



## Be the best we can be

### Head's Lines

Dear Parents/Carers,

Whilst it has been a shorter half term, we have still managed to pack it full of learning! This week has been no exception with the Reception Trip to Godstone Farm and 3MF assembly.

When preparing for life, we endeavor to build resilience and encourage independence and responsibility all throughout the school. We have noticed that there has been an increasing amount of parents/carers who are dropping items off throughout the day. Whilst we appreciate this cannot always be helped, we do not have the capacity in the office to ensure these many items get to the children throughout the day. Please can you support your child/ren to bring all the items they need at the beginning of the day/week so that this can be avoided. Thank you for your support with this.

Another way to prepare for adult life is good attendance at school. We know that every day at school matters for your child, this is represented with our target to achieve an attendance level of 97% this academic year. In addition to attendance, we know that lateness can also impact on learning. Please see the table below demonstrating how lateness can impact over time. Please remember the lessons start promptly after the gates shut and even coming in through the office will mean that your child is not in school for the start of that lesson. Thank you for your support with this.

### Further celebration of the development of the whole child.

I am delighted that we have been able to add some wonderful learning in school to the **'We are proud'** display. In addition we have had a photo in from home celebrating our values in our community. See below about Dylan and his fundraising for a local charity. Not only is Dylan in our newsletter but he is proudly displayed on our **'We are proud'** display in 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.

I am currently in Dorset on a Headteacher conference with other local Heads to continue my learning journey; collaborate with colleagues and hear some truly inspiring speakers. Sadly this means I have missed the buzz of the open afternoon which I know will have been well attended and an exciting opportunity to share the learning with our families.

I would like to wish you all a safe and happy half term and we look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 ready for an exciting run up to Easter.

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 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>Whole School</b>	Monday 20.02.23 is an INSET day. Children return to school on Tuesday 21.02.23																																																																				
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## House points



Thank you to all the children who have shown our values this half term.

Well done to Rowling House who have achieved the most House points this half term. If you are in Rowling House then you can wear **red** to school on the Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023.

# 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 we have had a total of 1404 reads! Well done, everyone!

This week 83% of the children in 6L read during the week, great work children!

77% of Hedgehogs class read this week; fantastic!

70% of 6C 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.

# 3MF assembly

What a wonderful start to Thursday morning with 3MF's informative assembly all about healthy eating and the importance of taking care of our teeth. The children's knowledge and understanding of this was impressive. They finished their assembly singing about love which of course has been this half term's value.

# Attendance Matters!



**LOST MINUTES =  
LOST LEARNING!**

**3**

days lost

5  
minutes late

**6.5**

days lost

10  
minutes late

**10**

days lost

15  
minutes late

**13**

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20  
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**19**

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30  
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If you arrive late to school your learning will be impacted. Being late equals lost learning.

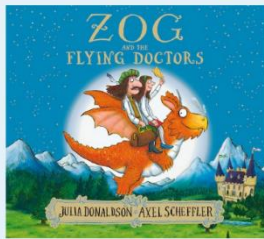
# World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book day at Goldsworth on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**. We would like to invite all of the children to come into school on this day dressed up as their favourite book character, and bring the book with them to share with their class. There will be a competition for the best costume in each year group and a prize of choosing a new book. Rather than asking for a £1 donation for dressing up, our Pupil Parliament would like to encourage the children to donate a pre loved book and bring this into school on this day. These will then be distributed to a charity chosen by the children.

## **Scholastic Book Fair**

Please make sure that you make time to visit the Scholastic Book Fair with your child/ren on either Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February or Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March from 3.20pm – 4pm. **Please note that this is a cashless book fair, payment will be made online by scanning the school's QR code using your mobile phone. Once payment is confirmed, books can be taken from the fair.**

Homework for this week will be related to World Book day and further details will follow.


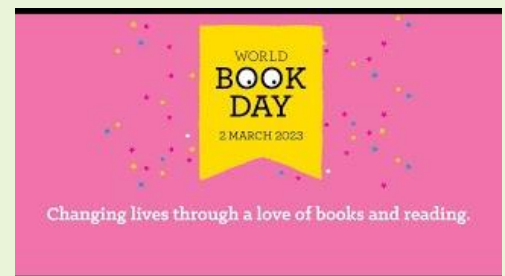
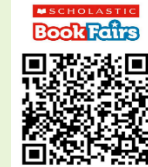


Celebrate amazing hospital workers in this magical reading of Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's story *ZOG AND THE FLYING DOCTORS* by staff from Great Ormond Street Hospital.

You can donate to the vital work of GOSH Charity at [www.gosh.org/christmas](https://www.gosh.org/christmas)

[Listen to the story](#)

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## Online Safety Parent Workshops

Thursday 23rd February 2023  
8.40am - 9.40am or 3.20pm - 4.20pm  
[Goldsworth Primary School Sports Hall](#)

Young people are using the internet daily. It is therefore vitally important that parents are equipped with the knowledge and understanding they need to keep children safe across a wide range of online environments and situations. This is why we are inviting you to attend one of two Online Safety Parent Workshops here at Goldsworth. The information provided during this workshop will include:

- Looking at the positives of the internet;
- Online facts identifying young people's vulnerabilities;
- An understanding of what young people do online;
- What to look out for as young people engage in online gaming;
- Explanation of current games and apps and some tips for parents;
- An understanding of the basic rules of social networking and how to use it safely;
- How to set up your devices with step-by-step guides;

## Online Safety Parent Workshop

Parents/carers of children in years YR to Y6 invited to attend to attend either session:

08:40 – 9:40am  
or  
3:20 – 4:20pm

# Mindworks updates

Mindworks are a Surrey based service that support children and young people with their emotional wellbeing and mental health. They were previously known as CAMHS. We use their support in school as an outreach. For more details about Mindworks, click [here](#).

