



## Be the best we can be

### Head's Lines

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you had a fun filled half term and are ready for the exciting run up to Christmas. We had a productive start to the half term with our INSET day where the Admin support staff learnt about our new communication tool, Arbor and the class support staff learnt about more about our phonics programme, our provision mapping tool and playground games. The teachers focused on reading and writing. Whilst considering reading we discussed the importance of using high quality book/texts to build children's vocabulary and their love of reading. The benefits of reading include increased general knowledge, a positive impact on academic achievement, enhanced reading ability and vocabulary growth.

As part of our reading culture across school, we would like each child to continue experiencing the wonderful world of books at home. Reading with your child (whether you read to them or they read to you) is an essential part of being an effective learner. Research tells us that reading out loud to children and young people or them reading to you, develops them as learners and widens their vocabulary, giving them wider opportunities during their schooling and adult life.

With this in mind, we are introducing a fun way to record how much reading your child is taking part in at home. This is wonderful opportunity for the whole family to enjoy the pleasure of reading. Please see page 3 for further information.

At Goldsworth, we love to share our learning with our families throughout the year. This can be in the form of class assemblies, Parent/Carer evenings, Performances, open afternoons, sports events ... the list goes on.

We use every opportunity to continue to expand our learning opportunities and this this week was no exception. This week Badgers class showcased their amazing learning within our first class assembly of the academic year. It was great to see so many family members who joined the expectant child audience to see our confident, articulate and Year 2 pupils deliver such a fun filled assembly. The children took us on a tour of their learning through a range of curriculum areas (including Writing, Science and singing). There were many highlights for us as the audience. Well done Badgers!

It was great to see so many children in their House colours on Tuesday. Well done to [Einstein](#) for earning the most House points last half term. We will be adding those totals to the many events throughout the year ready to announce the overall House winner at the end of the summer term, 2023. Remember to continue with those act of kindness; you never know when someone is watching to catch you making that difference! We will also be recognising how children demonstrate our new value: truth. More news on this to come.

I hope to see many of you at the fireworks and Diwali dancing on Sunday.

Take care and stay safe!

Caroline McLennan  
Headteacher

#### Important Notices:

**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

# Weekly Reminders

<b>Whole School</b>	<b>Meditation and Mindfulness colouring club:</b> on Wednesday 09.11.22 there will be no club due to staff training.																																																																
<b>Reception</b>	Please remember to complete the Parent Phonics Workshop feedback form if you haven't already. Please see previous email for the presentation slides, useful resources and the link to the Google Form.																																																																
<b>Year 1</b>	Thursday 10.11.22 - Owls trip to Woking Library. Please wear school uniform, bring trainers in your bag and a waterproof coat. Parent helpers please sign in at the office at 9.45am. We will be back at school in time for lunch as normal.																																																																
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Badgers will be swimming next week.</b> Please can those parent Helpers who have volunteered sign in at the Office by 0900hrs and collect the Class List. You will then need to walk via the Year 5 corridor & wait outside the classroom for Group 1 to be sent out. A reminder that the children cannot wear jewelry - i.e. earrings & watches, and that they will need swimming hats, appropriate swimwear (no bikinis) & goggles (if required). <b>Nativity dates and times:</b> Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2-3pm Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> December 9-10am																																																																
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# Reading at home

In some of our classes we have been trialling a new digital reading record. This is called Boom Reader, where you can record the pages you have read with your child and write a comment about their reading. If your child is reading independently then they will be able to write a comment and the pages that they have read as well. At the end of each book the children will be rewarded with gems for their reading, they can use these to collect cards on the app. At school we will be sharing with the children how to log on and record their reading and a letter will come home explaining how to access this.

Happy reading!

Mrs Read, reading lead

## Staff

We are delighted that Mrs. Iffat Davies has joined us in the office as Admissions and Attendance Officer.

Welcome Iffat.



## Class assemblies

Class assemblies are a great opportunity for the children to showcase the learning rather than a performance. The children will have been asked if they wish to speak and if they decline, we are hopeful they may feel more confident to do so at another time. Due to our jam packed curriculum, we feel confident that they will have lots to share with you but this also means that we do not expect the children to spend a long time practising the assembly as we have lots of other opportunities for the children to perform throughout primary school.

## Goldsworth Pupil Leadership

As well as classroom monitors, School Parliament and Playground leaders there are a number of ways for our children to demonstrate their leadership skills here in school. As we know the Year 6 pupils have demonstrated strength and courage to put themselves forward for Prime Minister and House Captains. These roles allow the children an opportunity to lead our school forward and make a difference to our whole school community. We are all so proud of each Year 6 child who put themselves forward for these roles to help us lead our school. They have demonstrated confidence and determination amongst high competition. Whilst some will be proud to have been elected, others may be disappointed. We, as always, live by our school values, where we show dignity in winning and defeat and we show support to others who were not successful at this time. As I have previously mentioned, there were a number of other roles which offer further opportunities to become an ambassador for our school. Some of these ambassadors have shown further confidence and enjoyed taking prospective Parents/Carers around our school on tours for the Reception 2023 intake. We have received fantastic feedback about their confidence and knowledge of your school. Well done!

# Parent forum (Parent Reps)

## Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2:45pm, main hall

Following our recent Parent forum, we have a follow up meeting where I will address your views which you shared via your Parent rep. The Parent forum is a partnership between parents and the school. It is a valuable way to share positive comments, ideas, and 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 next class forum will be shared in due course but please continue to share your thoughts with your Parent Rep.**

Thank you in advance.

## Enhancement activities

I have seen lots of enhancement learning over the weeks and Year 1 have shared lots in particular. I am sure you will agree that this learning is outstanding and has really supported the learning in class. Well done children, keep up the hard work!



# 'Odd socks day'

'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.



# 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](#).



# Year 2 workshop

The Year 2 children loved learning in the Dragons, Knights and Princesses workshop.



# 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
Sunday 06.11.22	FoG Diwali Fireworks Festival (see FOG newsletter for info)	YR - Y6	Community event run by Friend of Goldsworth – all welcome
Monday 7.11.22	Parent forum 2:45pm in the main hall	YR – Y6	Parent Reps invited to hear feedback from recent collection of questions from the school community
Tuesday 08.11.22	National measurement checks (AM)	Y6	Y6 children. The school nursing team will carry out this check in school
Thursday 10.11.22	Library visit	Y1	Year 1 children - Owls
Thursday 10.11.22	Sayers Croft parents information evening 5pm in the Sports Hall	Y5	All Year 5 parents are welcome
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	Nasal Flu programme	YR – Y6	Whole school – details to follow from the school nursing team
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
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
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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>			