



## Be the best we can be

### Head's Lines

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely Mother's Day and had the opportunity to celebrate with time together. I am sure the children showed their appreciation, in many ways, for everything you have done and continue to do for them. I feel sure the Reception mums and carers would have been delighted with their portraits, something to cherish forever!

This week, the news for schools has been extremely difficult to read and hear – the shocking death of Ruth Perry, a Headteacher from Reading, has been devastating. For many of us, the pain and suffering surrounding this are difficult to comprehend and our hearts and thoughts go out to the family of Ruth and every person who has been affected, especially the pupils and staff at Caversham Primary School.

We must, as ever, continue to have strength, show hope and courage whilst supporting each other. We would like to thank the families; there was such great appreciation for everything the school does for the children at our parents evenings this week. We are very grateful for your continued support and gratitude. We look forward to the year 4 parents evenings next week.

The school was unusually quiet for three days this week as many of our year 4 pupils were enjoying their residential at Henley Fort in Guildford. Despite having some gloomy weather, both children and adults had a wonderful time. Apologies for the children bringing mud back with them; you should have seen the coach – most of the mud was left on there! Thank you to the adults who gave up time with their families to support the pupils on this adventure; all looked tired on their return and I'm sure felt better after a shower and sleep.

I am delighted to be able to share with you the proposed designs for our library space, see more information below.

We would politely request that the wonderful book donations cease whilst we start clearing the existing books and furniture ready for instalment on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023! The library will shut for a period of time to clear it, more details to follow. We would value any support with boxes to help us to store the books, please bring any boxes to our office. Thank you in advance.



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 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023

#### 2023-2024 INSET DAYS:

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

# Weekly Reminders

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## House winners!



Well done to Rowling House for achieving the highest number of house points this term. Anyone in Rowling house can wear 'red' on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

## Foxes assembly

The children shared their amazing learning all about the continents, oceans and the world. Well done, they spoke and sang beautifully and we are very proud of you all.

# Staffing update

It is that time of year when there is some changes in our staffing structure.

We have two members of staff that are re locating to be nearer family. Mr. and Mrs. Mack will be moving to Bristol during the Easter holidays.

5M will be taught by Mrs. Christie on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs. Dutton, who is a long term member of staff and known by many of the children will teach on Wednesday.

3MF will be taught by Mrs. Wayte on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Mrs. Wayte has taught 3MF previously and knows the children well. Miss. Ferris continues to teach on Wednesday and Thursday.


Ms. Martin is taking up a teaching role at another school. In her place Miss. Wishart will teach Dolphins.

With the ongoing backing of myself and the wider senior leadership team, I am confident all will do an excellent job in these roles, and I know that they will be able to count on your full support.

We would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Mack and Ms. Martin for their dedication to Goldsworth and the families and wish them all the very best of luck in their new journey.

As you are aware, Mrs. Richardson will be relocating to Devon in May. I am interviewing for her role next week and will keep you updated.

## KS2 Maths Parent Workshop



**GOLDSWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### KEY STAGE 2 MATHS WORKSHOP

A WORKSHOP TO HELP KEY STAGE TWO PARENTS SEE HOW WE TEACH MATHS IN SCHOOL

**TUESDAY 28TH MARCH**  
**AT 9AM (MAIN HALL) OR 6PM (SPORTS HALL)**

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 BE FOCUSING ON HOW WE TEACH ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION.

Parents/carers  
of children  
in KS2 invited to attend on  
**Tuesday 28th March at**  
**9am (main hall)**  
**6pm (sports hall)**

# Spring term Golden Owl awards

We like to recognise children in each class who have demonstrated our school values and who always strive to 'Be the Best they Can Be'. Well done to all these fantastic role models; please remember to wear your Golden Owl badge with pride!

Class	Name	Class	Name
Moles	Jones	3B	Maryam
Hedgehogs	Aarin	3G	Rose
Mice	Sanjana	3MF	Viren
Otters	Logan	4HD	Zoe
Foxes	Dominic	4W	Carys
Owls	Leon	4H	Eisa
Badgers	Monty	5J	Avanthika
Rabbits	Anna	5G	Harrison
Bats	Llewelyn	5M	Pihu
Dolphins	Lola-Jae	6C	William
Whales	Martynas	6L	Hana
		6MD	Aaron

## We are proud!



Sydney and her team Royals Allstars Pegasus hit the mat this weekend at Legacy Cheer Dream Extreme. Sydney is very excited to share she came 1st place winning division champion. Well done Sydney we are very proud of you!

