



Be the best we can be

Head's Lines

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the school community, we understand the need to continue to grow and improve. The views of our community are essential to support us to develop as a team and ensure that all of our pupils can be the best that they can be. Pupil voice is vital in this and we actively seek their views through a variety of ways.

Circle time – the class consider relevant news, events that are relevant to our school, their class or the wider world

Time to talk box – children can share with the staff their concerns, views or worries

Pupil Parliament – our Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister, about to be announced, who will work with myself and Mrs Cox and the rest of the Parliament leaders on developing and driving the School Improvement Plan

School Council – a democratically selected group of young leaders across Years 1-6 who will work alongside Mrs Cox to affect change within our school

Our Parent/Carer community have the opportunity to share their views through Class Reps and the Friends of Goldsworth. We will be conducting another Parent/Carer survey this year and we are adding in the Class Rep forum later this term. This is in addition to our open door policy where we encourage Parents/Carers to arrange to speak with myself, other leaders or teachers.

All of these views are important to us as we grow as a school.

I have had the delight of being in classes this week, observing teaching and learning and spending time with children looking at their books. The children have been receptive and enthusiastic about their learning in all classes, even at 8:50am when the first lesson of the day starts. Please see page 3 about additional information about learning and lateness.

Have a lovely weekend.

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.

Parent Consultations: timings
confirmed below and details on
how to sign up to follow:

Tuesday 18.10.22 3:50-6:20pm

Thursday 20.10.22 4:00-6:40pm

FOG AGM:

The annual general meeting of
the Friends of Goldsworth will be
held at the school on Thursday
20 October at 7.30pm.

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	Now that the weather is turning chilly, please make sure that your child has a school jumper/ cardigan and a coat at school.																																																																
Reception	<p>Please can all children bring their named wellies to school on Wednesday 28th September as we will be going on an Autumn walk around the school grounds.</p> <p>A number of parents have asked to bring younger siblings to the upcoming parent workshops. After much deliberation, the decision has been made that younger siblings can attend the presentation (if necessary) but unfortunately will not be able to join us in the classrooms due to a lack of space. Thank you for your understanding.</p> <p>If you have any resources that Reception could use to build a minibeast hotel, please give them to your child's class teacher on Monday 3rd October.</p>																																																																
Year 1	<p>Y1 Phonics workshop for Parents/Carers: 2:45-3:15pm in the main school hall. Please sign up on the Y1 classroom doors confirming your attendance.</p> <p>Please remember to return reading packs on Fridays.</p> <p>A reminder that children should wear school shoes on Tuesdays and have their trainers in their school bags.</p>																																																																
Year 2	<p>Please can we ask Parents/Carers to read with children using the books in the reading packs and return them to school on a Thursday so they can be changed ready to go home on a Friday. Happy reading!</p> <p>Rabbits class – please remember to bring your Forest School kit in to change into, you must wear your school uniform in the morning.</p> <p>Please note that the Year 2 visit to Brooklands Museum in March is on Thursday 16th March.</p>																																																																
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Learning

Please can I remind you that registers are taken at 8:50am and the learning does start promptly. If your child is late then they are missing an important part of the day.

If you are late by the following number of minutes each and every day, the numbers on the right show how much learning has been missed:

Minutes late per day	How many school days/weeks missed in 1 year
5 minutes	3.4 school days
10 minutes	1.4 school weeks
15 minutes	2.6 school weeks
20 minutes	2.8 school weeks
30 minutes	4 school weeks

Wise Owl Club

Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm pleased to inform you that the Wise Owl Club waiting list has re-opened. To register your interest please click on the following link and select the sessions you require.

<https://forms.gle/CMfRzTKqXF2PDDD89>

Please submit your interest by **6pm, 1st October 2022**. Please note, this does not guarantee a place in the club. You will be notified as and when a place becomes available for one or more of your chosen sessions.

If you have any queries please email Niki, Wise Owl Manager, at ncotet@goldsworthprimary.co.uk.

Kind regards, Niki – Wise Owl Manager

Plea for help!

At the Harvest Festival on **Friday 21st October**, we will be collecting items for the local foodbank. We would be very grateful if some Parents/Carers would be willing to take some of the items after the event to the foodbank for us. Please let the office team know if you are able to assist and we will arrange for your cars to come onto school grounds after the event and pick up. Many thanks in advance.

We are trying to develop further extra-curricular opportunities for our children and would love to hear from you about any local clubs that may be able to offer a session here either before, at lunchtime or after school. Examples could be: hockey, drama, Art, languages, rugby? This list could go on ... please email the office and mark for the attention of Mr Worth our new PE lead in school. Thank you in advance.

Reading

Within reading this year, we are particularly focusing on developing children's pleasure of reading. We would like to thank you for all the wonderful photographs that you sent in over the holidays, which we will be displaying in school.

There is an abundance of brilliant books for children and it is sometimes difficult to know which books are suitable for different ages of children. Please see below for a link, which will give you a list of recommended books for each year group. There are 50 different books per year and you should find some that your child will enjoy.

There has been a lot of research carried out about the benefits of children reading for pleasure. We would encourage children to help to choose the books that they want to read, as they grow older.

Reception: <https://www.booksfortopics.com/reception>

Year One: <https://www.booksfortopics.com/year-1>

Year Two: <https://www.booksfortopics.com/year-2>

Year Three: <https://www.booksfortopics.com/year-3>

Year Four: <https://www.booksfortopics.com/year-4>

Year Five: <https://www.booksfortopics.com/year-5>

Year Six: <https://www.booksfortopics.com/year-6>

Proven power of reading – did you know?

- Reading for pleasure is more important for children's cognitive development than their parents' level of education and is a more powerful factor in life achievement than socio-economic background. 16-year-olds who choose to read books for pleasure outside of school are more likely to secure managerial or professional jobs in later life.
- Children who read books often at age 10 and more than once a week at age 16 gain higher results in maths, vocabulary and spelling tests at age 16 than those who read less regularly.

Reading Agency

<https://readingagency.org.uk/about/impact/002-reading-facts-1/>



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
October			
Tuesday 04.10.22	SEND Parent Consultations (3-5:30pm)	Y1 – Y6	Parents/Carers of children with ISPs will be invited to sign up for a 1:1 meeting with the class teacher. Further information to follow.
Wednesday 5.10.22	Phonics Workshop (2:45-3:15pm)	Y1	Year 1 Parents/Carers invited to attend
Thursday 13.10.22	Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED) workshop (9-10am)	YR	Reception Parents/Carers invited to attend
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 will be invited to sign up for a 1:1 meeting with the class teacher. Further information to follow.
Tuesday 18.10.22	Viking Workshop	Y3	Year 3 children
Tuesday 18.10.22	Parent forum (2:45pm)	YR - Y6	Class reps to be 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
Friday 21.10.22	Harvest Assembly (9-10am)	YR – Y6	All Parents/Carers invited to attend
24.10.22 to 28.10.22 – school closed for October half term			
Monday 31.10.22	INSET Day	School closed for children	
November			
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 11.11.22	Library visit	Y1	Year 1 children - Owls
Thursday 17.11.22	Library visit	Y1	Year 1 children - Foxes
December			
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
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)	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	
21.12.22 to 02.01.23 – school closed for Christmas holidays			
Tuesday 03.01.23	INSET Day	School closed for children	
Wednesday 04.01.23	Start of the Spring term	Children return to school	