

Be the best we can be

Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a wonderful week in school with all our reception and Year 2 nativity performances. The children have been brilliant with beautiful singing, big, loud voices and huge amounts of enthusiasm and energy. What a joy it has been to see them performing so confidently!

6H also shared all of their learning with us yesterday through their class assembly where they told us all that they have learnt about World War 2 and the circulatory system. Two really important themes to learn about. Their rendition of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer also brought a big smile to everyone's faces – thank you 6H.

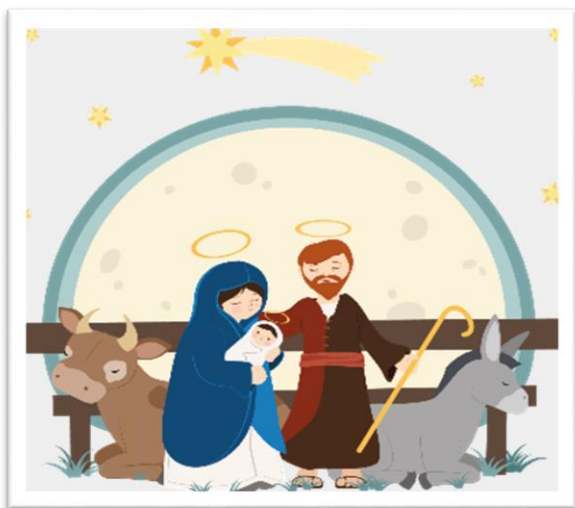
Next week, the Christmas fun continues with the Friends of Goldsworth Santa Run, the year group parties, Year 6 Christingle service, Year 1 carol concert and the Junior carol service at St. Mary of Bethany Church on Thursday!

Thank you to all the staff who are working so hard to put these special events on which really help to build children's confidence and grow as people. I also want to say thank you to all the parents who are helping to put these things on, especially the Friends events that will raise such important funds for the school.

I hope you all have a good weekend and look forward to seeing some of you at our events next week.

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.

Year 3 Panto

Tuesday 12th December
Panto Trip to Woking to see Peter Pan (within school hours)

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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Key Dates for Autumn Term

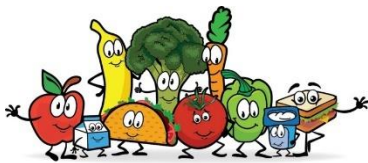
Date	Event	Year Group	Community Participation
December 2023			
Monday 11 th December	Year 6 Christingle 9am (Year 5 to attend)	Year 6 (Year 5 to attend)	
Monday 11 th December	Christmas parties (pm)	Year 1 & Year 3	
Tuesday 12 th December	Panto Trip to Woking to see Peter Pan (within school hours)	Year 3	
Tuesday 12 th December	Christmas parties	Years 2 & 6	
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch (& jumper day)	ALL	
Thursday 14 th December	Juniors Church service AM	Years 3,4,5 & 6	
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas parties (pm)	Years 4 & 5	
Friday 15 th December	End of Term (finish at 1:15)	ALL	
January 2024			
Tuesday 2 nd January	Inset Day	ALL	
Wednesday 3 rd January	Back to School	ALL	
Friday 5 th January	Florence Nightingale/ Mary Seacole workshop	Year 2	

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
8th January	AM	3B	3B	3B	3B
	PM	6P	6P	6P	6P
15th January	AM	3H	3H	3H	3H
	PM	6H	6H	6H	6H



School Meals



REMINDER LUNCHES

Lunches for next term are now available to book on Arbor, we still have a 5 day cut off period therefore please select your choices as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Orders for Christmas lunches are now closed

The deadline for ordering your Christmas lunches is now closed, therefore if you haven't already ordered your child's Christmas lunch for 13 December you will now need to provide your child/children with a packed lunch on that day.

ALL children will receive a Christmas cracker!



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: _____

Lost Property

A BIG thank you to the lovely parent who has spent time tidying the lost property boxes and displaying all the named items so the children can find their belongings easily.

Please remember parents are welcome to look through the lost property after 15.30 each day



Parking issues



We have recently been made aware of a number of parking issues at school drop off and collection times. Please do not park across entrances to driveways.

The school do not currently 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.

Please could we ask parents/guardians who drive to and from school not to sit with their engines on unnecessarily in the roads around the school as we know it increases the concentration of pollution in that area which is detrimental to everyone's health but it is particularly damaging to the lungs of pupils and siblings who are at the level of car exhausts.

Attendance Matters

Penalty Notice Reminder:

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), they will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days.

Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

Goldsworth Sporting Events

5km charity run!

On Saturday Rose and Freddie (4E) ran 5km each in 1C temperature and together raised £280 for Challengers Guildford, a charity providing play and leisure services for local disabled young people. We're very proud of them.



