



Be the best we can be

Head's Lines

Dear Parents/Carers,

The New Year gives us great opportunities to celebrate the past, with all our learning and achievements, as well as setting new goals for the future. As we heard last week some children and adults have confidently shared their new goals for 2023 with the whole school. Whether you are someone who sets new goals or not, we all aspire to be the best version of ourselves. We all want ourselves, our children and our families to flourish in all that we do and who we are as a person. We have spoken about the 1% marginal gain; being:



Along encouraging our children to 'be the best they can be', we also want our school to be the best for the children, families, staff and the community. Before Christmas I sent the link to a parent's survey to enable us to continue to improve even further. Thank you to the families who completed the survey; on reflection the timing may not have been the best for all the families who were preparing for one of the busiest time of year. With this in mind, here is the link again:

[Parent Survey](#)

This link will be accessible until 5pm Monday 30th January and we would like to thank you in advance for your support with completing this. If you have already accessed the link to share your views then please do not feel obliged to re-submit as we shall use the original results when collating all the data and comments alongside the new feedback.

Another way to hear from parents/carers is via our Friends of Goldsworth (FoG) who are meeting on Monday 16th Jan 2023 at 8pm. Following their stupendous effort throughout the autumn term 2022, the FoG and school community are looking forward to more opportunities for fun, community spirited and fund-raising events throughout the coming term. The FoG are an amazing group of people who generously give their time to plan and lead amazing events across the school year. We need YOU to support our school and our FoG in any small way you can. We are so grateful for all the committee, people who help and/support the FoG events, our parent volunteers, Class Reps etc ... the list goes on.

Following feedback, we have decided to run a hybrid approach to parent consultations this term. This will mean opportunities for face to face meetings or meeting your child's teacher via TEAMS (on-line) more details will follow.

Well done to Bats class for a great assembly this week. We learnt all about castles and invasions! The children made us laugh and feel proud with their clear voices, beautiful singing and wonderful personalities. It was a fun assembly and one to remember!

Have a super weekend and see you all bright and early on Monday.

Caroline McLennan
Headteacher

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

Weekly Reminders

Whole School Reception	No reminders. The first few sessions of forest school have been successful! Many children are struggling to organise the number of belongings that they are bringing into school on these days. Please can we ask you to send your children in with some of their uniform on underneath their forest school clothes where possible (this works well if your child has a waterproof all in one, but we appreciate that not all children will have one). Furthermore, please ensure that your child has their school shoes to change into and that everything is named! Please can all reception pupils wear their PE kit to school on Thursday 19th January.																																																																
Year 1	Please remember to bring your reading packs and books to school on Fridays.																																																																
Year 2	Next week, Badgers will be swimming Monday – Thursday. We are also making biscuits as part of our DT. Please speak with your child's class teacher if you child has an <u>allergy</u> to: ginger, orange, cinnamon, raisins or milk/white chocolate.																																																																
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Poppy Appeal

Thank you to those who supported the Poppy Appeal, as a school we collected **£471.73** - what a great achievement! Without your help and support, the Royal British Legion would be unable to continue their vital welfare and benevolent work. Thank you for your support!

Winter illness guidance

Guidance from the UKHSA regarding high levels of Flu, COVID-19, and Scarlet Fever

Please see below information below from UKHSA regarding high levels of winter illnesses.

As children return to school following the Christmas break, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has reminded us that winter illnesses including [flu](#) and [coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) are currently circulating at high levels and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of [scarlet fever](#), which is caused by group A streptococcus, also continue to be reported.

By following simple steps, we can help protect children, minimise the spread of illness in schools and childcare settings and also protect friends, family and those who are more vulnerable in our community:

- It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better, and the fever has resolved.
- Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.
- [Good ventilation](#) is key to good infection prevention and control.
- Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent.
- Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. Flu can be very unpleasant and, in some cases, can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with, and it's still not too late.

Eligible children include:

- those aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2022
- all primary school-aged children
- some secondary school-aged children

You can get more information on [getting your child vaccinated against flu on NHS.UK](#).

Further information on symptoms and treatment available here:

COVID-19 [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

Flu [Flu - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

Scarlet Fever [Scarlet fever - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

Playtimes

Next week, we will be having a push on the expectations in the playground. One element of this is how we use equipment, especially on the hard surface when the field is out of use. Due to the smaller space we ask the children not to use hard balls as they can cause injuries. Mr. Worth has ordered more equipment that can be safely used in this space and I would politely ask that you do not send in balls from home. They may not be suitable, may get lost and often cause friendship issues. Thank you for your support with this.



