



Be the best we can be

Head's Lines

Dear Parents/Carers,



Each and every day, our children continue to develop themselves, both as learners and as human beings. We are inspired by our children on a daily basis in their hope, courage, and determination and strive to reach their full potential.

The children demonstrated their thoughts for others in our assembly this week when we learnt about the declining numbers of hazel dormice from 3.5 million to only 750,000 in 30 years. We learnt that we can help by protecting their habitat and talked about local areas where we might find this vulnerable creature locally. We talked about things we could do in our own spaces: build a bug hotel, put out bird feeders, leave a wild patch to support all kinds of wildlife. This demonstrated their thoughts for others and their understanding of the local area and wider world around them.

Our aim at Goldsworth is for our pupils and staff to be the 'Best they can be', we strive for bright futures for children and staff alike. For every individual to know that they are safe, loved, respected and valued for their uniqueness and individuality. We are always striving to develop our teaching and learning further, to keep up to date with the latest research and best practice, to ensure that our children have happy and fun playtimes, to be inclusive and celebrate diversity and to offer the best chances and opportunities for our children and staff.

To support this we have collected parent views via our recent survey. Thank you to the parents/carers who completed this, there are more details below. We are about to conduct a pupil survey which can support this aim even further and help us gather pupil views across the school. **Pupil voice** (where all children have the opportunity to give their ideas and comments) is important to us and we have a number of avenues for the children to share their views. **Circle time**: where the class have conversations about current news and events, in school, locally, or further afield. **Time to talk boxes**: where children can express their success (both inside and outside school), their views and ideas and any worries or concerns they may have. **School Parliament**: a democratically selected group of young leaders in year 6 and **School Council**: a democratically selected group of young leaders who work with Mrs. Cox on continuous school growth. **Year 6 leaders**: this is a group of young leaders who support others through their many roles of responsibility. **Pupil survey**: an opportunity for pupils from year 2-6 to complete a survey and pupils in Reception and year 1 to complete the same survey as a class.

All staff, continually, strive to recognise children who demonstrate our values. We are actively looking for our next pupils to receive the prestigious Golden Owl badge. The Golden Owls are given out three times a year to children who consistently go above and beyond throughout their day. We recognise that many children could be presented with this so we have other ways to reward pupils: House points, marbles in the jar for a team/class reward. Children can also receive a Headteacher sticker for effort and achievement. Also children can be given a golden ticket when they have shown good manners in the lunch hall and then get an opportunity to sit on a golden table with the Headteacher. My favourite part of my week!

Please don't forget to share your news from home so we can add this to our 'We are proud' board in school ... please look below for our recent news on this!

We look forward to more exploration, enquiry and learning awe and wonder next week!

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:

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	Teacher Strike days: Wednesday 15 th and Thursday 16 th March			
Reception	No weekly reminder			
Year 1	No weekly reminder			
Year 2	No weekly reminder			
Year 3	No weekly reminder			
Year 4	No weekly reminder			
Year 5	No weekly reminder			
Year 6	No weekly reminder			
The Haven	No weekly reminder			
Thursday Class/Year Group Assemblies (9:00-9:30)	Parents/carers are invited to attend their child/ren Class/Year Group Assemblies:			
	Thursday	Class/Year Group	Thursday	Class/Year Group
	Year 1		Year 2	
	19.01.23	Owls	03.11.22	Badgers
	26.01.23	Otters	12.01.23	Bats
	23.03.23	Foxes	09.03.23	Rabbits
	27.04.23	Year 1	No Year Group assembly	
	Year 3		Year 4	
	10.11.22	3B	24.11.22	4HD
	01.12.22	3G	18.05.23	4W
	09.02.23	3MF	20.04.23	Year 4
	29.06.23	Year 3	04.05.23	4H
	Year 5		Year 6	
	Tuesday	Year 5	17.11.22	6L
	14.03.23			
	08.06.23	5J	02.02.23	6C
	15.06.23	5M	23.02.23	6MD
	22.06.23	5G	No Year Group assembly	

Vacancies

We will be saying good bye to Mrs Richardson in May 2023, a long standing member of staff who has successfully run the school swimming programme for over 10 years. She has encouraged the children's enjoyment of swimming and indeed many have gone on to join local swimming clubs. She has also taken a Girls' swimming team to the school's Nationals competition. We hope she is immensely proud of the legacy she is leaving behind.

