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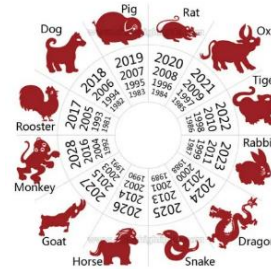
Dear Parents/Carers,

A belated Happy New Year from the Goldsworth community. Chinese New Year 2023 fell on Sunday 22nd January 2023 starting the year of the Rabbit. In China this was a public holiday and is commonly known as Spring festival. One of the most celebrated holidays in the Chinese calendar, the Lunar New Year kicks off a 15-day festival of celebration in China and among Chinese communities around the world, in other countries across Asia, including South Korea, Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and Singapore.



During this period, there are a number of traditions including a lion dance with drums and loud sounds to scare away the evil spirits and welcome the lion to bring good fortune.

The Rabbit is the fourth animal in the zodiac sequence of 12, and is seen as the luckiest. People born in the year of the Rabbit are believed to be vigilant, witty, quick-minded and ingenious. The animal is also said to signify mercy, elegance and beauty.



Some exciting news to share is that the FoG have added the Library Improvement Project to their PTA Events site as the project they are fundraising for this year. They have set a goal of £25k, and have even got a thermometer, very exciting!! Parents can now make a one off donation towards the FoG fundraising goal. If you would like to see what it looks like please use this link: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgoldsworth>

Following my letter last week regarding industrial action, I have written with an update in a separate letter, please look out for this email.

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

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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.

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 90% of the children in 6MD read during the week, great work children!

80% of 6L class read this week; fantastic!

60% of Hedgehogs reading throughout the week; great effort children!

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

Thank you.

Otters assembly

It was a lovely assembly this week with the children sharing with us their learning all about the Great fire of London. The audience learnt all about Pudding Lane and how the fire was put out! The children spoke well and sang beautifully.

Well done Otters!

Mental Health

Children's Mental Health week commences on February 6th and this year's theme is 'Let's Connect'.

Please find more information [here](#).

We will be recognising this in school with an assembly and in class.



Sports Update

January may have tried its best to dampen the spirits of the Goldsworth students with the wet weather, and freezing temperatures, but they have shown fantastic resilience to remain focused, in PE, afterschool clubs and fixtures over the course of the term so far.

First up, against the conditions, the Year 5 and 6 girls partook in a tournament at Greenfield School. With so many training regularly with Mr Funnell each week it was pleasing to give 8 students the chance to make their footballing debuts. The girls played with fantastic commitment against a number of strong teams with Sophie really using her head to pull off some brilliant saves in goal, keeping Goldsworth in sight. The girls got stronger with each match and were unlucky not to get their first win of the day against Knaphill, and narrowly lost to semifinalists St Hugh of Lincoln in the last game thanks to the storming runs from Izzy, Evie C, and Michaela and excellent defending from Holly, Lexi, Zoha and Mia. Supported by the non-stop running of Amy and Eva. A great day of sweat, mud and smiles from all involved.



Next up, the U11 Girls travelled to Dorking Wanderers FC to compete in the 2nd round of the ESFA national cup. In slightly more pleasant conditions and with a vocal travelling support, Goldsworth were taking on the winners from other regions of Surrey. A nervous start against Northmead saw Goldsworth go behind just before half time before an equaliser from Eva secured a point. Next came a talented Hollymount who pressured Goldsworth relentlessly and despite a fine save from Sophie, scored from the follow up. Undeterred, the girls rallied and scored in quick reply through Georgia and Evie T. A short break was followed by another well fought 1-1 draw against Manorcroft, a 6-0 win against Cheam Park, a 4-0 win against Hammond and a 1-0 win against St Martins. Whilst the goals were supplied by Georgia, Eva, Evie T and Phi's smooth passing, committed defending and excellent teamwork from Erin, Maria, Grace, Rayaan and Kimberly helped create numerous chances. Undefeated, the girls took the title of Surrey champions and now move on to the next round in London later this term.



This week has also seen students from Years 3 and 4 take part in a Badminton Festival at Hoe Valley School, where students were able to learn different skills of the sport as well as some friendly games also. Many thanks also to Mrs Lewis for taking the students who were fantastic on the day.

We have also had 3 Netball fixtures this week. On Tuesday Miss Hurst (making her coaching debut) took the U11s and U9s to New Haw, where the U11s played New Haw and St. Dunstan's finishing joint 1st with a draw and win. This saw debuts for Taylia and Melina playing their first netball games for the school and both working superbly as part of the team. The U9s showed just how much they have come on at Netball club also with 2 wins against New Haw and Pyrford and a draw against St. Dunstan's, with Max, Zac and Olivia playing their first matches.

The U11s rounded off their league season against a very strong Horsell side who showed excellent composure when shooting. Georgia scored early on to keep the game close in the 1st quarter. Laura, Emaan, and Millie worked hard in defence and got the chance to experience other positions. The girls played on tirelessly, despite the poor weather conditions towards the end of the game, in particular Lexi, Taylia and debutant Jess, who created several shooting opportunities in the last quarter. A tough loss, but one the girls will learn from I have no doubt.

Mr Worth
PE Lead

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
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 parents/carers will be invited to attend a session before or after school, more details to follow.
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			