, swimming, your bedroom, reading or meeting up with family and friends. I wonder where your happy place is?

Remember to continue checking in with those around you - really listening to the answer and possibly asking again to check that they really are 'fine'. If your child is anxious, stressed, or just feeling down there are a number of charities that can offer confidential, free support for families or individuals. Minds, Young Minds Charity, Mental Health UK or the Samaritans.

We thoroughly enjoyed seeing Parents/Carers back in school this week for parents evenings. This meant an opportunity to look at books, see displays and just get some feeling of normality.

Thank you to Class Reps, the Parent forum meeting was a huge success and we gathered some ideas on how to develop communication even further. A huge thank you to the Reps for their hard work and support. More news to follow on developing communication further.

Have a lovely half term, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you bright and early on Tuesday 1st November for another exciting half term leading up to the Christmas season.

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 4th January 2023** at normal time.

School dates:

2022-2023 INSET DAYS:

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

Weekly Reminders

Whole School	Monday 31 st October is an INSET day. School is closed for children and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 1 st November. As the weather becomes more autumnal, please remind your children to wear their coats to school. Playtime is 20% for a child's school life and even more for early years. They need a coat to be able to access this fun time.																																																																
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Year 2	Tuesday 1st November: Please come dressed as a dragon, knight or prince/princess for our 'Castles, Knights and Princesses' workshop. Bats Class: Bats will be <u>swimming</u> the first week back after half term; <u>PE</u> days will now be Tuesday and Thursday; <u>Forest School</u> will take place on Wednesday (please bring clothes to change into) Please could volunteers supporting in Forest School arrive 13:10.																																																																
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House points

Well done to **Einstein House** for achieving the highest number for House points this half term. This means that **Einstein House** can wear **blue clothes** on the first day back, **1st November 2022**. Well done to all who have earned House points for their House this half term.

Christmas celebrations

At Christmas we celebrate in many ways. Following some really helpful feedback from the Parent forum this week, we are aiming to explain some of these more fully on our website but, for now, here is a brief description of each event:

- **Carol Service** - Friday 9th December, Year 1: Parents/Carers are invited to watch the children perform some festive carols around the Christmas tree. This event takes place outside and the infant gates will open at 2:10pm.
- **Infant Church Service** - Monday 19th December AM: Year 1 and 2 children are invited to attend a service at St Mary of Bethany Church. Parents/Carers who help the children walk to Church are invited to stay and watch the service.
- **Junior Church Service** - Tuesday 20th December AM: Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 children are invited to attend a service at St Mary of Bethany Church. Parents/Carers who help the children walk to Church are invited to stay and watch the service.
- **Christingle Service** - Monday 19th December at 2pm: the Year 6 pupils take part in a service at school. Parents/Carers of Year 6 pupils are invited to attend. This event takes place in the main hall.
- **Nativity** – see dates below: Reception take part in a class Nativity. Parents/Carers will be asked to provide a Nativity costume and children will learn many songs and even some lines! Parents/Carers will be invited to attend the class Nativity. Often this event takes place outside, venue to be confirmed nearer the time.
- **Nativity** – see dates below: Year 2 children take part in a year group Nativity. Parents/Carers will be asked to provide a Nativity costume and children will learn many songs and even some lines! Parents/Carers will be invited to attend either one of the year group (Year 2) Nativities. Venue tbc.
- **Pantomime visit** - Wednesday 7th December: Year 3 visit the local theatre in Woking. We will need some Parent/Carer helpers to walk with the children after lunch and stay at the theatre and walk them back.

Wise Owl

A huge thank you to Nicoleta Cotet who is leaving Wise Owl today to move to another role in a local secondary school. We are hugely grateful for her commitment to Goldsworth and wish her the very best in her new role. Whilst we recruit for this role, please can any emails for Wise Owl be sent to wiseowl@goldsworthprimary.co.uk until further notice Thank you.

Golden Owl Award

At Goldsworth we like to recognise when children demonstrate our school values, particularly when they do this all the time. Historically, we have awarded a Golden Owl badge at the end of the summer term to one child per class. Last year, we extended this to one child per class at the end of each term (Christmas, Easter and Summer). This means the staff are on the lookout for children who can be awarded this badge very soon! Well done to those children who have been awarded our Golden Owl award badge previously. Please continue to wear them with pride! We look forward to sharing the names of the children at Christmas for this term.

Staff



Mr. Dan Worth our PE lead supports many of our classes throughout the week.

We are delighted that Mrs. Noha Kassem has joined us this week as Office Manager. Welcome Noha.



Tuck shop

Thank you to the Friends for organizing another successful Tuck shop, this exciting event is another way to raise valuable funds for the school.

If your child has a special diet (including vegan) or allergies, please bring in 2 suitable cakes and 1 portion of fruit for your child in a sealed container, labelled with their name and allergy, and give to their teacher.

Friends of Goldsworth

Following the AGM I am delighted to share that, over the past 5 years with Helen Smith as Chair, the Friends have raised, despite two years of limited events due to COVID, an amazing £95,000 which has funded: playground equipment, the running track ... the list goes on!

Thank you to Tara Doyle and Victoria Clunis for becoming co-chairs this year and the rest of the Friends committee. They are planning another exciting year; our fundraising efforts will support children even more.

Watch this space for further news!

Food bank donations

Thank you all for your very generous donations for the food bank. We are so sorry we had to cancel this event for parents; the children enjoyed performing to the other year groups.

A BIG thank you to our volunteers who have taken the harvest food donations to the food bank.



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
24.10.22 to 28.10.22 – school closed for October half term			
Monday 31.10.22	INSET Day	School closed for children	
November			
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
Monday 14.11.22	FoG Second Hand uniform sale	YR – Y6	Whole School
Thursday 17.11.22	Library visit	Y1	Year 1 children - Foxes
Thursday 17.11.22 Friday 18.11.22	Nasal Flu programme	YR – Y6	Whole school – details to follow from the school nursing team
Tuesday 22.11.22	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	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
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
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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			