# Library

We are so excited to share with you the images of our new amazing library space. The Friends of Goldsworth are, kindly, paying for this exciting project which will be a much more child friendly space for all the children to access. Amazingly, we have secured the half term break so even our year 6 pupils will be able to enjoy this revamped space for a short period before leaving for their secondary schools. We would like to say a huge thank you to all the families who have supported any of the Friends events, obviously the Friends committee and Mrs. Read for enabling this to move from the dreaming stage to reality!

I am sure you will agree that this space will be colourful and enticing for all our children and will remain a hub of excitement for our school community.



# 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 87% of the children in 6C and 6MD read during the week, great work children!  
83% of 5G, 5J and 4H read this week; fantastic!  
80% of 6L have been reading throughout the week; great effort children!

Well done to everyone, we read **1332** altogether.

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

Thank you.

# Sporting update

This week has seen the students competing at Woking, County and South East of England level which is a testament to the dedication and commitment of the students, coaches and also the parents.

## **Report from Mr. Funnell, Goldsworth Girls Football Coach: U11 Girls Football**

On Wednesday this week the year 6 Girls football team travelled to Thames Mead in Kent for the 3rd round of the English Schools FA Cup South East finals. Expectations were high as the now Surrey Champions looked to take on the best of the 12 counties that make up the greater South East of England. Kent Champions Days Lane were a formidable 1st opponent for the girls, they fought hard throughout the match but were undone by an incredible strike from one of the players of the tournament ending the match 1-0 to Kent. The incredibly talented Norfolk champions Woodlands were next, again the girls battled hard throughout, with Grace, Maria, Erin and Sophie keeping some outstanding players out of the game and our goal safe while our attack pressed for a much needed goal. Chances for Eva, Georgia, Rayan and Kimberly were just kept out by some outstanding defence and left the game 0-0 at the final whistle with a vital point for Goldsworth going into our last match. Bedfordshire champions Scott Primary were our last opponent in the group stage and a must win game for Goldsworth, all-out attack was the order of the day and the girls delivered with wave after wave of efforts led by our 2 incredible strikers Evie T and Phi forcing Scott Primary to defend with all players. Alas Goldsworth couldn't find a way through and the game ended 0-0 and, with results in other matches going against us, signalled the end of our cup run for this year.

It's impossible to express the level of pride we had to see the Girls battle away against some of the southeast's best players, and as they collected their Surrey Champion medals despite being disappointed by the results from the day they held their heads high having achieved more than we could have ever imagined at the start of the school year. Well done girls, you are awesome.

## **Report from Mia: U11 Swimming**

On Saturday 18th of March, some of the pupils in Year Six competed in a swimming gala at the Guildford Spectrum. There was a girls' team of Alice, Dhruhi, Maria and Mia and a boys' team of Harry H, Israel, William and Zayn. We competed in 2 events: the front crawl relay and the IM (individual medley) relay race. All of the schools were split into 3 categories, the small school, the medium school and the open school category which we were in. First, the girls' swam in the IM medley event and came 8th out of 16 schools competing. Then, it was the boys' turn to swim in the IM medley and came 2nd out of 16, which meant they were going to...REGIONALS! Next, we swam the front crawl relay again with the girls going first then the boys. The girls came 10th overall and the boys narrowly came 3rd missing out on 1st place by less than 1 second. All of us had a great time, and there were lots of parents there to cheer us on! Thank you to Mrs Richardson for helping us with lunch time trainings.

Well done to everyone who took part in these events – we are proud of you!



# 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
<b>March</b>			
Tuesday 28.03.23	3MF Teams parent consultations (rescheduled)	3MF	Further details have been emailed to all parents.
Tuesday 28.03.23	Year 4 face-to-face parent consultations	Y4	
Thursday 30.03.23	Year 4 Teams parent consultations	Y4	
Tuesday 28.03.23	KS2 Maths Parents Workshop 9am Main Hall 6pm Sports Hall	KS2 (Y3 – Y6)	Miss Molloy and Mrs Samuel would like to welcome all KS2 parents to this informative workshop.
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. Due to volunteer helper shortage YR will no longer attend the church service at the church but instead will have their service at school.
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
<b>03.04.23 to 14.04.23 - school closed for Easter holidays</b>			
<b>April – Summer Term</b>			
Monday 17.04.23	Start of Summer 1 term	Children return to school	
Tuesday 18.04.23	Swanage meeting with Y6 parents (5:30 - 6pm, main hall)	Y6	Parents of children attending the Swanage residential are invited to a meeting
Wednesday 19.04.23	The Haven Pizza Express trip	The Haven	The Haven children will visit Pizza Express, more details to follow
Monday 24.04.23	FoG second hand uniform sale (3:20pm main hall)	Whole school	Whole school. Please refer to the FoG newsletter.
<b>May</b>			
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
<b>29.05.23 to 06.06.23 – school closed for extended half term</b>			
Wednesday 07.06.23	Start of Summer 2 term	Children return to school	