



Be the best we can be

Head's Lines

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wellbeing and Mental Health is always a priority – however during these unpredictable times, having a focus upon wellbeing and health is essential. The general uncertainties of life at present will not only be having an impact on the wellbeing of the adults in our school community, but also likely to be having an impact on children's wellbeing. Next week is the national 'Children's Mental Health Week' which runs from 6th February to 12th February 2023. The theme this year is 'Let's Connect'.

'Let's Connect' is about making connections with others in healthy, rewarding and meaningful ways. This can be online, in a team or choir or shared dance, in the community, through acts of kindness, etc. Let's Connect is about making meaningful connections. Human beings thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. And when our need for rewarding social connections is not met, we can sometimes feel isolated and lonely – which can have a negative impact on our mental health. The children will be having an assembly on Monday and will be having time to reflect on this theme throughout the week.

Here are some helpful resources for parents: [Place to be](#) and [Young minds](#).

We have been fortunate to have a number of parent workshops for parents and carers to share more about how we teach in Reception, phonics and, more recently, maths in KS1. The adults were able to see what strategies and key vocabulary we use in school, enabling them to support their child/ren at home. Each of these workshops has been a success and we have received positive feedback and some ideas of future workshop themes. Please remember to complete the feedback for these workshops so we can continue to share what we do here to ensure that the learning experiences for our children, both at school and home, are the best they can be.

Please see further information below regarding the parent/carer survey and the next parent forum meeting.

Further celebration of the development of the whole child.

We are fortunate at Goldsworth that in addition to our broad and balanced curriculum we are also able to offer a wider range of exciting learning opportunities, e.g. forest school and swimming. We love to support children in the pursuit of their interests and hobbies and would love to hear more about how our children achieve both in our clubs and outside of school. We are looking for ways to celebrate all achievements on a school display '**We are proud**' which will be in a prime position in the corridor outside the main hall; visible for all! Please email any photos which you are happy to be shared on our newsletter (and website) and on our school display. Thank you on advance.

Lastly, we are very grateful for the support of the community this week. Everyone has been so thoughtful and understanding 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	Thursday 9 th February – Tuck Shop and Open Afternoon Due to Open Afternoon, after-school Dance club will be cancelled. The following after-school clubs will go ahead as usual: Girls Football, Mixed Football (NT Sports), Badminton and Swimming.																																																																
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Friends of Goldsworth

We have some companies coming to give us ideas and quotes for our Library Improvement Project. As you will know, the PTA have decided on this as the project they are fundraising for this year. There is a goal of £25k, and all fundraising can be seen on their thermometer. <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgoldsworth>

We are grateful for all fundraising and parents, if they wish, can now make a one off donation towards the FoG goal. The library is a popular place to visit in school and benefits all year groups. Thank you to everyone who supports the FoG fundraising and to the team in school, led by Mrs Read, who are driving this improvement forward.

Watch this space for further updates ...

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. We are proud to say that since we starting using the app, we have had a 256% increase in reading across the school. This is something to celebrate!

This week 97% of the children in 4HD read during the week, great work children!
80% of 5G class read this week; fantastic!
78% of Whales reading throughout the week; great effort children!

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

6C assembly

It was a great assembly this week with the children sharing with us all about the exciting learning in class. We were transported into many lessons: Art, Literacy, Maths, P.E, Geography, Science and Music. The children spoke with confidence and sang an inspiring song all about 'adaptations' ... real cross curricular links indeed!

Well done 6C!

Parent Rep and survey

Thank you to all the parents/carers who completed the parent survey; we understand that time is very precious and we are grateful for your time and ideas in supporting us with our continuous growth. We had a great response and senior leaders will be using this valuable opportunity to celebrate the school's strengths and consider any potential changes we can make in ensuring the smooth running of the school.