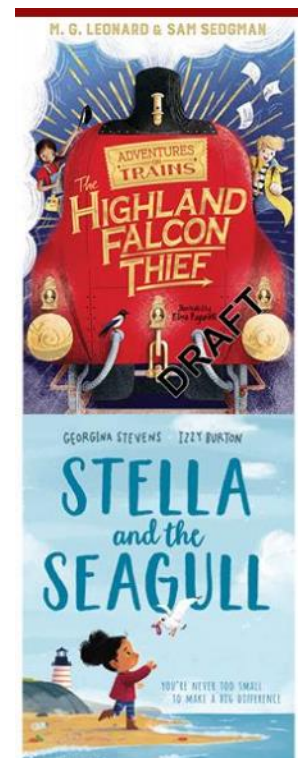
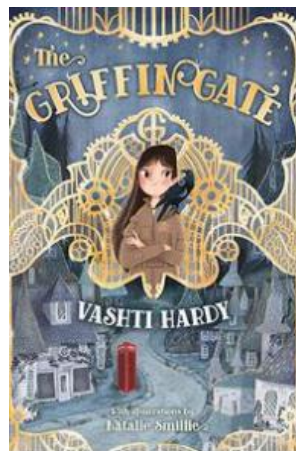
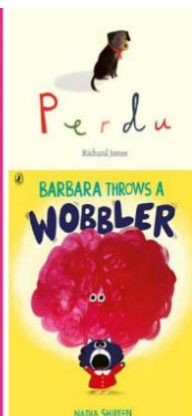
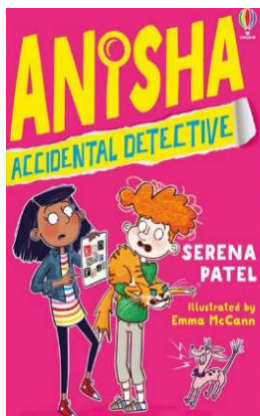
Library improvement project

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

Thank you to all the children who are reading throughout the week and the parents/carers who are recording this on the Boom reader app.

This week 100% of the children in 6C read during the week; this is outstanding. Well done 6C! 70% of Hedgehogs class and 63% of Moles read throughout the week; great effort.

Our total reads as a school is up to 1,425 which is a 3% gain on previous weeks. This is wonderful news and something to be proud of.

Please support your child by encouraging them to read a least, 3 times a week and recording this on the app. Thank you.

KS1 Maths Workshop

Parents/carers of children in Years 1 & 2 invited to attend

GOLDSWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

KEY STAGE 1 MATHS WORKSHOP

A WORKSHOP TO HELP YEAR 1 AND 2 PARENTS SEE HOW WE TEACH MATHS IN SCHOOL

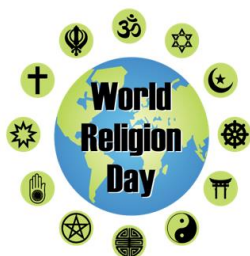
WEDNESDAY 25TH JANUARY AT 6.15PM
OR
THURSDAY 26TH JANUARY AT 9AM

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO BE ABLE TO INVITE YOU TO OUR MATHS WORKSHOP. WE HOPE TO EXPLAIN HOW MATHS CONCEPTS ARE TAUGHT AND SHARE THE STRATEGIES YOUR CHILDREN USE AT SCHOOL. WE WILL ALSO SHARE IDEAS AND ACTIVITIES THAT YOU CAN USE TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD/REN AT HOME.

Woking Family Centre - Play & Learn Plus

Woking Family Centre and Homestart are pleased to offer an informal, friendly and supportive drop in playgroup for parent/carers of children with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (0- 5 years of age). The sessions provide an opportunity for parents/carers to meet, talk and gain support from each other and from the professionals. Parents/carers can drop in anytime with their child between 9.45 – 11.15am every Tuesday. Booking is not required. Please refer to the attached flyer.

Every Tuesday - 9.45 – 11.15am
Woking Family Centre
Sythwood Bungalow (next to Sythwood Primary School)
Woking, GU21 3AX



World Religion Day

On Sunday 15th January is World Religion Day. World Religion Day is celebrated on the third Sunday in January every year and is a reminder of the need for harmony and understanding between religions and faith systems. On this day, communities of different faiths have the opportunity to get together and listen to each other, as well as celebrate the differences and commonalities that the delicate intermingling of culture and religion brings. There are approximately 4,200 religions around the world. While many people live their lives without religion, faith in a higher being or power works for the majority of people. Whatever the reasons, we are all for the idea of people being unified despite differences and celebrating them.

As we have a number of religions in our school, we thought it would be a great opportunity to discuss some of the similarities and differences between them. Teachers have asked the children to think about their beliefs and on Monday we will be sharing them. This links beautifully with our current value; LOVE.

As part of their RE curriculum, today Year 6 had a visit from two Thai Monks from Wat Phra Dhammakaya talk to the children about Buddhism and their way of life. The children were also given the opportunity to experience a short mediation session. We are extremely fortunate that our children are able to experience different religions.



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			
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
Wednesday 25.01.23	KS1 Maths workshop for parents/carers (6.15-7pm, main hall)	Y1 – Y2	Y1 & Y2 parents/carers are invited to attend the Maths workshop to find out more about how we teach Maths at Goldsworth
Thursday 26.01.23	KS1 Maths workshop for parents/carers (9-10am, sports hall)		
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			