



Be the best we can be

Head's Lines

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to be on the gate on Wednesday morning to greet an enthusiastic and excited crowd of children and parents/carers on our first day back in 2023. The children were so pleased to see their friends and were keen to start their new learning. With stories of the wonderful Christmas holidays spent with family and friends and special events across the break, the children seamlessly transitioned back into school and there was again the normal buzz of learning all around us.

We have an exciting new term ahead and we look forward to sharing and celebrating the many successes with the whole school community in time.

We understand the importance of effective communication between school and home and, as ever, we have a number of events to inform you about. Please see the dates below to keep up to date. We will, of course, inform you of any other notices as needed. We are grateful for our Class Reps who do a sterling job of keeping you up to date with regular communications and answering any questions you may have. We look forward to working with you this year to achieve the best for the school, the community and, most importantly, the children.

In our first assembly of 2023, we discussed the importance of Janus, The Roman God of entrances and transitions and how the Romans used his name to name the first month of the year, January.



We then considered what we were going to try to improve throughout the year so that maybe, one day, we might be remembered like Janus. The children and adults shared what they are aspiring to improve by a marginal 1% gain. The children spoke about improving their times tables and including everyone, and the adults spoke about improving their running and increasing the numbers of times they swim in the sea!

Important Notices:

Please ensure you have the term dates in your diary. The school will not be able to authorise any term time holidays, so please ensure you book within holiday periods.

School dates:

2022-2023 INSET DAYS:

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



If I have not yet seen you on the gate this year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Happy New Year and a successful, happy and healthy 2023.

Caroline McLennan
Headteacher

Weekly Reminders

Whole School	Afterschool clubs commence next week i.e. 9 th January. Please note Boys Football will start on the 17 th January due to Mr Worth being at a sports meeting.																																																																
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Year 2	<p>For w/c 9th January ONLY all classes will have indoor PE on THURSDAY. Please send children from Badgers to school in their OUTDOOR kit with shorts to change into.</p> <p>Badgers PE: Tuesday (indoors), Thursday (outdoors) and Wednesday Forest School. Please ensure children have wellies and a waterproof coat.</p> <p>Rabbits PE: Tuesday (indoor) and Wednesday (outdoor) Bats PE: Tuesday (indoor) and Wednesday (outdoor)</p> <p>We are looking at the magic potion from George's Marvellous Medicine and will be creating some of our own. Please could you collect any empty bottles or boxes from everyday items such as shampoo, toothpaste, shower gel etc. for our role play.</p>																																																																
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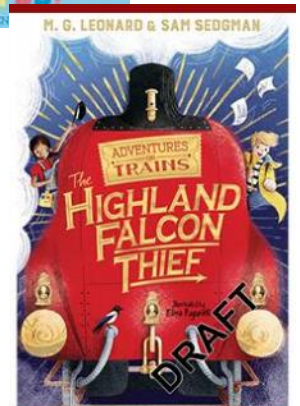
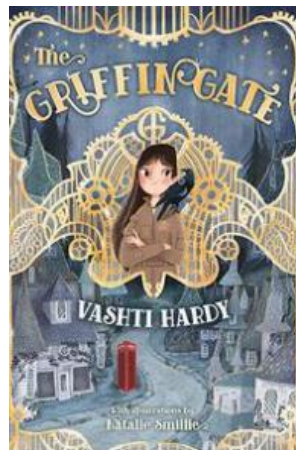
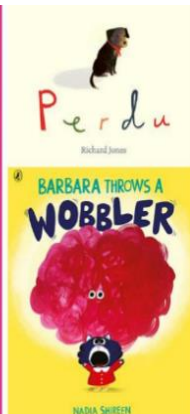
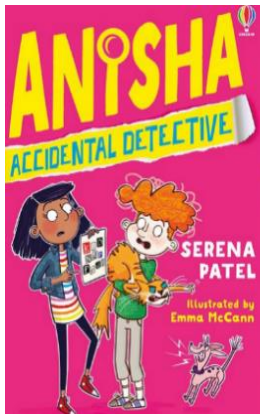
Library improvement project

Thank you for your donations of books, please continue to bring them to the school office. Improving our school library is a community project and we would love to obtain the books recommended by the Federation of Children's Book ... [\[Children's book award 2022\]](#)

Below are the nominated books for [younger children](#) and [younger readers](#). There is also a book for older readers, *Midnight Guardians*, which we believe would be suitable for Year 6.

To pay it forward to our school community, support our Library improvement project and enhance our children's love of reading, we would be grateful for any donations. Please complete [this link](#) indicating which book/s if you would like to make a donation. Your support and generosity never goes unnoticed, thank you! In recognition the school will insert in each book a donation sticker recognising the generosity of our community.

Alternatively, if you have any links to any organisations which can support with the funding of new books or the supply of books for this project, please contact the school office with further details.



