



Be the best we can be

Head's Lines

Dear Parents/Carers,

We can certainly say that 'it is beginning to look a lot like Christmas' at Goldsworth. From the Santa run on Sunday to the Year 1 Carol service today, it is a lovely time to be in school. On behalf of the school community including staff and Governors, I wanted to say a huge thank you to our 'Friends of Goldsworth; who organized the Santa run, form the co-ordination of the day and leading a team during the preparation and on the day (and on future days in school at the 'no adult gift shop'). Our 'Friends' passion, commitment and dedication to our fantastic school is unrivalled and truly inspirational. We know that that such events take a lot of organisation and time and without this team, special school community events would not happen. I would also like to thank Mrs Taylor and Miss Lethbridge for leading the choirs at this event and also Mrs Cox who supported the School Parliament with their photo booth.

We are always keen to hear the views of our community and this is achieved through a variety of ways. We use parent surveys to collect views of the school and ways we could improve even further. The last survey we used enabled us to make some vital changes, in particular our homework policy. We are delighted to share with you another essential opportunity to collect parent views to further support how we meet the needs of our children and enhance home/school links for the best of your child. We look forward to your many wonderful ideas to help us grow and continuously improve as a school. Please use the link below.

I am sure, like me that road safety is at the fore front of your mind for all our children. We are increasingly concerned that at school drop off and pick up our children are not as safe as they could be. Many families use the car park as a footpath and we have had some near misses where children are not safe. The car park is not a footpath and should not be used as such. It is vital that families, with or without their children do not walk through the car park as there are cars moving around at these times. We would also politely request that children are using their scooters on the footpath and not through the car park. Our staff and visitors leave their cars in the car park and, sadly, a scooter bumped into a staff member's car.

In addition to this we have seen some very dangerous driving around the entrance to school where, again, children are not safely able to cross the road. Some of you may remember that Goldsworth adopted an informal one way system on Bridge Barn Lane where traffic is only travelling one way therefore making it safer for our families. We would like to relaunch this to try and ensure this is a far less stressful experience for all members of our community. Please see below for further details. This informal one way system has also been shared with staff as some of them may be leaving the school at drop off and they will also be turning left to support our children's safety.

Have a wonderful weekend; enjoy any festive activities you may be planning to enjoy!

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

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

Scarlet Fever Guidance

To keep you updated, we now have cases of Scarlet Fever and Strep Throat across the school and many children with the common symptoms.

If your child has a temperature or is unwell please keep them at home and let the office know. The symptoms we are seeing are temperature and a sore throat. Please do keep an eye on your children and if your child has been unwell for a few days with symptoms I would advise seeking medical advice from 111 or your GP. If your child is diagnosed with Strep Throat or Scarlet Fever please do let us know. If you or your child has Scarlet Fever, stay away from school for 24 hours after you take the 1st dose of antibiotics.

The [NHS](#) has guidance on symptoms of scarlet fever and [this](#) is a link to the UK Health Security Association frequently answered questions.

As a Trust we have ensured that our infection control policy and procedures are adhered to and we will continue to put in place preventive measures to reduce transmission. We have shared this policy and procedures with all staff to ensure the safety of our school community.

As ever we really appreciate your support and vigilance with this matter as we all try to stay well for the festive season.

Informal one way traffic system

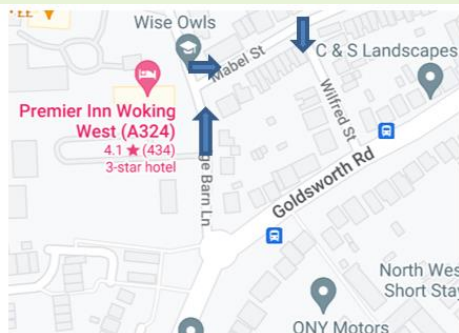
Informal one way system

- Between the hours of 8:30-9:10
- Between the hours of 3:00- 3:45
- Please leave school and turn left onto Bridge Barn Lane
- Turn right onto Mabel Street
- Turn right onto Wilfred Street
- At the end you can then turn left or right onto Goldsworth Road

This will allow the traffic, at peak times, to flow outside of school, making it safer for the children and members of our community.