Gymnastics

We had 38 gymnasts taking part and they all performed a floor routine learnt in lessons. The standard of gymnastics was very high and our year 5 gymnasts Alice and Dana had difficult job judging the routines. Here are the results from the competition;

House results;

1. Rowling 215 points
2. Einstein 175 points
3. Nightingale 174 points
4. Attenborough 124 points

Individual results;

1. Frankie and Kayley
2. Rose
3. Elodie





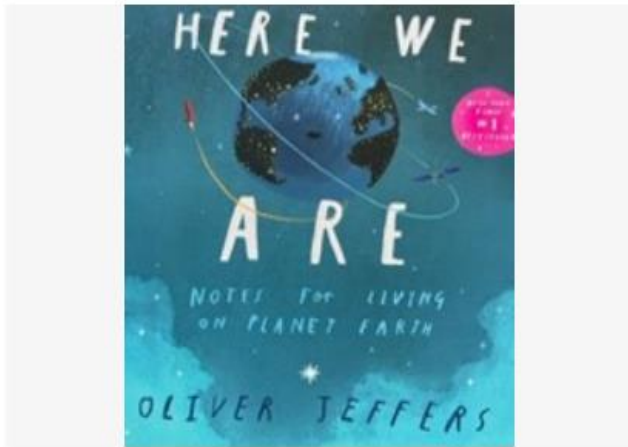
On Thursday 30th November Bertie, Amir, Jake, Zac, Zach, Rayhan, Monty, Freddie, Jason and Oscar gave a brilliant performance at a tournament at Greenfield Primary School. The boys were an incredible team and it was a real pleasure to watch them play! With Freddie in goal, a combination of Rayhan and Oscar at the back, Monty, Zach, Zac, and Jake playing across midfield, Bertie playing in midfield or as a striker and Amir and Jason up front, Goldsworth were a force to be reckoned with!

The initial round of the tournament saw our boys come up against 3 teams. In our first game against Bisley, we secured a 2-0 victory. We went into our next game against Bishopsgate and came away with a 0-0 draw. Our next game saw us taking on St Dunstan's who initially took the lead, but we quickly levelled the game with a brilliant goal from Zac to finish the game with a 1-1 draw. At the end of the group stage, with a win and 2 draws, it came down to goal difference as to which school would be placed top of the group. Our boys were so excited when they found out that we went through to the semi-finals as top of Group B!

The semi-final was against Halstead St Andrew's. Our boys played with such desire and were creating some fantastic chances, but on the day, they just didn't fall for us. The creative play and the way they worked together was amazing. A draw in the semis meant a penalty shoot out to decide who would go through to the finals. Sadly, the penalty shoot-out saw our opposition go through to the finals.

With our heads held high and our spirits higher we emerged from the tournament as champions in our own right. To walk away from a tournament undefeated on the field is an amazing achievement! All of the boys gave excellent performances and they worked together as a team at every moment. We are all incredibly proud of you and you were all fantastic representatives of Goldsworth. Well done, boys!

Book of the month



Here We Are

by **Oliver Jeffers**

Written as a manual to life on Earth, this simple, life-affirming picture book is both an overview of Earth and a guide to living as an all-round good person. Concepts of kindness, tolerance, respect and environmental responsibility flow seamlessly into this perfectly judged text.

The final page brings us back to the immediacy of a dad holding his baby. 'Just ask, I won't be far away.' It's a perfect ending, reminding us that the most important thing for children to know about life on Earth is that they are loved.



Birdsong

by **Katya Balen** and illustrated by **Richard Johnson**

After a devastating car crash Annie is struggling to get on with her life. Unable to play her flute, she abandons her plans to go to music school. Moving house seems like the end of the world. Then she meets Noah who shows her the blackbird's nest hidden in the scrubland near their flats. The blackbird's song reignites Annie's passion for music. But when tragedy strikes again will she be strong enough to carry on? This beautifully written book is about friendship, courage and hope. 'It's always easier not to try.'

Friends of Goldworth News

Thank you to those who helped out at the No Adults Allowed Gift Shop this week, and to those who volunteered at the school discos last Friday. These are both hugely popular events that wouldn't be able to go ahead without your help, so we really do appreciate it.

Fundraising News

We hope everyone who ordered Christmas cards this year loved the results! Your purchases helped us raise £307.20! Thank you to all the teachers and volunteers for helping to make this project a success.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday, 13th December – Festive Fun Day

Wednesday is our Festive Fun Day, which will include Christmas lunch, festive jumpers and headwear, and a Festive Fun Run, all during school hours. This year we're going full-on festive and for the first time, every child at Goldsworth will take part in the fun run during the school day and, if they wish, have the opportunity to raise funds for our wonderful school.

The emphasis is on fun, and every child is encouraged to come to school in a festive jumper and/or headgear, whether they are being sponsored or not. This will be an opportunity for the children to have festive fun as a class round the school running track; but if they want a challenge, how many laps of the school track can they run in 30 minutes?

This year we are also introducing some wonderful prizes which will be presented at our Festive Celebration event with children, parents and teachers at the end of the school day. This will include prizes for the class that runs the most laps, dresses the most festive and brings the most joy to the day.

If you would like to start collecting sponsorship money, just visit <https://chuffed.org/project/festive-fun-run> and click "sign up as a fundraiser" at the bottom of the page.

At the Festive Celebration event after school on 13th December we will be offering a free drink and biscuit to children, and we will also be selling hot drinks and mince pies (cash only). There will also be the chance for your child to get that all-important finish line photo with our inflatable Santa arch! We encourage our Goldsworth community to come along and join in the festive fun with their children after school.

Christmas Jumpers

Don't forget that children can come into school wearing festive jumpers and/or head gear on Wednesday 13th. If you have any unwanted or outgrown Christmas jumpers you can donate, please drop them into the school office by Tuesday.

Keep Updated Remember to follow us on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/friendsofgoldsworth> and Instagram <http://www.instagram.com/friendsofgoldsworth> for updates and reminders



MINDFULNESS (‘CHILL OUT’) CLUB



Children's clubs , adult classes, workshops ,
courses and training sessions at
www.emmamartinmindfulness.com

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!

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

'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

Wise Owl Club

**Please note; the school closes at 1.15pm on the 15th December, and
Wise Owl will be closing early at 4.30pm.**

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.

