

Be the best we can be

Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week it has been! We have had parties, performances, class assemblies, Christmas art, Christmas lunch, pantomimes, Santa fun runs and a visit from Santa himself!!

Thank you to all of you who have helped and supported all of these events. It really does make a difference and helps the children to have a really special time.

Year 6 presented the Christingle service to us on Monday which is always a very special and atmospheric occasion with a great mix of songs, sung beautifully.

3G's assembly was just as good, again, with fabulous singing and a super presentation of their learning this term.

Wednesday was a particularly busy day with the Friends of Goldsworth Santa Run going on all day – the children thoroughly enjoyed it and it has raised an enormous amount of money for the school. Thank you to all the children who helped to raise a phenomenal amount and to everyone who supported and helped at this event, especially to Claire Daniels who masterminded the whole project.

Yesterday was a real highlight as all the Junior children walked to St. Mary of Bethany for our Christmas service. It really was uplifting to hear the children all singing so well and with such enthusiasm. The children who read and presented the Christmas story were also fabulous, as were the actors. The choir sung beautifully as did Ella who filled the church with the first verse of Once in Royal David's City. Thanks to everyone, including the team at the church for making it so special.

This morning the children have been treated (or subjected!) to the staff pantomime!! 'Oh yes they have!'. It was a suitably silly end to the term and demonstrated once again what a great team we have at Goldsworth. We also gave out Golden Owls to children who have shown exceptional behavior through kindness, friendship, courtesy, taking responsibility and being generally brilliant people to have around. Congratulations to all those who received an owl.

That just leaves me the pleasure of wishing all of our families a wonderful Christmas break full of peace and joy and I look forward to seeing all the children back at school on 3rd January.

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.

Staffing News:

I am sad to say Miss Kelly, Badgers class teacher, is leaving us today and we wish her all the very best in her new ventures. She really has been a pleasure to work with and will be missed by staff and children alike.

We will be welcoming Miss Burrows in January to teach Badgers class and we look forward to getting to know her.

Mr. Gunning, our new Deputy Headteacher will start work at Goldsworth in January and we are looking forward to giving him a warm Goldsworth welcome and working with him.

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 every day.</p>																																																																
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Key Dates for Autumn Term

Date	Event	Year Group	Community Participation
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	

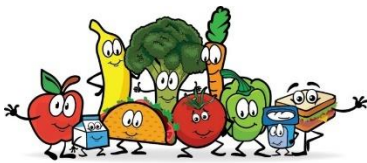
Please check this weekly as new dates may be published. We will indicate these in **red**.

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

Please note that the waiting list for after school swimming is currently closed. It has always been an oversubscribed club and we do our best to get as many children through the swimming programme as possible. In the New Year we will be looking to see who has moved up and where we have spaces. Once we have looked at this alongside the names, year groups and stages of those on the waiting list we will then re-open the waiting list to applications. This will be communicated via the newsletter so please do watch this space!



School Meals



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. Please make sure your meals account and top it up if required

Healthy packed lunches

Just a reminder about giving your child a healthy packed lunch. Eating a healthy lunch can positively affect behaviour in the classroom and at Goldsworth Primary School it is our responsibility to help our children learn how to eat healthily which includes what should be in their lunchboxes. As we are a **nut free** school please ensure that foods containing nuts are **NOT** brought into school, including as part of a packed lunch or snack.

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 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.

Lost Property

We have a number of uniform items in the lost property we welcome all parents to come in at the end of the school day today (1.15pm) to go through any lost items. The majority of items are named; however, any unnamed items will have been sorted in size order.



Goldsworth Sporting Events

Gymnastics

Year 3 medallists floor competition

Year 3 house floor individual results;

1. Zara
2. Robyn and Aleena
3. Ella , Anna and Eva

House competition results;

1. Attenborough 238 points
 2. Einstein 155 points
 3. Nightingale 136 points
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1. Rowling 118 points



School clubs

Lunchtime Clubs

Day	12-12.30pm	12.30-1pm
Monday	Art & Creativity Club Years 1 & 2 with Mrs Samuel (Otters) 12-12.30pm 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)	Choir (Mrs Wishart) Years 3-6 (Dolphins)
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) Pupil Parliament/ School Council with Mrs Dutton (6DF) alternate weeks	

After School Clubs (3.20-4.20pm)

Day	Club	Year groups	Location
Monday	Boy's Football Club (Nathan)	Years 5&6	Junior field
Tuesday	Netball Club (Miss Wichmann & Miss Hurst) Book Club (Mrs Read)	Years 3-6 Years 3-6	Register in Owls/ playground Register in Whales/ Library
Wednesday	Cross Country Club (Mrs Knight) Dance Live (Miss Grahamslaw starts 03/01/2024)	Years 3-6 Years 3-6	Register in Bats/ running track Register in 5G/ Sports Hall
Thursday	8-8.30am Ukulele Club (Mrs Kozlowski) Love to Write Club (Miss Grainger)	Years 3-6 Years 3-6	Mrs Kozlowski's office 3G
Friday	Cooking Club (by invitation only)	Year 5	HE room

Please note:

All teacher lead clubs will start back w/c 08th January 2024.

Dance live will start back 03/01/2024

Attendance

Attendance- Autumn Term

We will be giving half termly updates on attendance on whole school and House related data. The children will all receive house points for their houses for their positive attendance. As a reminder, our school aim for attendance is 97% and the National Average is 94.6%

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Whole School Attendance %	95.2%	95.3%
Whole school lateness %	1.2%	1.5%

Autumn 1 & 2 combined totals

House	Total attendance %	% of Children with 97% attendance	Place/ House points awarded
Einstein	95.8%	95.8%	95.8%
Attenborough	95.6%	95.6%	95.6%
Rowling	95.4%	95.4%	95.4%
Nightingale	94.1%	94.1%	94.1%

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.

Friends of Goldworth News

Well done to all the children (and staff!) for taking part in the Festive Fun Run on Wednesday, it was lovely to see everyone having fun and getting into the festive spirit, despite the slightly muddy track! And thank you to everyone who collected sponsorship money, we will confirm the total raised after Christmas but it looks like it will be around £4,000 for our school! An incredible effort.

Fundraising News

Sales of Christmas raffle tickets helped raise £1,039; thank you to the generous companies who kindly donated prizes, and congratulations to the prize winners!

The Christmas discos were also a big success, raising £1,600. Thank you again for all the help and support you have given the Friends of Goldworth this term, the money you help raise is spent on equipment and resources to enhance our children's educational experience and the school's facilities, making our children's learning experiences so much more fulfilling and exciting. All your help is greatly appreciated.

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

Finally, have a fantastic Christmas break! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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
Court, also bookable via this link!



BOOK VIA

WWW.BOOKWHEN.COM/EMMAMARTINMINDFULNESS

Wise Owl Club

Wise Owl will be closing early at 4.30pm today.

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.

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