In the same way, if you are parked in Bridge Barn car park please:

- Turn right on to Bridge Barn Lane
- Turn left into Mabel Street
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- At the end you can then turn left or right onto Goldsworth Road



Weekly Reminders

Whole School	Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner – Wednesday 14 th December.																																																																				
Reception	<p>Reception are seeking replacement bicycle helmets, a CD player and craft resources for our creative zone (e.g. pom poms, pipe cleaners, buttons...) If you happen to have any of these things in usable condition, and are happy to give them a new home, please kindly give them to your child's class teacher before the end of term. As always, we really appreciate the support and donations you give us.</p> <p>Quick reminder that you do not need to source a costume for our upcoming Nativities - the Reception team have this covered! Please can we ask that you send your child in with an extra layer of clothing and a suitable coat for the occasion. In the case of bad weather, the performances will be moved to the sports hall. Please enter via the front office.</p>																																																																				
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Year 2	<p>Nativity performances: Monday 12th at 14:00-15:00 and Tuesday 13th at 9:00-10:00.</p> <p><u>PE and Forest School days for after the Christmas Holiday:</u> Badgers – PE (Tuesday [indoors] and Thursday [outdoors]); Forest School (Wednesday) Please bring old clothes for the children to change into. (hats, gloves, wellies according to the weather) Bats and Rabbits – PE (Tuesday [indoors] and Wednesday [outdoors]) <u>January Swimming (Monday - Thursday)</u> Bats – w/c 9th Badgers – w/c 12th</p> <p>If you can be a parent volunteer for Forest School (1 parent needed 13:10 – 15:00) or Swimming (2-3 parents 9:00-11:00) please speak with Class Reps.</p>																																																																				
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Parent survey

Please use the following link to share your views with us: <https://forms.office.com/e/airEqPppM>

This link will be accessible until Tuesday 20th December and we would like to thank you in advance for your support with completing this to enable us to continue to improve even further.

Boom Reader

Well done Goldsworth, this week we have read **1,347** times! We have many avid readers across the school but the class who have read the most this week is **Moles** class, followed by **Hedgehogs** and then **5G**.

Well done in particular to the following children who have recorded the most amount of reads this week:

- **Alexander** in **Mice** with 33 reads
- **Azaan** in **6MD** with 30 reads
- **Spencer** in **6L** with 29 reads

Huge well done to all who are reading at home and at school, we are really keen for all children to record when they are reading. At the moment **Reception** are reading the most, then **Year 6** and then **Year 4** ... let's see what will happen next week. Try and challenge yourself to read more, whether it be another page of a chapter book, another 5 minutes ... remember those marginal gains of 1% we talk about. Keep reading!

School Photos

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY – VIEWING CARDS

Following Pret-a-Portrait's recent visit to take school photographs, a viewing card explaining how you can view and order pictures, will be sent home with the children today.

Please ask your child/ren to give it to you as soon as possible so you have a chance to order any pictures you would like at a discounted price before the **Early Bird Deadline 21/12/2022**.

If for any reason your viewing doesn't make it to you in the next few days, please contact Pret-a-Portrait directly on 0800 021 7626 or customerservice@pret-a-portrait.net

Curriculum Swimming

Payments towards curriculum swimming lessons can now be made on ParentMail. Reception children will receive 8 lessons during the course of the year whilst the rest of the school will receive 12 lessons.

The Curriculum swimming lessons are a great way of introducing children to swimming (and hopefully starting a life-long love of swimming) as well as allowing more experienced swimmers to hone their technique. However, we would encourage all children to have additional lessons beyond those provided during the school day. As well as Woking's lessons at Pool in the Park, there are a number of private swim schools in the area and we also run after school lessons during term time.

