



## Be the best we can be

### Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a lot of tours this week for prospective parents and I have been so proud of the whole school. Those on the tours were very impressed by the children's knowledge, their behaviour and all the exciting things that are happening around the school each day. Our Year 6 tour guides did an amazing job of showing off the school!

I'm sure you were disappointed that the Diwali Fireworks Festival was not able to go ahead last weekend, but I'm delighted it has now been rescheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> November when hopefully the weather will be kinder to us. On that note, I'd like to wish all our Hindu families a very Happy Diwali! I hope you enjoy your celebrations with friends and family.



This half term, we are focusing on the value of truth and this week, in assembly we thought about how telling lies can cause us to feel all tied up inside and that the only way to avoid this or make it better is to tell the truth. Please do find a moment if you can to talk to your child about this important value as, if children learn it when they are young, it will stand them in good stead for when they are older.

Next week, Year 2 have their 'Medieval Knights and Castles' workshop to look forward to. I am sure this will be very exciting and will help them to learn more about this period in history.

As we approach this remembrance weekend, I will leave you with a familiar poem to help us focus on this important event in our year. As we see the horrors of war in other parts of the world, let us be grateful for the peace in this country and the sacrifices that have been made across the years. Whatever you are doing this weekend, I hope it is peaceful.

Best wishes,

Mrs Kozlowski

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning,  
We will remember them.

### 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

<p><b>Whole School</b></p>	<p><b><u>The School Day:</u></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 is feeling colder, please can we remind all parents to make sure children have a coat, gloves and hat with them everyday.</b></p> <p><b>Anti - Bullying Week (Monday 13th - Friday 17th November 2023)</b>              Next week the children will be taking part in a number of lessons, activities and assemblies to recognise it being Anti - Bullying Week.              The focus this year is "Make a noise about bullying" to empower children to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.              In KS1 the emphasis is on 'reaching out with kindness' and focusing on how to be a good friend.              In KS2 the focus is on children recognising the difference between 'banter' and 'bullying' and understanding the impact their choices have on others.              We will share a range of age-appropriate assemblies with the children, give them the opportunities to ask questions, take part in a live lesson from the BBC and complete relevant activities with their peers in their class.</p> <p><b>Children in Need Celebration Assembly.</b> We will wrap up the week by celebrating and fundraising for Children in Need. Celebration Assembly on the Friday will explain what their fundraising will support, give the children an insight into Children in Need and consolidate on everything we have covered during the week to ensure the children are clear on the messages that have been delivered throughout the week.</p> <p><b>We ask for the children to come to school in their own clothes, focusing on wearing something that is spotty in return for a £1 donation for charity.</b></p>
<p><b>Reception</b></p>	<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>
<p><b>Year 1</b></p>	<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>
<p><b>Year 2</b></p>	<p>Rabbits' have swimming week starting Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November, please remember your swimming kits.</p>
<p><b>Year 3</b></p>	<p>No reminders</p>
<p><b>Year 4</b></p>	<p>4HD have got their next unit of swimming lessons next week from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Please ensure your child arrives at school with their full swimming kit.</p> <p>Next week Mrs Dean is hosting a parent workshop relating to the Year 4 Multiplication Check. All Year 4 parents are invited and it will be held in the main school hall on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 2.45pm. Please see the MTC email that was sent out this week for further details.</p> <p>Please can we have some more donations of tissues to keep in the classrooms? We have a number of colds going around at the moment and are going through a lot of tissues!</p>
<p><b>Year 5</b></p>	<p>No reminders</p>
<p><b>Year 6</b></p>	<p>No reminders</p>
<p><b>The Haven</b></p>	<p>No reminders</p>
<p><b>Whales</b></p>	<p>No reminders</p>
<p><b>Dolphins</b></p>	<p>No reminders</p>

**Thursday Class/Year  
Group Assemblies (9:00-  
9:30)**

Parents/carers are invited to attend their child/ren Class/Year Group Assemblies:

Thursday	Class/Year Group	Thursday	Class/Year Group
<b>Year 1</b>		<b>Year 2</b>	
09.11.23	Year 1	18.01.24	Bats
29.02.24	Otters	02.05.24	Rabbits
07.03.24	Owls	06.06.24	Badgers
21.03.24	Foxes	No Year Group assembly	
<b>Year 3</b>		<b>Year 4</b>	
23.11.23	3B	30.11.23	4HD
13.12.23	3G	25.01.24	4C
27.03.24	3H	08.02.24	4E
27.06.24	Year 3	25.04.24	Year 4
<b>Year 5</b>		<b>Year 6</b>	
14.03.24	Year 5	07.12.23	6H
09.05.24	5C	01.02.24	6P
23.05.24	5J	20.06.24	6DF
13.06.24	5G	No Year Group assembly	

Please note Reception have three performances a year, dates will be confirmed in due course.