We have received an update from Mindworks regarding ongoing rumours of a dangerous "game" that is circulating online. It is known as 'The Game' and there are concerns that inappropriate messages regarding self-harming actions are allegedly being shared via a Word document on Roblox. Please see further guidance attached.

Mindworks are running a Spring Wellbeing Festival for families on 4<sup>th</sup> March. See the attached flyer for more details on the event.

## We are Proud

Dylan raised £48.37 for WWF in Woking. Well done Dylan, we are proud of you!



**CASH AND CARRY** – Dylan needs all his concentration as he balances his biscuits and cakes, and the rewards of his efforts on behalf of the WWF

Beaver Scouts were challenged by their leaders to carry out an act of kindness in commemoration of Queen Elizabeth after her death.

Seven-year-old Dylan went above and beyond what was asked of him. He baked biscuits and cookies for sale to the family's neighbours and raised £48.37, which he donated to the WWF in Woking.

He was originally going to give them away but decided to raise money for the charity as he particularly loves penguins and turtles.

From the pictures of his cooking I say well done Dylan – and yummy!

**PENGUIN PICK-ME-UP**

PENGUINS, turtles and other creatures have reason to be thankful to a Beaver.

At the start of the autumn term, the 1st St John's

# After School Clubs – Spring 2

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Notification of clubs' places will be going out on 20/02/2023.

Please note all afterschool clubs will be starting the week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> February apart from Girls Football which will start on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Any disruptions to clubs will be communicated via the school office in due course.

In the meantime, please contact Mr Worth if you have any queries.

# Support during half term

Anxiety UK - 03444775774

CALM - 0800585858

Mind - 03001233393

No Panic - 08449674848

Bereavement - 08088081677

PAPYRUS - 08000684141

Samaritans - 116 123

SHOUT - 85258

Abuse - 080820005000

Refuge - 08082000247

We would like wish you all a safe and happy half term.

For anyone who needs some support right now, **you are not alone.**

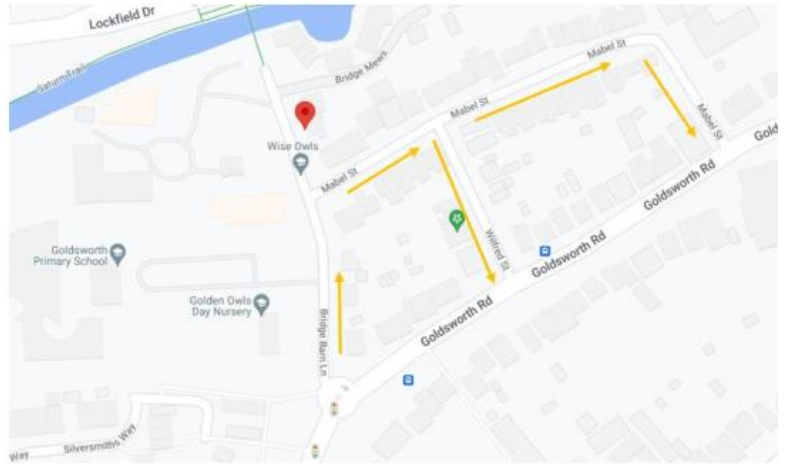
# Car park safety

## Car park safety reminder

- A reminder for parents/carers to use the informal one way traffic system during operating times.
- Be mindful of children/adults on bicycles at all times.
- Keep to the pathways when in the car park during drop off and collection times.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community safe.

## Informal one way traffic system



### Operating times Between

8.30am and 9.10am  
3.00pm and 3.45

### Directions

Enter via the roundabout (with the Nursery and School on the left) and exit via Mabel Street.

Turn right at Wilfred Street or continue along Mabel Street to rejoin Goldsworth Road near the History Centre

# Calling all young budding bakers

**JUNIOR BAKE OFF**

...IS LOOKING FOR THE UK'S  
BEST YOUNG BAKERS  
AGED 9 - 12

[WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](http://WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK)

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE  
SUNDAY 12th MARCH 2023**

Enquiries:  
[applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk](mailto:applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk)

Love Productions; the company behind The Great British Bake Off, The Great British Sewing Bee and The Great Pottery Throw Down have recently opened applications for the 9<sup>th</sup> series of **Junior Bake Off**; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

They are looking for young budding bakers between **9-12 years old**.

Interested bakers can apply online at [www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk](http://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk)

For any enquiries please email [applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk](mailto:applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk)

Filming would take place from July 2023, but their **applications close on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

# 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
<b>February</b>			
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	World Thinking Day	Rainbows, Brownies Guides, Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scout members	Children who are members of Girlguiding and Scouting are invited to wear their uniform to school
Wednesday 22.02.23	Y1 Drama Workshop	Y1	Y1 children
Thursday 23.02.23	Online Safety Parent Workshop: Session 08:40 – 09:40am or Session 3:20 – 4:20pm	Whole school	YR – Y6 parents/carers are invited to attend a session either before or after school. Please refer to the poster above for more details.
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
Tuesday 28.02.23	Goldsworth celebrate World Book Day	Whole school	Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character, further details to follow
<b>March</b>			
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
Friday 17.03.23	Mother's Day performance (2.45pm, infant playground)	YR	YR children. Mothers/carers of children in YR are invited to attend the performance
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 will attend the service
Friday 31.03.23	End of Term – school closes at 1:15pm	Whole School	Whole school
<b>03.04.23 to 14.04.23 - school closed for Easter holidays</b>			