Spring term clubs

Please find attached the club's list for the spring term. Having listened to feedback from the last sign up we have reviewed our process. Children will still be able to attend one free after-school club for the half term, however the initial sign-up is now an expression of interest and not run on a first come, first served basis. This will be open on ParentMail from **9am Tuesday 13th December to 9pm Sunday 18th December**.

Once this has closed, clubs will be assigned to children based on, but not limited to previous waiting lists, previous terms sign ups and attendances, number of places available and invitations to attend from the lead teacher. Notifications of places for the clubs will then be emailed to parents directly during the first week back in the spring term. Clubs will then commence the week beginning 9th January 2023.

Please also note that Meditation and Junior Choir have now moved to lunchtime clubs which require no sign up.

If you have any questions regarding the sign up, please contact me.

Mr Worth

Girls Football club

This term we launched the Girls football club at Goldsworth with around 30 girls training every week. Since the club started, we've already seen the year 6 team bring home some silverware in a Woking schools' tournament and have a number of exciting fixtures / tournaments to come in 2023. To complement our weekly training and grow a real love of Girls / Women's football in our community we're looking to arrange tickets to watch some Women's Super League matches across 2023 giving our kids a chance to see in person some of the best Women's teams and players in one of the most exciting football leagues in the world. If you and your kids are interested in joining us for a match or to find out more, please contact me via the school office on admin@goldsworthprimary.co.uk, everyone welcome.

Chris Funnell / Coach

Christmas jumper day and lunch

We cannot thank you enough for your kind donations of Christmas jumpers for next Wednesday 14th December which is Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner day.

Reminder: 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](#).

Santa Run

Thank you to all the Parents/Carers and staff who took part in the Santa Run on Sunday. Well done to the Friends of Goldsworth for raising an AMAZING £2,095!



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
December			
Monday 12.12.22	Nativity (2-3pm)	Y2	Year 2 children. Year 2
Tuesday 13.12.22	Nativity (9-10am)		Parents/Carers invited to attend
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)		
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
Thursday 15.12.22	The Haven Christmas Parents Extravaganza (9am-10am)	The Haven	Parents/Carers of Haven children invited to attend
Monday 19.12.22	Church Service (9-11am)	Y1 - Y2	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 for the children Wise Owl closes at 4pm.	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 1 term	Children return to school	
Thursday 12.01.23	EYFS Maths workshop (9-10am)	YR	Reception Parents/Carers invited to attend
Tuesday 10.01.23 & Wednesday 11.01.23	Y6 music workshop	Y6	Y6 children
Tuesday 17.01.23	Great Fire of London Workshop	Y1	Year 1 children
Friday 20.01.23	Y4 Stone Age workshop	Y4	Y4 children
w/c 23.01.23	Year 6 Bikeability	Y6	Y6 children
Monday 06.02.23	Florence Nightingale workshop	Y2	Y2 children
Tuesday 07.02.23	Reception Trip to Godstone Farm	YR	YR children
Thursday 09.02.23	Tuck Shop	YR – Y6	Reception to Year 6 children. Refer to FoG newsletter for more details
Thursday 09.02.23	Open Afternoon (3-3:30pm)	YR – Y6	YR – Y6 parents/carers invited to attend
Monday 20.02.23	INSET day	School closed for children	
Tuesday 21.02.23	Start of the Spring 2 term	Children return to school	
Wednesday 22.02.23	Y1 Drama Workshop	Y1	Y1 children
Thursday 23.02.23	Online Safety Workshops	Whole School	YR – Y6
Monday 27.02.23	Spring term Parent forum (9-9:45am, main hall)	YR - Y6	Class reps invited to meet with the Headteacher
Wednesday 01.03.23 to Friday 03.03.23	Year 5 Sayers Croft residential	Y5	Y5 children
Monday 20.03.23 to Wednesday 22.03.23	Year 4 residential to Henley Fort	Y4	Y4 children