Parents/carers have a number of avenues you could share your ideas. These include:

- Speaking to your Class Rep (representative) who can share with senior leaders
- Speaking to a FoG representative
- Emailing the admin team via the office
- Requesting a meeting with your child's class teacher, the Year team leader or a senior leader
- Completing the parent/carer survey

We have the spring term Parent Forum meeting coming up and a link will be sent out to the Class Reps this coming Monday. We would like to gather views around how the school communicates with families about their child's progress and how well children achieve in school. This will form the basis of our upcoming meeting on the 27th February.

We are grateful for your time and dedication to Goldsworth. Your views and ideas are essential in Goldsworth continually striving to provide the best educational experiences for your children. Goldsworth is our school and we need to ensure that your child continues to receive an excellent education.

Thank you in advance.

Attendance Matters!



Reminder: Just to remind parents/carers that if you take your children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), you will be liable to receive a penalty notice issued from Surrey County Council. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

Please remember that every day at school matters for your child. At Goldsworth Primary we have a target to achieve an attendance level of 97% this academic year – let's work together to reach this!

Mrs I Davies
Admissions and Attendance Officer

School catering vacancies



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Please visit the [Twelve15](https://itstwelve15.co.uk/) website for more details or scan the QR code

Sports Update

Another eventful week has passed by for the Goldsworth students and it gives me chance to praise their achievements yet again. Firstly, last Friday Mrs Cockin took a well prepared team of year 5 & 6 of athletes to take part in the 1st round of the National Indoor Athletics at the Guilford Spectrum. Competing in a range of running, jumping and throwing event the team performed fantastically to finish 1st overall and move on to the 2nd round for the County title.



The U11 Girls and Year 5 boys were next up playing their first league matches against Sythwood as well as a friendly against Brookwood School. The girls took an early lead against Brookwood through goals from Georgia and Eva, and were able to maintain the pressure throughout the first half with Florence in particular unlucky not to score on debut this season. With a large squad, we were able to rotate and give game time to 12 students. Who were all involved in helping Goldsworth to a 5-0 win. Next up, was a much sterner test against a very committed Sythwood team, and despite keeping possession for large parts the game. Sythwood defended resolutely and challenged on the counter attack. With the game still 0-0 going into the last minute, Eva was able to break the deadlock and secure the win.

For the Year 5 boys it was a chance for many of them to play their first match for the school and were a mix of nerves and excitement going into it under the watchful eye of Mrs Henderson. A slow start against Brookwood, saw them concede an early goal, however undeterred the boys grew in confidence as the match went on. Noah, Ethan and Rory were running nonstop, and ably supported by Eesa, and Haroon, before Luke managed to grab an equaliser, and were unlucky not to get a winner with the Brookwood goalkeeper pulling off two great saves from Jacob.

The Sythwood game was another stern test for the team, but Peter and Azaan working in Goal and defence well prevented the opposition from scoring. A 0-0 draw looked to be on the cards before Goldsworth rallied and Luke was able to set up Rory for another late match winner. A fantastic effort from all of the students involved.

Sports Kits

With a high number of fixtures already played this year across Football, Netball, Rugby, and Athletics it has been great to see the students proudly wearing the Goldsworth kits. However, at times they do not always make it back in to kit boxes at school. If your child has played for the school team either this year or last could you double check that a rouge pair shorts or an odd sock has not been lost at the bottom of your child's school bag.

Afterschool clubs

A reminder that the deadline for Spring 2 clubs sign up is Monday morning and that we will be in contact to confirm if your child is on the main list or the waiting list.

Also please note that if there is any disruption to an afterschool club that an email will be sent out from the school office notifying the parents about that cancellation as early as possible.

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			
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.
Thursday 30.03.23	Infant Easter Service	YR – Y2	Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 children and Parent/Carer Helpers will attend the service
Friday 31.03.23	Junior Easter Service	Juniors (Y3 – Y6)	Junior children & Parent/Carer Helpers
	End of Term – school closes at 1:15pm	Whole School	
03.04.23 to 14.04.23 - school closed for Easter holidays			