



Be the best we can be

Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a wonderfully busy week in school this week with several year groups enjoying enrichment opportunities to bring their learning to life.

Year 2 had their medieval knights and castles workshop where they dressed up and learnt about what life was like living in a castle – very different from our own centrally heated, cosy homes, I imagine!

Year 3 had Victorian day where they participated in Victorian style school in the morning and got the chance to see and handle Victorian artefacts. Many of the children said they preferred Victorian style school, so we're wondering about a change of approach!

Today, Year 5 are visiting the Planetarium at Winston Churchill School where they will learn more about the formation of our galaxies, the phases of the moon, all linked to their science unit on space. I'm sure they will have an awesome time.

It doesn't end there as next week, Year 6 are going to the Imperial War Museum which I am certain will be a fascinating trip for them and will enhance and deepen their learning about World War Two, which is such an important part of our history to learn about.

These events demonstrate how we, as a school are doing our best to make sure that we fulfill our vision for children to have 'opportunities for all'. They make a big difference to helping us to create 'learners for life', so do talk to your children about them and what they have learnt from such rich experiences. Thank you to all our staff who work hard to make these events so good.

I hope you have a great 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

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

Whole School	<p>The School Day: 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>Now the weather has turned please can we remind all parents to make sure children have a coat, gloves and hat with them everyday.</p>																																																																
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Year 1	<p>Foxes have got their next unit of swimming lessons next week from Monday 20th - Thursday 23rd November. Please ensure your child arrives at school with their full swimming kit.</p> <p>Donations please-We would be very grateful if anyone is able to make donations for tights and new boys underwear.</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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Key Dates for Autumn Term

Date	Event	Year Group	Community Participation
November			
Sunday 19th November	Diwali Fireworks Festival	ALL - 4.30-7pm	
Monday 20th November	Trip to Imperial War Museum London	Year 6	
w/c 20th November	Road Safety awareness week		
Tuesday 21st November	Sayers Croft meeting for parents at 5pm	Year 5	
Tuesday 28th November	Rock Steady concert (Aaron's band)	parents of children who attend Rock Steady are welcome to attend 2.15pm Start	
Wednesday 29th November	Rock Steady concert (Colins band)	parents of children who attend Rock Steady are welcome to attend	
December			
Friday 1st December	Christmas disco	ALL	
Tuesday 5th December	Hedgehogs Nativity (am)	Reception Parents to attend	
Thursday 7th December	Mice Nativity (am)	Reception Parents to attend	
Friday 8th December	Moles Nativity (am)	Reception Parents to attend	
Friday 15th December	End of Term (finish at 1:15)	ALL	
January 2024			
Tuesday 2nd January	Inset Day	ALL	
Wednesday 3rd January	Back to School	ALL	

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

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
20th November	AM	5J	5J	5J	5J
	PM	Foxes	Foxes	Foxes	Foxes
27th November	AM	5G	5G	5G	5G
	PM	Otters	Otters	Otters	Otters



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.

Christmas Lunches Wednesday 13th December

Christmas lunches this year will take place on Wednesday 13th December, please order the Roast Dinner meal (option 1) by **Monday 20th November**



Children in need

We have had a busy Anti - bullying week this week, full of informative assemblies, a live lesson from the BBC, PSHE lessons full of discussion and sharing and wrapping up the week with raising an amazing amount of money for Children in Need.

All the children have looked fantastic today with lots of Pudsey's and spots around the school. With your amazing support,

we have raised an incredible £558.56 for Children in Need.

You should all be very proud of this achievement and the difference this will make for many children!



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.

Attendance Matters

REMINDER: Please email absences@goldsworthprimary.co.uk for **any** absence requests/reports. This includes absences for medical appointments which require collection from school or late arrivals. absences should be reported to the school by 8:30am. Thank you.

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.

Sports and Events

Year 4 netball tournament

Last Thursday Year 4 took part in their second ever netball tournament at Greenfield Primary School. Despite the rain and some very tough matches the girls all worked hard, showing skills of perseverance, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout. It was great to see their netball skills improve throughout the afternoon, winning the final match against St Dunstan's. As a school we look forward to many more matches to come.



Sophie, Xanthe, Frankie, Elodie, Rose,
Sudiksha and Duca



MINDFULNESS (‘CHILL OUT’) CLUB



Children's clubs , adult classes, workshops ,
courses and training sessions at
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

Friends of Goldworth News

Diwali Fireworks Night

Unfortunately, our fireworks planned for Sunday 19th have been **cancelled**. After a final discussion with the fireworks company this morning they deemed the weather too windy to hold the event.

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.

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.

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 headwear, and a Festive Fun Run. We would also like to invite you to join us after school for our Festive Celebration, where we'll be offering drinks, biscuits, mince pies and the chance for your child to have their photo taken with our inflatable Santa at the Fun Run finish line! Raffle prizes will also be available for collection at this event.

Raffle Tickets

You should have received your Christmas raffle tickets this week, please return all money and ticket stubs to the school office by Tuesday, 5th December. Raffle tickets can also be purchased from
www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgoldsworth.

Keep Updated Remember to follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/friendsofgoldsworth and Instagram 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

Playworkers vacancy

Do you like having fun and love working with children?

Then this is the job for you!

We are looking to appoint enthusiastic, hardworking and creative Playworkers to work with our before and after school team.

The 'Wise Owl Club' is our after-school club with up to 100 children attending each day at breakfast and evening sessions.

For more details and an online application form, please visit:

[Join our Team - Playworkers](#)

Closing date for applications is Midnight 26th November 2023

If you know of anyone with the skills, please do pass on the details.