We know these are big shoes to fill, but we are now looking for her successor - please visit our [vacancies page](#) for details of swimming instructor role; please do pass on the details on to anyone you think may be interested and suitably qualified.

Parent Survey

Thank you for completing the recent survey, we had 160 responses. Please see further breakdown:

Question	December 2022 – January 2023 160 responses	March 2022, 163 response (where questions were comparable)
My child is happy at this school	94%	86%
My child feels safe at this school	98%	94%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	89%	77%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	93%	
When I have raised concerns with the school, they have dealt with it properly	79%	72%
The school has high expectations for my child	86%	81%
My child does well at this school	88%	78%
The school lets me know how my child is doing	81%	74%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school	92%	
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school	83%	80%
The school supports my child's wider personal development	83%	
I would recommend this school to another parent	89%	85%

Some of the positive themes commented on were:

- Welcoming community.
- Passionate, nurturing teachers.
- Strong leadership.
- Improvements made to communication.
- Diversity celebrated.
- School works hard for positive change.
- A positive learning environment.
- The school provides many opportunities for the children to learn in different environments and have different experiences such as forest school, swimming, workshops, food tech, and external trips.

"I have always valued the care that my child gets at this school and the dedication that all her teachers to date have shown in ensuring she is happy. This is our primary aim from school- happy kids will learn!"

"The school is a small community in itself. My children are proud to be part of it and so am I as a parent."

Some of the main themes for improvement were:

- Continue to improve communication.
- Increase capacity at Wise Owls
- Continue to increase the after school clubs and enrichment opportunities.
- Continue to support our SEND pupils

We are delighted to see improvements and the clarification of our next steps.

In light of the survey feedback, we are also considering the following:

- Parent working groups to collate ideas and collaborate together.
- How we communicate our expectations for the children and how the children can continue to raise their achievement.
- Continued working with our parent forum.
- Teacher research group with colleagues from the Trust looking at the most recent suggestions for supporting with behaviour.
- How we can support families who need to raise a concern and/or contact the school, in particular who and how to contact being made clearer.

End of day collection-Safeguarding

With the support of our governors, we have been reviewing our end of day arrangements and are wanting to make changes to these to ensure increased safety for our children.

From **Monday 13th March**, all children from Reception up to Year 4, will be picked up, by an adult from their classroom. Teachers will be on the door dismissing their class safely and any children who have not been picked up by 3.30pm will be taken to the office. Please note, teachers have further commitments after the school day, so are not always available after this time.

Children in Year 5 and 6 will either walk home if they have permission, or wait on the grass area, by the carpark, for a parent. There will continue to be a staff presence on the gate.

If another parent is picking up your child, please inform us as normal.

Although we are aware that this may be a change for some families, this has been something we have considered for a while and more recently, feedback from our community has confirmed our need for action, to ensure the safety of all our children.

Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe.

Attendance Matters!



Reminder:

- It's very important that your children arrive at school on time i.e. before 8:50am and remain at school until dismissal at 3:20pm
- Student achievement improves when students are at school regularly and on time
- Teaching your children that school is important will help your children be more successful now and in their future
- NW Surrey's Inclusion Service will be conducting a 'late gate' over the next few weeks and we will be monitoring lateness, including late arrivals at school. Let's all ensure that we arrive at school on time.

Mrs I Davies

Admissions and Attendance Officer

Rabbits assembly

Well done to Rabbits class for a fun packed assembly this week. The audience learnt all about the wonderful things they have been learning about in class including: Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole, making and eating cookies, maths, gymnastics ... this list goes on!

