



Be the best we can be

Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a great week.

I wanted to let you know a bit more about the reasons for us introducing 'Fabulous Walking' to the school. The idea comes from a book called 'When the Adults Change, Everything Changes' by Paul Dix. The book is all about how we create the best climate and culture for exceptional behaviour to develop and fabulous walking is just one of the ideas that is described. Paul Dix repeatedly discusses the need for visible consistency in a school and describes a headteacher who had introduced fabulous walking 'with love, humour and a sense of pride in 'our school'In this school the visible consistency made everyone feel safe. It is done with kindness and consent.' I think that all the staff would tell you that asking children to 'walk fabulously' is so much more preferable than calling down the corridor to 'stop running', or even 'walk!'. It is kind, it is fun and it is helping everyone to be consistently safe and calm. Paul Dix finishes this chapter by saying, 'Visible consistency with visible kindness allows exceptional behaviour to flourish.'

In other news, Year three have thoroughly enjoyed their Viking workshop today where they have been studying Viking artefacts and learning to play some Viking games which has really brought their learning to life. I have also had the pleasure of reading some of their writing linked to this unit which is full of exciting adjectives and description. Well done Year 3!

I hope you all have a super 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.

School dates:

2023-2024 INSET DAYS:

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

Weekly Reminders

<p>Whole School</p>	<p><u>The School Day:</u> 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><u>Parking</u> 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.</p> <p><u>Playground Equipment:</u> For Health and Safety reasons, please do not allow your children to play on the playground equipment before or after school.</p>																																																																
<p>Reception</p>	<p>From 18th September, collection time will be 15:20, the gates open at 15:15</p> <p>Please remember to bring £2 for your bus ticket on Monday 2nd October. This donation will go to Brooklands Museum to cover the cost of their trip. We will not be leaving the school grounds but we will get to take a trip inside, find out lots about buses and get a ticket as a keepsake.</p>																																																																
<p>Year 1</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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<p>Year 4</p>	<p>Friday 6th October - Ancient Greek Workshop. Year 4 will be visited by a real-life Ancient Greek! Children are invited to dress up in the style of clothing worn during the Ancient Greek times - costume ideas will be discussed with the children in class. Year 4 have our Greek Workshop next Friday (6th Oct) - we are looking forward to seeing your costumes!</p> <p>Please could you collect empty cereal boxes for our DT project and bring them (flattened) into school asap.</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
2 nd October	AM	3B	3B	3B	3B
	PM	6P	6P	6P	6P
9 th October	AM	3H	3H	3H	3H
	PM	6H	6H	6H	6H

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
September			
Please note the Reception Curriculum Evening date will be published in due course			
Monday 02.10.23	Reception Bus visit	Reception	Reception children
Wednesday 04.10.23	Year 1 RWI Phonics workshop for parents (9am)	Year 1	Year 1 Parents/Carers are invited to attend. More details to follow
Friday 06.10.23	Year 4 Ancient Greek workshop	Year 4	Year 4 children

Friends of Goldsworth

"I want to help, but I don't have time"

Our lives are so busy now, with most of us working or caring for young children. But if you can just **give an hour** or an evening to help raise money for our children's school, we want to hear from you! This could be at school (helping at the Christmas gift shop or selling cakes at tuck shop), or at home (finding glow toys for us to sell at our fireworks and Diwali event, advising on reclaiming gift aid or assessing our PA system).

If you can give just a small amount of time, please click here <https://chat.whatsapp.com/KTU2yIkCHOCb4kcy95F1zr> to join our helpers' WhatsApp group, where opportunities to help out will be posted throughout the year, or email chair@goldsworthfriends.org.uk.

If we all help a little, we can give a lot to our children's school!

Dates for your diary

16th October – second hand uniform sale (3.20pm in the main hall)

3rd November – Happy Bags clothes donations

5th November – Fireworks Festival

Keep up to date

All our events, as well as where to buy tickets and how to volunteer as a parent helper, can be found on our website www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgoldsworth

Please also follow us on social media for updates and reminders:

Facebook www.facebook.com/friendsofgoldsworth

Instagram www.instagram.com/friendsofgoldsworth

School Meals

ParentMail should be back up and running for ordering Schools Meals as of Wednesday 27th September. If you have not been able to place your order via ParentMail for Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th September 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: _____

Wise Owl Club

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