Books for Older Readers

The Midnight Guardians

Written by Ross Montgomery

Published by Walker

ISBN 978-1406391183

Set against the backdrop of WW2, this is a thrilling blend of fantasy and historical realism. Col is evacuated to Derbyshire where he is reunited with three imaginary friends who warn him of impending danger. Together with a Kindertransportee, they set out on a race against time to defeat the forces of darkness and rescue Col's sister from the Blitz, pursued by the monstrous Midwinter King across the war torn countryside. This multi-layered exploration of loss, separation, family and friendship echoes with ancient myths and classic children's stories.



Boom Reader

We would like to start by thanking you for the support you have all given with Boom Reader.

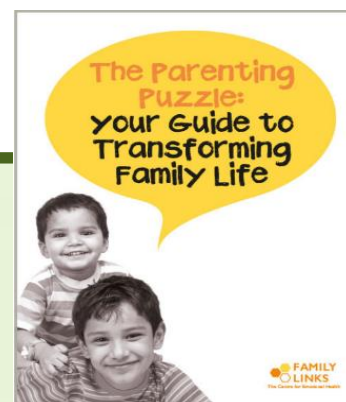
The amount of times that the children are reading has increased since we first introduced this in the Autumn Term. We have reflected on the way in which have been awarded and are changing how we celebrate the reading that the children are doing at home. From next week, we will be awarding the certificates to the class and year group that has the highest percentage of children reading. We will also be letting the children and yourselves know the amount of reading that we have achieved as a school each week.

Our aim is to encourage as many children as possible to be reading at home and logging their reading on the app. The children are able to log any reading that they have been doing; it does not need to be confined to their reading book as all reading is purposeful and legitimate. Recent research has shown that children who read for pleasure have higher mental wellbeing scores than their peers that do not read. If you have any problems with accessing the app then please contact your child's class teacher for support.

Parenting Puzzle

What is parenting puzzle?

The parenting puzzle is a 10 week course that encourages parents and carers to enjoy bringing up children and get the best out of family life. It offers positive, practical ways of guiding children so they learn to handle both their feelings and their behaviour. Please see the attached flyer for further information about this exciting opportunity which we are offering here at Goldsworth.



Sports update

Year 3-6 PE Lessons - Spring 1

This half term will see students in years 3,4,5 and 6 completing Football based units where possible we will be using the school field and if your child has Football Boots, Shin Pads and Long Socks to wear them during the lessons. They would still need to wear their trainers to school on PE days in case the pitch is too waterlogged on the day.

Boys Football Club 10th January

Please note that due to Mr Worth having to attend a Woking Primary Sports meeting, Boys Football will not be running on Tuesday 10th January and will be starting on Tuesday 17th January.

Indoor Athletics Trials

Students in Year 5 & 6 have been trialing for the Indoor Athletics team this week, the final trial will be Friday 13th January after school 3:20-4:30pm in the Sports Hall. Any queries regarding this please contact Mr Worth.

Key Dates for Spring Term

Please check this weekly as new dates may be published. We will indicate these in red.

Date	Event	Year Group	Community Participation
January			
Tuesday 10.01.23 & Wednesday 11.01.23	Y6 music workshop	Y6	Y6 children
Thursday 12.01.23	EYFS Maths workshop (9-10am)	YR	Reception Parents/Carers invited to attend
Monday 16.01.23	FoG second hand uniform sale (after school)	Whole school	Refer to FoG newsletter for more details
Tuesday 17.01.23	Great Fire of London Workshop	Y1	Year 1 children
Wednesday 18.01.23	Y6 theatre trip	Y6	Y6 children
Friday 20.01.23	Y4 Stone Age workshop	Y4	Y4 children
w/c 23.01.23	Year 6 Bikeability	Y6	Y6 children
February			
Thursday 02.02.23	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
Friday 24.02.23	FoG Happy School Bags collection	Whole school	Refer to FoG newsletter for more details
Monday 27.02.23	Spring term Parent forum (9-9:45am, main hall)	YR - Y6	Class reps invited to meet with the Headteacher
March			
Wednesday 01.03.23 to Friday 03.03.23	Year 5 Sayers Croft residential	Y5	Y5 children
Monday 06.03.23	Fantastic Fred Experience Mental Health Workshop	Y1 – Y6	Y1 – Y6 children
Tuesday 14.03.23	SEND Parent Consultations (3-5.30pm)	YR – 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.
Thursday 16.03.23	Y2 Brooklands trip	Y2	Y2 children
Monday 20.03.23 to Wednesday 22.03.23	Year 4 residential to Henley Fort	Y4	Y4 children
Tuesday 21.03.23 Thursday 23.03.23	Parent consultations – times and platform tbc	YR/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y5/Y6	Reception to Year 6 (not Y4 due to residential) Parents/Carers will be invited to sign up for a 1:1 meeting with the class teacher. Further information to follow.
Tuesday 28.03.23 Thursday 30.03.23	Year 4 parent consultations 3-5.30pm – platform tbc	Y4	Y4 Parents/Carers will be invited to sign up for a 1:1 meeting with the class teacher. Further information to follow.
Friday 31.03.23	End of Term – school closes at 1:15pm	Whole School	
03.04.23 to 14.04.23 - school closed for Easter holidays			