



## Be the best we can be

### Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday was World Teacher Day which is a good opportunity to reflect and think about the role that teachers play and have played in all of our lives. I can think of several teachers who inspired me during my younger years – one of whom I am still in touch with today. I imagine it is usually their compassion, kindness, energy and enthusiasm for the subject and care for us that makes them that inspirational and significant figure in our lives. As we were evaluating some of our work this week with our School Improvement Partner, it struck me (and was commented on by our partner), that we have a team of teachers at Goldsworth who are inspirational, who care about each child and treat everyone with kindness and compassion and who also demonstrate real enthusiasm for every subject they are teaching. It is a real pleasure to work with such a great team, so if you get a moment, do say a little thank you and talk to your children about teachers who have inspired you in the past – they really are a very good bunch of people and hopefully some of the children we have in school right now will become superb teachers themselves – perhaps inspired by one of the Goldsworth teachers!

Today, Year 4 have been transported back to Ancient Greece and have thoroughly enjoyed learning about this significant time in history, looking at artefacts and bringing the past to life. They also look great in their costumes!

Next week is our parent consultation week, so do make sure you have signed up for slot to come and speak to your child's teacher about how they have settled into the new year group and how we can work together to ensure we're doing our best for every child. If there's something you think would be really helpful for the teacher to know about your child, this meeting is the opportunity to tell us – it will help to build relationships and good relationships lead to good learning!

I hope you all enjoy the weekend – this summer just keeps on giving – we're even thinking of dusting off the barbeque again!

Best wishes,

Mrs Kozlowski

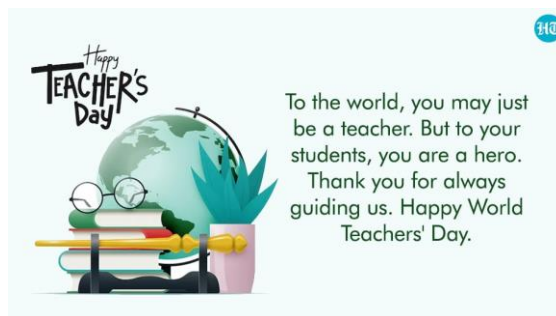
### Important Notices:

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:

#### 2023-2024 INSET DAYS:

Monday 30th October 2023  
Tuesday 2nd January 2024  
Monday 19th February 2024



# Weekly Reminders

<b>Whole School</b>	<p><b>The School Day:</b>              8.30 Gates open (Please do not drop children off any earlier)              8.40 Children should be in class for registration              15.15 Gates open              15.20 School Finishes              15.30 Gates are locked</p> <p>Parents and Carers, due to Health and Safety reasons, please can we ask you and your children <b>NOT</b> to walk through the car park at School drop off and pick up times, please use the footpaths. The car park is used at these times, and it can get very busy. If you or your children cycle to or from school, please can we ask that you to dismantle your bike at the school gates and walk along the path to the classroom.</p>																																																																
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# Swimming Timetable

Please refer to the swimming timetable below for the forthcoming two weeks. Please ensure that your child/ren have their swimming kit on the day their class is due to swim.

Week commencing	Session	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9 <sup>th</sup> October	AM	3H	3H	3H	3H
	PM	6H	6H	6H	6H
16 <sup>th</sup> October	AM	3G	3G	3G	3G
	PM	6DF	6DF	6DF	6DF

## Key Dates for Autumn Term

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

Date	Event	Year Group	Community Participation
<b>October</b>			
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival	ALL	We would be very grateful if some Parents/Carers would be willing to take some of the items after the event to the foodbank for us.
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	*Parents' evenings:	ALL	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	*Individual photos	ALL	
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 4.30-7pm	Diwali Fireworks Festival	ALL	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas disco	ALL	Reception 3.30-4.30pm

# Harvest Festival donations

## Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

At the **Harvest Festival on Friday 20th October**, we will be collecting items for the local foodbank. We would be very grateful if some Parents/Carers would be willing to take some of the items after the event to the foodbank for us. Please let the office team know if you can assist and we will arrange for your cars to come onto school grounds after the event to pick up the donations. Many thanks in advance.

### The food bank needs the following items:

**Ketchup**

**Mayonnaise**

**Deodorant**

**Washing up liquid**

**Shampoo**

Thank you to all in advance for your generosity and for making a difference by your act of kindness to others in our community.



# Black History Month 2023

**Black History Month 2023 is a momentous occasion to recognise and celebrate the invaluable contributions of black people to British society.**

Black people have always been at the forefront of social justice movements, fighting against oppression and paving the way for change. However, despite their countless contributions to society, the achievements of black women, in particular, have too often been overlooked or forgotten. That is why, this year, Black History Month is celebrating the exceptional achievements of black women.

This year, they are launching a National Black History Month Poetry Competition in honour of the amazing achievements and contributions of black women in various fields – from literature, music, science, politics, and social care to campaigners, nurses, and everyday heroes who have made a difference to our lives. Celebrating black women is an important addition to the Black History Month 2023 celebrations, providing an opportunity to learn about the contributions and achievements of black women while inspiring and empowering future generations. It would be wonderful to have some submissions from our talented writers. Please visit the Black History Month website for entry details.



