



## Be the best we can be

### Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope you all enjoyed a restful and fun half term.

This first week back started for staff on Monday where we had more whole trust training and worked with colleagues from across all our schools on developing our curriculum. This is exciting work and the staff are really motivated to ensure our curriculum is delivering all it needs to, to help children have everything they need for future success.

It was lovely, however, to welcome the children back on Tuesday and, while the weather has been rather wet, dark and windy, the children have brightened everything up for us!

Year 1 had a great workshop yesterday looking at magical toys from history, linked to their history unit this term. It was very interactive and the children were totally engaged as it brought their learning to life.

Thank you to the Reception staff who have hosted parent workshops this week – I do hope those who attended found them useful in knowing how you can support your child at home.

I'm very much looking forward to seeing many of you at the Diwali Fireworks Festival on Sunday. This is always highlight of the school year and I'd like to say thank you in advance to all of you who are helping to make it a success. Let's hope the weather is kind to us!

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

### 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.

### School dates:

#### 2023-2024 INSET DAYS:

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><b>Now the weather has changed, please can we remind all parents to make sure children have a coat with them everyday.</b></p>																																																																
<b>Reception</b>	<p><b>Quick reminder</b> 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>																																																																
<b>Year 1</b>	<p><b>Donations please</b>-We would be very grateful if anyone is able to make donations for tights and new boys underwear.</p> <p><b>Snacks</b>- 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><b>Books</b>- Remember to bring reading folders to school on Fridays.</p> <p><b>Birthdays</b>- 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
06th November	AM	4C	4C	4C	4C
	PM	Badgers	Badgers	Badgers	Badgers
13th November	AM	4HD	4HD	4HD	4HD
	PM	Rabbits	Rabbits	Rabbits	Rabbits

## 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>November</b>			
Sunday 5th November 4.30-7pm	Diwali Fireworks Festival	ALL	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Nasal Flu	ALL	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Reading workshop for parents 9am and 6pm	Years 2-6	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Medieval Knights & Castles workshop	Year 2	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need	ALL	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Planetarium at Winston	Year 5	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Trip to Imperial War Museum London	Year 6	
w/c 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Road Safety awareness week		
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Rock Steady concert	parents of children who attend Rock Steady are welcome to attend	2pm in Sports Hall
<b>December</b>			
Friday 1st December	Christmas disco	ALL	Reception 3.30-4.30pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term (finish at 1:15)	ALL	

# Lunchtime clubs

## Lunchtime Clubs

Day	12-12.30pm	12.30-1pm
Monday	Art & Creativity Club Years 1 & 2 with Mrs Samuel (Otters) 12.0-12.30pm Art & Creativity Club Years 3-6 with Mrs Knight (3G) Year 4 Gymnastics Club with Mrs Cockin (Sports Hall)	
Tuesday		
Wednesday	TTRS Club Years 3-6 with Mrs Henderson/ Mrs Dean (4HD) Book Club Years 1 & 2 with Mrs Davies (Rabbits) 12.15-12.45pm Year 6 Gymnastics Club with Mrs Cockin (Sports Hall)	
Thursday	Maths Club Years 4-6 with Mrs Barrett (3B) Drama Club Years 3-6 with Mrs Edwards (4E) Pokemon Card Club Years 3-6 with Mrs Foley (5C)	Year 5 Gymnastics Club with Mrs Cockin (Sports Hall)
Friday	Love to Write Club Years 1 & 2 with Mrs Rickett (Otters) 12.00-12.30pm Spanish Club Years 3-4 with Mrs Strang (3B) Year 3 Gymnastics Club with Mrs Cockin (Sports Hall)	



## School Meals



We have now moved to ordering **Schools Meals via the Arbor app!**  
 Please make sure you place your meal choices in plenty of time.



# 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** or in the private car park spaces at **Waterside Chambers**. 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.  
Please see link below for further information.

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

## PE Lessons/Earrings

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.

# Friends of Goldworth News

## Diwali Fireworks Night

We're looking forward to welcoming you to our Diwali Fireworks Night on Sunday, this is a hugely popular event so make sure you've booked your tickets at [www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgoldsworth](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgoldsworth).

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

We still need lots of help at this event, so if you can spare some time manning one of our stalls, please sign up at [www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgoldsworth](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgoldsworth). The children are welcome to help with you (they usually love being part of it!) We particularly need help on the food stalls, so please do sign up! Without your help, this event cannot go ahead.

## Dates for your diary

Friday, 1st December – Festive 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](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgoldsworth).

More festive events will be announced soon! Keep your eyes on our social media accounts (details below) for more information.

## Tuck Shop

Thank you so much to everyone who supported tuck shop before the half term holiday, we raised a fantastic £349.34! We were really grateful for all your cake and fruit donations – and the children certainly appreciated them!

Keep Updated Remember to follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/friendsofgoldsworth](http://www.facebook.com/friendsofgoldsworth) and Instagram [www.instagram.com/friendsofgoldsworth](http://www.instagram.com/friendsofgoldsworth) for updates and reminders. We also have a Costume Swap Facebook group set up, where you can borrow costumes for school dress up days <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2057262757820608>.

Finally, if you would like to join our parent/carer helpers WhatsApp group, click here. We have a number of small, "behind the scenes" tasks, such as finding parcel the parcel prizes and sweets, that we would really appreciate some help with, if you can spare an hour or an evening.

# 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