We are always impressed with the children when they present at our assemblies, well done Rabbits class.

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 **1222** nights read! Well done, everyone!

This week 87% of the children in 5J and 3M read during the week, great work children!

80% of 6C read this week; fantastic!

60% of 3B and 6L reading throughout the week; great effort children!

Well done to Year 3 and Year 6 for both having 2 classes in the top 3!

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

Thank you.

We are proud!



Mrs. Doubtfire

The New Comedy Musical

COMING TO THE WEST END
FROM 12 MAY 2023
SHAFTESBURY THEATRE

It is always great to hear about our children's interests and achievements outside of school. We are delighted to share the success of one of our wonderful year 5 pupils who has been cast in a starring role in Mrs. Doubtfire at The Shaftesbury Theatre. Scarlett will be playing Natalie Hillard in this comedy musical which is coming to the West End later this year. For more details, click on the link below. Well done Scarlett.

<https://www.mrsdoubtfiremusical.co.uk/>



Free online guides

Children and Family Health Surrey Free guides: Understanding your Baby, Child or Teenager

[Children and Family Health Surrey](#) offer families living in Surrey access to free online guides that include top tips from childcare, education and NHS health experts.

Surrey families can get free access to the online guides by using the code 'ACORN' and visiting [In Our Place website](#) to sign up today.

The following guides are available:

- Understanding your pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby
- Understanding your pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby: for women couples
- Understanding your baby
- Understanding your child
- Understanding your child's feelings
- Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Understanding your teenager's brain
- Understanding the impact of the pandemic on your teenager
- Understanding your brain (for teenagers only!)
- Understanding your feelings (for teenagers only!)
- Understanding your child with additional needs
- Understanding your relationship

Key Dates for Spring & Summer 1 Term

Please check this weekly as new dates may be published. We will indicate these in red.

Date	Event	Year Group	Community Participation
March			
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
Monday 20.03.23 to Friday 24.03.23	Visit from the Life Bus	YR – Y6	YR – Y6 children
Tuesday 21.03.23 Thursday 23.03.23	Parent consultations	YR/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y5/Y6	Further details have been emailed to all parents. Bookings can be done on Parent Mail.
Friday 24.03.23	FOG school disco	YR – Y6	YR – Y6 children. Please refer to the FoG newsletter
Tuesday 28.03.23 Thursday 30.03.23	Year 4 parent consultations	Y4	Further details have been emailed to all parents. Bookings can be done on Parent Mail.
Thursday 30.03.23	Infant Easter Service (leaving school at 9am)	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 (leaving school at 9am)	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
03.04.23 to 14.04.23 - school closed for Easter holidays			
April – Summer Term			
Monday 17.04.23	Start of Summer 1 term	Children return to school	
Wednesday 19.04.23	The Haven Pizza Express trip	The Haven	The Haven children will visit Pizza Express, more details to follow
May			
Tuesday 02.05.23 to Friday 05.05.23	Year 4 Bikeability (9am – 12:15pm)	Y4	Y4 children
Monday 08.05.23 – school closed for King Charles' Coronation bank holiday			
Monday 15.05.23 to Friday 19.05.23	Year 6 residential to Swanage (Land & Wave)	Y6	Y6 children
Monday 22.05.23	Y4 River Fieldtrip to Juniper Hall	Y4	Y4 children
Thursday 25.05.23	Y3 visit to Wisley Gardens	Y3	Y3 children
Thursday 25.05.23	Tuck Shop	YR – Y6	Reception to Year 6 children. Refer to FoG newsletter for more details
Thursday 25.05.23	Open Afternoon (3-3:30pm)	YR – Y6	YR – Y6 Parents/Carers invited to attend
29.05.23 to 06.06.23 – school closed for extended half term			
Wednesday 07.06.23	Start of Summer 2 term	Children return to school	