## 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
13 <sup>th</sup> November	AM	4HD	4HD	4HD	4HD
	PM	Rabbits	Rabbits	Rabbits	Rabbits
20 <sup>th</sup> November	AM	5J	5J	5J	5J
	PM	Foxes	Foxes	Foxes	Foxes

# Key Dates for Autumn Term

Date	Event	Year Group	Community Participation
<b>November</b>			
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	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Land and Wave meeting (5pm)	Year 6	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need	ALL	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Planetarium at Winston	Year 5	
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Diwali Fireworks Festival	ALL - 4.30-7pm	
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		
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Sayers Croft meeting for parents at 5pm	Year 5	
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Rock Steady concert	parents of children who attend Rock Steady are welcome to attend	
<b>December</b>			
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas disco	ALL	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term (finish at 1:15)	ALL	

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



# 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.

# Children in Need



For only £1 you are allowed to come into school wearing mufti or spotty clothes.

## Children in need!



*Together, we can*  
**MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Don't forget!

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>  
November  
2023

All earnings are donated to charity. This is a great opportunity to help less fortunate children.





CREATING

# LIFELONG READERS



Join us on Tuesday 14th  
November at 9am to  
understand the benefits of  
reading and how to support  
your child to become a  
lifelong reader at home.



Parents of Years 2- 6  
welcome







# MINDFULNESS ('CHILL OUT') CLUB



Children's clubs , adult classes, workshops , courses and training sessions at [www.emmamartinmindfulness.com](http://www.emmamartinmindfulness.com)

I'm SO Excited for mindfulness club each week- L- Year 5

Supporting your child's emotional wellbeing and mental health through a range of fun, immersive activities , tools, stories and games facilitated by an accredited mindfulness practitioner and mum of two, Emma. With glowing reviews from children of all ages, parents and headteachers alike- Emma understands that wellbeing should be fun, friendly and accessible to suit your child's learning style!  
**NEW activities added each term to suit both new and returning students!**

'Mrs Martin, Your Mindfulness club is the BEST! - Ava Year 3'

## TAKING YOUR CHILD ON A 10 WEEK 'MINDFUL HEART' CURRICULUM TO INCLUDE:

- Creation of a 'calm kit' with resources that they can use both at home and school to support their emotions
- Age appropriate breath-work, movement, stories, arts and crafts to cover a range of topics including; Managing thoughts and feelings, Mindfulness for anxiety, Supporting self esteem, positive self talk and relaxation/ meditation
- How we can have FUN by being mindful with enjoyable activities such as Glitter jars, making sensory dough, creating worry monsters and more...

Day	Lunch Time club	After School Club
Wednesday	St Hugh of Lincoln (KS2)	Knaphill Junior School (KS2)
Thursday	St Hugh of Lincoln (KS1)	Barnsbury Primary (KS2)
Friday	Goldsworth Primary KS1 & KS2	



Enhanced DBS, full public liability insurance and safeguarding trained

You really are having such a positive impact on the children here! Thankyou! -Headteacher 2023



Parent and child monthly mindfulness sessions @the Bisley furt, also bookable via this link!

**BOOK VIA**

**[WWW.BOOKWHEN.COM/EMMAMARTINMINDFULNESS](http://WWW.BOOKWHEN.COM/EMMAMARTINMINDFULNESS)**

# Friends of Goldworth News

## Diwali Fireworks Night

Our Diwali Firework Festival has been rescheduled to Sunday 19th November, 4.30-7pm. If you have already purchased tickets these will be valid on the new date. If you require additional tickets we have a limited number still available to purchase, please visit [www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgoldsworth](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgoldsworth). We apologise for having to postpone this event, our fireworks company made the decision based on the strength of wind gusts, the size of our fireworks area and proximity to neighbouring houses and spectators. We hope you understand that our absolute priority is safety. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday 19th November!

## VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help out at the fireworks, we couldn't run this event without you. We still need some help at this event, particularly on the food stalls, so if you can spare some time 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!) If you are no longer able to volunteer due to the change of date, please email us at [chair@goldsworthfriends.org.uk](mailto:chair@goldsworthfriends.org.uk).

## 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).

Monday, 4th to Wednesday, 6th December – No Adults Allowed Gift Shop

This is one of our most popular events of the year! You can buy a £3 voucher for your child to visit the Christmas gift shop and choose a secret gift for mum, dad, carer, grandparents or loved one. They will receive their item in a gift bag which they can take home, decorate and put under the tree as a surprise on Christmas Day.

Vouchers are available to purchase from [www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgoldsworth](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgoldsworth).

## Wednesday, 13th December – Festive Fun Day

During school hours, the school and the Friends of Goldworth will be holding a Festive Fun Day, which will include Christmas lunch, festive jumpers and a Santa Fun Run. More details will follow soon, so keep an eye on your emails and our social media channels (details below)!

Please look out for Christmas raffle tickets, which will be coming home in school bags next week.

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>.

# 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