# Year 3 Viking workshop

Year 3 had a fabulous time at their Viking workshop last Friday! Well done to all the children who participated in Viking games, quizzes and artefact handling. What an amazing experience!



# Friends of Goldsworth



**GOLDSWORTH DIWALI FIREWORKS FESTIVAL – SUNDAY, 5TH  
NOVEMBER 2023**

Our annual fireworks event is combined with celebrating Diwali and we are proud to offer an evening of food, Diwali entertainment and an amazing firework display by Wizard Fireworks!

**Tickets are £6 for adults and £4 for children (under 3s free), and can be purchased [here](#).** Please note that there will be no ticket sales on the gate. This is a sell-out event every year, so buy early to avoid disappointment! Please tell your friends, family and neighbours about this event, it is open to everyone.

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We really can't run major events like this without your support. If you can spare some time, please sign up for a 30 minute or hour slot manning one of our stalls or collecting entry tickets by clicking [here](#), or let your class rep know you can help. Rope in the kids, grandparents, other school parents – it's more fun with a friend! And don't worry, you won't miss the firework display!

What do we need help with?

- Running the bar, food, hot chocolate and glow toys stalls
- Keeping our audience safe during the fireworks
- Setting up before the event
- Clearing up - help with clear up is hugely appreciated (especially by those who will be there all day!)

Thank you for your support - we can't wait to see you there!

Important things to note:

1. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.
2. Fireworks are weather dependent, if it is deemed unsafe to do the fireworks display, we will postpone until a future date.
3. Tickets are non-refundable, if the event is postponed your tickets will be transferred to the new date.
4. We cannot guarantee the start time of the fireworks display, the display is usually towards the end of the festival but if weather conditions change, we will start the display earlier.
5. For safety reasons the entrance gate will be closed 15 minutes before the firework display.
6. A quiet room will be available to watch the display, this will be one of the year 2 classrooms, please ask a volunteer for more information on the day.



# School Meals



We are still continuing to use ParentMail for ordering Schools Meals until the October half term. We will then be moving lunches to our new Arbor App!

If you have not been able to place your order via ParentMail please email [lunches@goldsworthprimary.co.uk](mailto:lunches@goldsworthprimary.co.uk) with your meal options.

## Pick up Arrangements

To ensure we are safeguarding our pupils, we will only allow siblings aged 14 or over, to collect a child from school. We will require a form to be filled out to confirm this, as shown below. This form can be picked up from the school office. We have taken guidance from the DfE and from the NSPCC when making these decisions.

Parents and carers are expected to arrive at school by 3:20pm to collect their child/ren - the school gates open at 3:15pm. It is important that parents and carers are punctual for this as it can affect a child's wellbeing if a parent/carer is not there at the end of the day. Teaching staff often have clubs or meetings after the school day, so they are not able to keep a child beyond this time.

If a child hasn't been collected, the teacher will take the child to the office to be collected from there. The school will keep a record of times when a parent/carer is late to pick up their child/ren and the headteacher or senior leader may request a meeting with the parent/carer to discuss the issue, if this becomes a regular occurrence. If a child is not picked up by 3:45pm, due to the school office closing at 4pm, they will be taken to Wise Owl after school provision and a charge will be made for this.

*I wish to inform you that my child will be collected by their older sibling. I can confirm that their older sibling is at least 14 years of age and I as the parent accept full responsibility for their welfare walking home from school.*

***I will notify you if these arrangements change.***

**Child's name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of older sibling collecting:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_



# Parking and Playground Equipment

## **Parking**

We have been made aware of some recent parking issues at school drop off and collection times. The school do not have any agreement in place to park in the Bridge Barn Pub at any time. We appreciate parking is difficult at these times, however for access and safety reasons please be considerate to residents and other drivers.

## **Playground Equipment**

For Health and Safety reasons, please do not allow your children to play on the playground equipment before or after school.

# Bikeability Cycling Instructors

The Cycle Training Team at Surrey County Council are recruiting for Bikeability Cycling Instructors. We would be very grateful if you could please forward the link below to your parents and carers or add it to your next school newsletter. This way of advertising has been very successful in the past and has only been possible due to your generous assistance.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs/search/details?id=29155>

# Wise Owl Club

Due to the Wise Owl After-school club and for safe-guarding reasons with children playing outside in the playground, please can you kindly wait behind the green gate by the swimming pool when you are waiting to collect your child/children from another club/football club. Your child will then come over to the gate and meet you at the end of their club.

Your co-operation in this matter is much appreciated.

Wise Owl have had lots of emails regarding spaces and the waiting list since we started back in September. Unfortunately, the waiting list is still closed, and spaces for the club are not being offered at this current time. When the waiting list reopens, or a space is available to be offered to your child, you will be notified via email.



Many Thanks,  
Dawn - Wise Owl Manager