Newsletter 12th May 2023

Be the best we can be

Head's Lines

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a week! Our children this week that have demonstrated marginal gains whilst aspiring to be 1% better. Year 6 have shown us this in abundance -

We would like to congratulate all of our Year 6 pupils on all their hard work during this week's assessments. Despite a tricky start to the week with the reading paper, the children have really given their best to each test. We are exceptionally proud in the manner with which they approached this week, in spite of the media attention over some aspects of the papers. Some of you may be interested in the statement on the key stage 2 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test from Nick Gibb, the Schools Minister, which he shared in parliament on Tuesday – click here to read.

Whilst important, the tests can only be a measure of your children's attainment on the day, in only reading, maths and spelling, grammar and punctuation. Your annual report will give a far broader overview of your child's achievement and success thought the year. They certainly do not assess all of what makes each of you special and unique. The levels you will get from this test will tell you something, but they will not tell you everything.

Thank you to the parents/carers who have given such positive support to the children, school and staff for the SATs tests. I am sure you will appreciate how hard everyone has worked, not only to prepare children for this week but to ensure a balance has been maintained with the other subjects in the curriculum. Thank you to all the adults who have been involved in supporting and preparing the children for this week and, in fact, far more than that!

The journey towards Year 6 is a combined effort and these wonderful children have experienced the most fabulous education and memories to last a lifetime. Year 6 not only are we immensely proud of you, but we are also so very grateful for each and every member of staff who has supported, moulded and nurtured you to become the most remarkable children ever! As a school community, we are already so proud of the amazing individuals, community members and ambassadors they have become.

Your homework, for staff and children, this weekend is very important and should be completed to the highest standard:

- Watch a comedy and laugh until your face hurts
- Go for a walk with your family
- Play cards or a board game
- Eat your favourite food
- Have a great weekend, enjoy the sunshine and have fun!

Next week, most of the Year 6 children will be enjoying their residential in Swanage where they will be camping and enjoying water and land activities. Although they will be missed by families and the school, we know they will have an amazing time and come back with new learning experiences, new skills, new moments to be exceptionally proud of and even more amazing memories of their time at Goldsworth. I really hope the sunshine continues!

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.

Twelve-15

Due to Twelve 15 currently having supply issues, the kitchen are currently not always able to source exactly what is on the menu, but children will be given a suitable alternative (halal, vegetarian etc.).

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	Next Friday 19 th and 26 th May, we will be holding a book sale after school. The books on						
	sale will be books that are no longer needed in the library. All books will be 50p, the						
	sale will be at the front of the school until 4pm. All of the proceeds will be put towards						
	buying some new books for the school.						
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Year 2	No reminders.						
Year 4	 We are looking forward to our trip to Wisley Gardens on Thursday 25th May. Just a reminder, children must: come in their school uniforms and wear trainers. bring a hat in case it is sunny and warm (sun cream to be applied at home), but also a waterproof coat as it is just as likely to be raining. bring a packed lunch (unless you have been told otherwise) including a snack for morning tea and plenty of water. If you have a clipboard at home, that would be helpful but not essential. This can all be packed into a bag the children can easily carry. No money is required. We will be leaving promptly after the register and will be back by 3:20pm. No reminders. 						
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Staffing update

We welcome Miss Mills as our new Swimming Instructor. She will be working alongside Mrs Richardson whose last working day is Friday 26th May. She is meeting the children and settling into the Goldsworth community.



We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Kassem, our Office Manager, who will be leaving us next week for a new role. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her all the best in her new role.

Hay fever guidance

Hay fever Season is upon us, and we have noticed that lots of children and adults are suffering. The following link may be useful if you or members of your family are feeling the effects of pollen. https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hay-fever/

Please note that there is no need for children to stay off school due to hay fever.

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 80% of the children in 3G read during the week, great work children! 63% of 5J read this week; fantastic! 57% of 4HD read this week; well done!

Well done to everyone, we read 791 times altogether.

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!



Leon attends Acrobats for All classes with Prime Acrobats. He recently received a certificate for **Acrobat of the Month:**

Congratulations to Leon, for always trying your hardest, helping out friends, always having a smile on your face and being a pleasure to teach.

Well done Leon, we are so proud of you!



The Big Help Out!

Mrs Dean, Year 4 Team Leader and Class Teacher, volunteered her time with her cadet unit at Hyde Park for the King's Coronation on Saturday.

She was delighted to meet Livingstone, the lead horse for the MET Police, who was also involved in the Jubilee and received a medal of bravery for his involvement in the London Riots in 2011.



Mrs Dean also enjoyed the flyover from the Red Arrows and the incredible crowd atmosphere.





