



Be the best we can be

Head's Lines

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much to all the families who have already donated books for our library. We are striving to develop our library space even further with sourcing new, child-friendly furniture and lots more books! The Friends of Goldsworth are actively supporting us with this and are keen to raise funds to allow us to redesign the space and carefully select further fiction and non-fiction books for our children to continue to enjoy.

The children can still continue to borrow books to help develop their reading, language and, ultimately, writing skills. Developing that love of reading is essential in a child's educational development so thank you to all those families who continue to listen and read to their children in the evenings, weekends and holidays.



Research shows that as parents and carers, we should be reading to our children as much as possible (even up to secondary school) as we model good reading strategies. Why not find some time this weekend together to read a fiction, a non-fiction book, newspaper, online blog, magazine or some poetry. Reading together for a short amount of time each day will have a huge impact on their personal educational development.

I am sure you will be aware that teaching unions have balloted their members on whether to take industrial action due to the current trade dispute with the Secretary of State for Education. The results of the ballot are now known and one of the unions is calling on its members to take strike action on the following days:

Wednesday 1st February
Thursday 2nd March
Wednesday 15th March
Thursday 16th March

At this stage we do not know how this will affect the school in terms of staffing, but it is likely to cause some disruption. I wanted to write to all parents and carers to reassure you that we will do everything we can to minimise any disruption to children's learning and will inform you as soon as possible about any steps we may have to take due to any industrial action. There will be more information in due course. Thank you for your patience at this time.

With best wishes,

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	No reminders.																																																																
Reception	<p>Next week, we will be learning about how people celebrate the Lunar New Year. If any families happen to be celebrating this occasion this weekend and would be willing to share some photos/experiences, please upload them to Tapestry or discuss with your child's class teacher.</p> <p>Can all Reception pupils wear their PE kit to school on Thursday 26th January. The children will be taking part in gymnastics - all jewellery must be removed, and long hair should be tied back.</p>																																																																
Year 1	<p>SWIMMING Year 1 are swimming over the next few weeks. Swimming lessons cannot take place without the support of parent helpers. Please let your class Parent Reps know if you are able to support lessons for your child's class.</p> <p>PSHE In our PSHE lessons, we will be discussing the NSPCC's Underwear Rule. During these discussions we will aim to teach our pupils the following important safety skills without giving explicit information or telling scary stories. We will be teaching our pupils the NSPCC's Underwear Rule, using the 'PANTS' acrostic, which is like a green cross code for staying safe from sexual abuse. PANTS stands for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Privates are private • Always remember your body belongs to you • No means no • Talk about secrets that upset you • Speak up, someone can help <p>The lesson will be delivered in a way that's fully age-appropriate. More information about the Underwear Rule, including a short film and a parent guide can be found at nspcc.org.uk/underwearrule</p>																																																																
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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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

Parent Survey

Please use the following link to share your views with us: [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 will use the original results when collating all the data and comments alongside the new feedback.



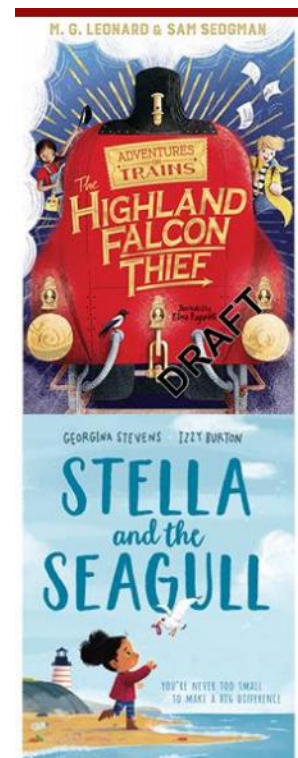
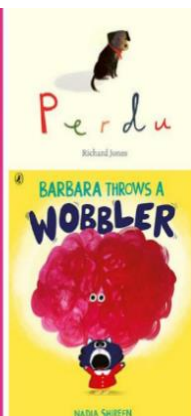
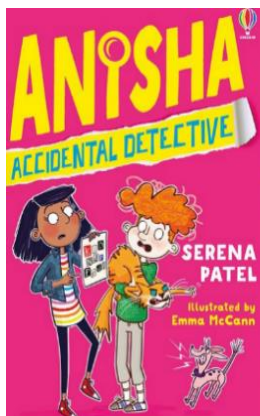
Library improvement project

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.



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.

Golden table



Well done to those children who were able to sit on the Golden table so far this term. It is a delight for me or other senior leaders, to sit with children who have demonstrated our school values at lunchtimes and therefore earned a raffle ticket (Golden ticket!) During our celebration assembly on a Friday, as well as celebrating House points and Boom reader, we also pick three children from each year group to sit on the Golden table, with a friend, and enjoy a cup of squash with Mrs. McLennan or another senior leader. The children also receive a golden Headteacher sticker to recognise their achievement. I have a great time finding out a little bit more about the children, in particular their hobbies and interests outside of school. Well done to all the children who have received a raffle ticket; you are all ambassadors for our wonderful school.

Playtimes

This week, as I outlined in last week's newsletter, we have reminded the children about the expectations on 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.

Owl assembly

There was a real treat this week with an amazing class assembly from Owls class. Mrs. Henson worked wonders and we were transported to Pudding Lane where the Great Fire of London happened in 1666. The children spoke with real confidence, sang beautifully as they shared all their learning from this term, so far. Well done Owls, you are all superstars!

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 73% of the children in Hedgehogs read during the week, well done!

72% of Whales class read this week; this is amazing!

We had a joint third place with 63% of Moles and 6MD reading throughout the week; great effort.

Our total reads as a school is up to 1,555 which is an 8% gain on previous weeks. I am delighted to hear that we are increasing steadily each week, amazing effort everyone.

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

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			
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			