



Be the best we can be

Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope you've had a good week and that your meetings with your child's teacher have been productive and given you some insight into how your child has settled into their new year group and how we can work together to support learning.

The term seems to have become busier and busier, but I do try to make some time each day to walk and have some thinking space. One morning this week, I was able to see thousands of spider's webs clinging to the heather on the heathland where I walk. They're often not visible, but the moisture of the morning and the way the light was at that moment brought them into full sight which was a joy to see. It reminded me that there is so much good that goes on unseen and it's only occasionally brought out into the light for everyone to see. This goes for our children, our staff, and you, our parents. So, I wanted to challenge us all to bring good things into the light. When you notice something good, tell someone, tell us, tell each other and we will try to do the same. The book I referred to before 'When the Adults Change, Everything Changes' by Paul Dix talks about 'positive noticing' and how powerful this can be. Let's 'positively notice' the good things and bring them out into the light. They can be small, but they are important.

Also, if you have any beautiful or fun Autumn photos to share, send them in and we can appreciate together the beauty of this season. My spider's web is below to start us off! I don't think I'll make it as a photographer, but it was lovely!

Next week, do join us on Friday morning for our Harvest Assembly. We've also got tuck shop to enjoy – thank you in advance to the parents who will give up their time to make this happen.

Have a lovely weekend,

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

PE lessons and children with

earrings - We have reviewed our policy and for safety reasons, if children are unable to remove their earrings for PE lessons, they will not be able to join in the physical activity part of the lesson.

School dates:

2023-2024 INSET DAYS:

Monday 30th October 2023

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Monday 19th February 2024

Weekly Reminders

Whole School	<p>The School Day:</p> <p>8.30 Gates open (Please do not drop children off any earlier)</p> <p>8.40 Children should be in class for registration</p> <p>15.15 Gates open</p> <p>15.20 School Finishes</p> <p>15.30 Gates are locked</p> <p>Parents and Carers, due to Health and Safety reasons, please can we ask you and your children NOT 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>																																																																
Reception	<p>Next week - we will be junk modelling. Please bring in any recycled resources you may have at home (e.g. cardboard boxes, cardboard tubes, plastic lids, ribbon, stickers)</p> <p>Wednesday 18th October - Personal, Social and Emotional Development Parent Workshop 9-10am</p> <p>Wednesday 1st November - Reading and Phonics Parent Workshop 9-10am</p> <p>Quick reminder to always check the calendar (sent out at the beginning of each half term) before Friday. This indicates whether your child needs to wear PE kit or Forest School on a Friday.</p>																																																																
Year 1	<p>Year 1 Assembly - Parents/Carers are invited to join us for our Year 1 Assembly on Thursday, at 9am, in the school hall.</p> <p>Snacks- If your child is bringing a snack from home, it must be a healthy snack. No nuts/nut based products. One snack only please. We would encourage the children to eat the fruit provided by the school.</p> <p>Books- Remember to bring reading folders to school on Fridays.</p> <p>Birthdays- Please remember that sweets/gifts for birthdays should not be brought to school. If your child would like to share a birthday treat with the class, they can gift the class a book for the book corner.</p>																																																																
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Swimming Timetable