Parent support



Green Hub Project for Teens

The Green Hub Project for Teens have long understood that, for every stressed teenager, there are equally stressed parents and siblings. They do all that they can to help young people, allowing them to use the magic of nature to help them deal with their anxiety, and to explore new coping strategies. But they also want to help parents...

... which is why they have now launched Parent Hub - a monthly support group for parents.

The first **Parent Hub** session is on May 15th - and the third Monday of each month after that. All parents have to do is to sign up to be part of their list - they will then receive the monthly invite and can book themselves in.

To join the list, parents simply need to visit this page: greenhub.org.uk/parent-hub/

More about the sessions...

- The sessions are hosted by one of their top team
- And chaired by a professional youth facilitator
- There will be input on key teenage topics
- Along with advice and key strategies for you to try
- They will help with signposting to important services and resources
- Along with the support of all the other parents in the room, who will share their experiences

The sessions are FREE to parents and carers, but you will be invited to make a donation if you wish.

Key Dates for summer term

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

Date	Event	Year Group	Community Participation
May			
Monday 15.05.23 to Friday 19.05.23	Year 6 residential to Swanage (Land & Wave)	Y6	Y6 children
Monday 15.05.23	5.05.23 Theme and link shared with Parent Reps in preparation for the Summer Parent forum		Parent Reps to share link with parent/carers to collect your feedback.
Friday 19.05.23	Whales class to visit the Lightbox	Whales class	Whales class children. Details regarding the visit to be emailed to parents/carers.
Monday 22.05.23	Year 4 River Fieldtrip to Juniper Hall	Y4	Y4 children
Thursday 25.05.23	Year 3 trip 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 - se	chool closed for extended half term		
June			
Wednesday 07.06.23	Start of Summer 2 term	Children return to school	
Tuesday 13.06.23	Summer term Parent Rep forum (2:15 – 3:15pm, main hall)	Whole School	Parent Reps
Tuesday 13.06.23	Class photos	Whole School	YR – Y6 children
Friday 16.06.23	Reception fathers/grandfathers performance (2:45pm)	YR	The Reception pupils would like to invite fathers/grandfathers to attend a short performance. The performance will be held on the infant playground. Further details will be emailed in due course.
Friday 16.06.23 – Sat 17.06.23	Year 3 Sleepover	Y3	Y3 children – teachers to email details in due course.
Tuesday 22.06.23	Year 1 ZooLab Animal experience	Y1	Y1 children
July			
Tuesday 04.07.23	Reception trip to West Wittering Beach	YR	YR children
Wednesday 05.07.23 Wednesday 12.07.23	Junior Sports day Junior Sports day reserve date (9am - 12noon)	Y3 – Y6	Y3 - Y6 children. Parents/carers invited to attend.
Thursday 06.07.23 Thursday 13.07.23	Infant Sports day Infant Sports day – reserve date (1 – 3pm)	YR – Y2	YR - Y2 children. Parents/carers invited to attend.
Friday 07.07.23	INSET day	School closed for children	

Dates continued

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Date	Event	Year Group	Community Participation
Monday 10.07.23	Grandparents and Special friends celebration (2:30pm)	Rec, Y1 and Y2	YR - Y2 children. Grandparents/special friends or
			friends invited to attend. More details to follow.
Monday 10.07.23 - dress rehearsal and evening show 6.00pm Tuesday 11.07.23 - 1:30pm	Year 6 Production	Y6	Y6 Children. Parents/carers invited to attend with a purchased ticket. Details on how to purchase a ticket to follow.
Wednesday 12.07.23 - 5:30pm			
Tuesday 11.07.23	Year 1 wear it wild day	Y1	Y1 children – teachers to email details in due course.
Friday 14.07.23	Year 6 Leavers party (time tbc)	Y6	Y6 children
Monday 17.07.23	Reception – Year 5 class change over afternoon (1:30 - 3pm)	YR – Y5	YR - Y5 children
Monday 17.07.23	Whole School Celebration evening (5 - 6:30pm)	YR - Y6	YR - Y6 children. Parents/carers invited to celebrate their child/ren's work and meet the new class teacher.
Friday 21.07.23	End of Year celebration assembly (9am start)	YR – Y6	YR - Y6 children. Parents/carers invited to attend.
Friday 21.07.23	Year 6 Leavers assembly (11am start)	Y6	Y6 children. Parents/carers of Year 6 children invited to attend.
Friday 21.07.23	End of term – school closes at 1:15pm	YR - Y6	
24.08.23 to 31.08.23 - so	chool closed for summer holidays		
Friday 01.09.23	INSET day	School closed for children	
Monday 04.09.23	INSET day	School closed for children	
Tuesday 05.09.23	INSET day	School closed for children	
Wednesday 06.09.23	Start of Autumn 1 term	Children return to school	