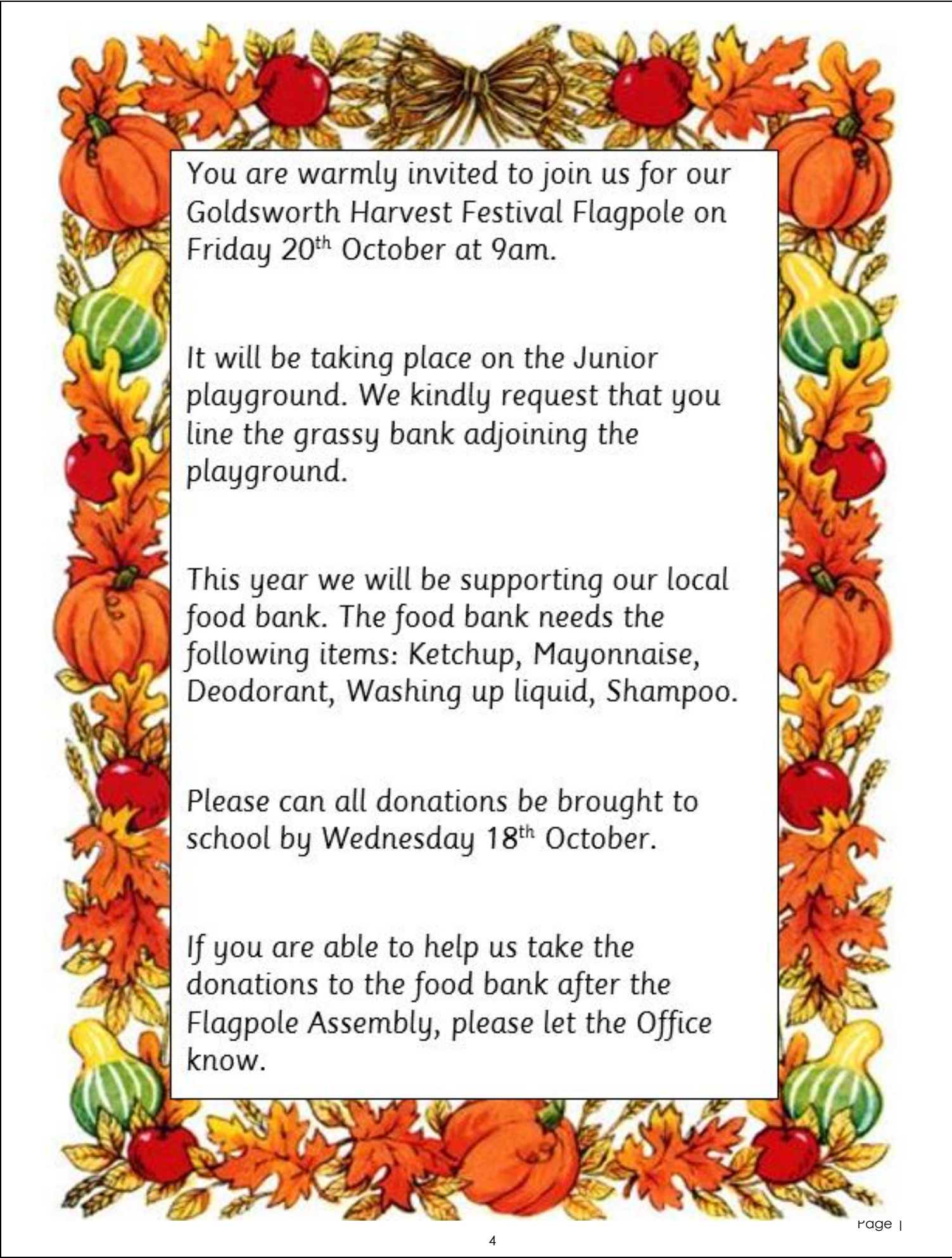
Please refer to the swimming timetable below for the forthcoming two weeks. Please ensure that your child/ren have their swimming kit on the day their class is due to swim.

Week commencing	Session	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
16th October	AM	3G	3G	3G	3G
	PM	6DF	6DF	6DF	6DF
30th October	AM	4E	4E	4E	4E
	PM	Bats	Bats	Bats	Bats

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
October			
Thursday 19th October	Year 1 Assembly at 9am, in the school hall.	Year 1	Year 1 Parents/Carers
Friday 20th 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.
Sunday 5th November 4.30-7pm	Diwali Fireworks Festival	ALL	
Tuesday 14th November	Medieval Knights & Castles workshop	Year 2	
Friday 17th November	Planetarium at Winston	Year 5	
Friday 20th November	Harvest Festival Flagpole	ALL	ALL invited, start time 9am Junior Playground
w/c 20th November	Road Safety awareness week		
Wednesday 29th November	Rock Steady concert		2pm in Sports Hall
Friday 1st December	Christmas disco	ALL	Reception 3.30-4.30pm



You are warmly invited to join us for our Goldsworth Harvest Festival Flagpole on Friday 20th October at 9am.

It will be taking place on the Junior playground. We kindly request that you line the grassy bank adjoining the playground.

This year we will be supporting our local food bank. The food bank needs the following items: Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Deodorant, Washing up liquid, Shampoo.

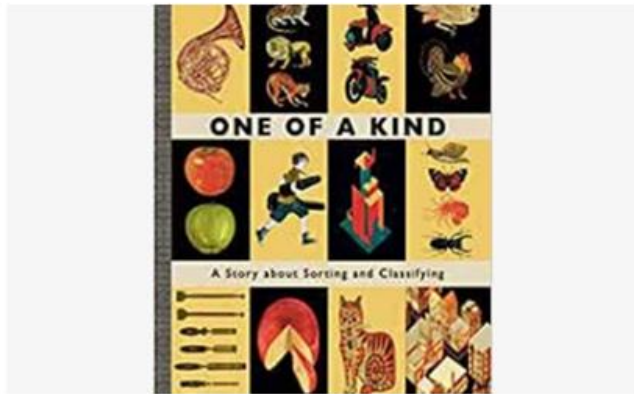
Please can all donations be brought to school by Wednesday 18th October.

If you are able to help us take the donations to the food bank after the Flagpole Assembly, please let the Office know.

Book of the month!

Each month we will be sharing with you a recommended book of the month, one for Key Stage One and one for Key Stage Two. Here are October's recommendations:

Recommended for Key Stage One

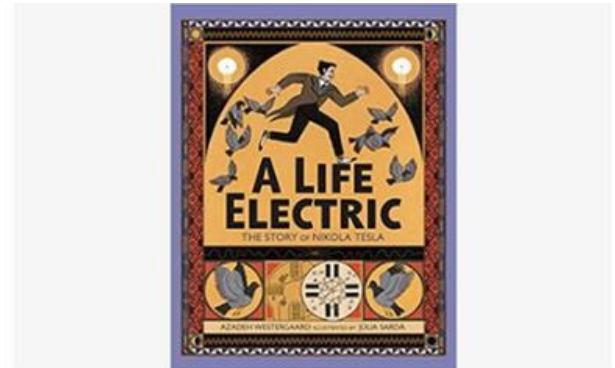


One of a Kind

by **Neil Packer**

Surely this is every librarian's favourite book? *One of a Kind: A Story about Sorting and Classifying* is a richly illustrated large book written by Neil Packer for Walker Studio which ignites the reader's curiosity, promotes critical thinking and provides many opportunities for discussion, talk and inquiry. The illustrations are evocative, detailed and astonishingly gorgeous – this is a book which has been crafted and designed to make it a real object of beauty. But it is the potential for discussion and deep thought which elevates it even further; a seemingly simple story is given meaning by the illustrations and the Author's Notes at the end of the book. A must for every bookshelf!

Recommended for Key Stage Two



A Life Electric

by **Azadeh Westergaard**, illustrated by **Julia Sarda**

A Life Electric: The Story of Nikola Tesla by Azadeh Westergaard, illustrated by the wonderful Julia Sarda is the perfect picturebook biography: a well written, rich and engaging story, illustrated by one of the best illustrators working today, full of interesting facts and anecdotes about the man who invented the AC induction motor. Sarda's unique, slightly surreal style and muted colour palette paint a picture of this extraordinary, curious man which will appeal to young, curious readers. The bit I love most is the excellent, detailed Author's Note and Sources at the back which are a brilliant introduction to research and independent inquiry.



Netball tournament



This week a number of Year 4 students competed at Halstead St Andrew's school in a Netball tournament. Throughout the afternoon the children took part in 6 different games competing with schools from the local area. Having never played as a team before and no training prior to this event the team did fantastically. They showed skills of teamwork, communication and sportsmanship as second place was missed by only 1 point.

As this was many of the children's first competitive netball game, we were absolutely over the moon with this result especially beating one teams 9:0. A special mention goes out to Frankie who was awarded a prize for showing outstanding effort and attitude throughout the tournament. It was great to see a number of parents cheering us on which we all appreciated greatly.



Half term Hedgehog Workshops

<https://www.surreyhillssociety.org/events/october-half-term-hedgehog-10am-workshop/>

October Half Term Hedgehog Workshops

Date: Monday 23 October

Times: 10am – 11am and 11.30am – 12.30pm

Location: Newlands Corner Discovery Centre, Albury Downs Car park, GU4 8SE

Cost: £9.50 per child (includes a signed copy of *Hedgehogs Don't Live in the City!* (RRP £7.99).

Adults go FREE!

Join local author, Lucy Reynolds, for a hedgehog themed workshop and interactive storytime where she will read her 'Hedgehogs Don't Live in the City!' story book. Lucy's interactive story session will help to inspire a love of the natural world through charming narrative and a gentle focus on how we can help our endangered prickly friends.

Storytime will be followed by a fun filled craft workshop before heading outdoors to join the Surrey Hills Society who will be on hand to show how they monitor and track this rare, distinctive, and endangered creature. The workshops are aimed at children aged 3-9 years old.

"Hedgehogs are precious and rare - this book celebrates the wonder of nature, and what we can all do together to preserve this incredible species" (Ben Fogle, Explorer, Broadcaster and Patron of the British Hedgehog Preservation Society)

Please book your space for the workshop in advance.

The link to book your space for the 10am session can be found [here](#).

The link to book your space for the 11:30am session can be found [here](#).



Friends of Goldsworth

Dates for your diary

Monday, 16th October – Second hand uniform sale

Running after school, this is a great chance to pick up some bargains!

Thursday, 19th October – Tuck Shop

Children need to bring:

- 50p in a named purse or envelope

- Six to twelve cakes or cookies (shop bought or home baked), or six pieces of portioned fruit. These should be dropped off before school at the tables set up between years 1 and 2 (or outside the Qube, near the swimming pool, if it is raining)

Cakes should be nut free. Children with allergies should bring two cakes and one fruit portion in a clearly named, sealed container stating the allergy and give this to their teacher.

Leftover cakes will be sold off after school, so bring any spare change!

Friday, 3rd November – Happy School Bags

Children should come home with a 'Happy School Bag' in the weeks before this date. Please fill it (or a normal plastic bag) with your pre-loved clothing, ensuring that all items placed in the bags are in good REUSABLE condition, and return to school on Friday 3rd November by 9am. Every kilo donated raises money for the school!

Sunday, 5th November – Diwali Fireworks Night Tickets are available to buy from www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgoldsworth. Please note, tickets will not be available to buy at the gate on the day, so book your tickets now to avoid disappointment.

Friday, 1st December – School Disco

The school disco times are as follows:

Reception: 3.30 – 4.30pm

Years 1 and 2: 4.45 – 5.45pm

Years 3 and 4: 6 – 7pm

Years 5 and 6: 7.15 – 8.30pm Tickets are available to buy from www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgoldsworth.

We always need volunteers to help run these events, so if you can spare some time, please register to help out at Friends of Goldsworth Primary School (pta-events.co.uk).

Christmas Card Printing

Years 1 to 6 will shortly be bringing home artwork designs which can be printed as Christmas cards (Reception children will bring home the order form with a blank side on which to draw their design, if they wish). If you would like to place an order, please follow the following instructions:

- The original artwork is also the order form, so take care of it and keep it as flat as you can. Please note that this is the only version, there are no copies and so replacements cannot be supplied!

- Carefully fill out the information on the order form.

- Put the correct money (cash only) and the order form/artwork in an envelope marked with your child's name and class.

- Return it to the school office by Tuesday, 31st October.

Please note we can only accept the correct money for your order, no change will be given.

Remember to follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/friendsofgoldsworth and Instagram www.instagram.com/friendsofgoldsworth for updates and reminders. If you would like to join our parent/carer helpers WhatsApp group, [click here](#).



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 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>

Governor News

Following the recent election, we are delighted to welcome Louisa Croudace to the board of governors as our new parent governor. Due to a resignation, we have also appointed Gary Stephens as a new community governor. Governors invest valuable time and energy into the role and we thank both candidates for being willing to support the school community in this way.

Emily Berge Chair.

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