

6th September 2024

NEWSLETTER

Be the best we can be



Deputy Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed a restful and fun-filled summer break. It has been a pleasure welcoming the children back to school and seeing them settle into their new classes so smoothly and successfully. It has been fantastic to welcome our new reception cohort, a number of new starters in other year groups and our new staff members - I know they have been warmly welcomed by the children, parents and staff.

Mrs Kozlowski and I delivered assemblies to both Key Stages on Wednesday all about daring to dream. We used examples of the olympics and our own lives to inspire the children to follow their dreams and be the best they can be in all that they do! The teachers have certainly seen lots of examples this week as the children have made a brilliant start to term!

On the topic of daring to dream, Miss Grahamslaw has been very busy preparing for Dance Live 2025! I know a separate communication will be sent out but I am delighted that we will be involved again in such an inspiring event!

With some of our after school clubs kicking off next week, I have been excited to see the interest. There is still time to sign up for clubs through Arbor or contacting the external clubs directly. Please email the school office with any questions.

We are still collecting Lego, jigsaws and board games to use during indoor breaks and at Wise Owls. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the school office.

Finally, I would like to wish the best of luck to Miss Pether and anyone else running the Surrey Half Marathon on Sunday!

Have a wonderful weekend

David Gunning

Deputy Headteacher

dgunning@goldsworthprimary.co.uk

IMPORTANT NOTICES AND TERM DATES

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.

SCHOOL TOURS

Dates and information on how to book will be released next week.

ABSENCES: If your child is likely to be absent on any day, or part of the day, please report the absence by 8:30am

Telephone: **01483 771 321**, select option 1 for absences or email:

absences@goldsworthprimary.co.uk

You **must** provide brief details of the illness and if your child has had any vomiting or diarrhoea, please state this clearly.

Absences for Medical/Dental appointments should also be reported well in advance by emailing absences@goldsworthprimary.co.uk providing confirmation of the appointment i.e. an email/SMS/screenshot.



Weekly Reminders...

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

CAR PARK SAFETY

PLEASE CAN WE REMIND YOU OF THE IMPORTANCE OF WALKING THROUGH THE CAR PARK SAFELY. PARENT'S WHO HAVE COLLECTED CHILDREN FROM CLUBS/WISE OWL ARE STILL WALKING WHERE THE BARRIER IS AND THIS IS OFTEN WITH THEIR CHILDREN NEXT TO THEM. THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW INSTANCES NOW WHERE CHILDREN AND PARENTS WALK RIGHT IN FRONT OF CARS AS THEY ARE DRIVING AROUND THE CAR PARK. PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF THE ENVIROMENT AND REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR ENGINES OFF WHEN PARKED.

RECEPTION

- WC MONDAY 16.09.24 -RECEPTION CHILDREN FULL TIME
- THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER - CURRICULUM EVENING 5PM - 6PM

YEAR 1

- THURSDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER - CURRICULUM EVENING 5PM - 6PM

YEAR 2

- THURSDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER - CURRICULUM EVENING 5PM - 6PM

YEAR 3

- WEDNESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER - CURRICULUM EVENING 5PM - 6PM

YEAR 4

- WEDNESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER - CURRICULUM EVENING 5PM - 6PM

YEAR 5

- TUESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER - CURRICULUM EVENING 5PM - 6PM

YEAR 6

- TUESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER - CURRICULUM EVENING 5PM - 6PM



Bike and Scooter Update

A gentle reminder that children should not be riding bikes/scooters on the school ground. We kindly ask that children push their bikes/scooters once on school premises to help keep them and others safe. In addition, please note that electric scooters are not permitted on school grounds.



Earrings

Just a quick reminder that from a health and safety point of view, if a child is wearing earrings and is unable to remove them themselves they will be unable to take part in PE. Putting tape or plasters over them is not a safe option.

IMPORTANT NOTE!!

8.30 GATES OPEN

8.40 REGISTRATION

8:50 GATES CLOSE

after the gates close your child is late and is missing important learning.

Children should be supervised at all times. Please **DO NOT** drop children off any earlier.

Thank you





Penalty Notices for Unauthorised Leave of Absence have changed

New Regulations in Force from 19th August 2024

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), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of **£160.00, per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of **£160.00, per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to **consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child**, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

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.

Key dates...

Date	Event	Year Group	More Information
September 2024			
Tuesday 10th September	Curriculum evening 5pm - 6pm	Year 5 & 6	All parents welcome
Wednesday 11th September	Curriculum evening 5pm - 6pm	Year 3 & 4	All parents welcome
Thursday 12th September	Curriculum evening 5pm - 6pm	Year 1 & 2	All parents welcome
Thursday 26th September	Reception Curriculum evening 5pm - 6pm	Reception	All parents welcome
October 2024			
Tuesday 1st October and Wednesday 2nd October	Individual and Sibling Photographs	ALL	Please make sure all children are wearing full uniform
Friday 4th October	Inclusion Workshop 8.50-9.45		All parents welcome
Thursday 3rd October	Thursday 3rd October - Tapestry Parent Workshop (9-9.30am)	Reception	All parents welcome
Thursday 24th October	Stone Age workshop (in school)	Year 4	
HALF TERM			
Monday 4th November	Inset Day	ALL	
Tuesday 5th November	Inset Day	ALL	
Wednesday 6th November	Children back to school	ALL	

Medication/Antibiotics and sickness...

We appreciate that many children are suffering with illnesses at this time of year and often they are easily treated with calpol, **If your child requires antibiotics they must have had at least 24 hour's worth of antibiotics before they can come in to school.** This is in case of allergic reaction to the medication and to reduce the spread of infection. If in doubt, please call the office.



Illness	Recommended period to be kept away from school	Comments
Diarrhoea and/or vomiting	48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea	
Slap Cheek	None once rash has developed	High temperature, runny nose sore throat and headache
Conjunctivitis	None	
Head Lice	None	Treat whole family as soon as you spot them

Swimming...



Week commencing		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9th September	AM	4HD	4HD	4HD	4HD
	PM	5E	5E	5E	5E
16th September	AM	4C	4C	4C	4C
	PM	5G	5G	5G	5G

What to bring for your swimming lesson



Swimming Hat



**Goggles
(optional)**



Shorts



Costume



Towel



**Spare
underwear**



Please can we remind parents earrings are not to be worn on swimming days

Swimming waiting list reopen!

If your child is in years 1 - 6 please apply via the google link below and we will contact you as soon as a space becomes available.

<https://forms.gle/j4FKBroHSTk7FJtu7>



School Lunches...



School Lunches

If you would like your child to have school lunches please order these via the Arbor app or website, bearing in mind the 5 day cut off. Our new Reception parents should also now be able to order school lunches, which will be taken from Thursday 12 September.

If your child is in year 3, 4, 5 or 6 and you think they may be eligible for free school meals please email lunches@goldsworthprimary.co.uk and we will send you a form to complete. All enquiries will be dealt with in complete confidence.

Thank you for helping us to reduce food wastage by cancelling pre-ordered school lunches either on Arbor or by email to lunches@goldsworthprimary.co.uk if your child prefers to bring a packed lunch from home on any day.

Packed Lunches

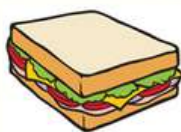
Having a nutritious lunch can positively affect children's behaviour in the classroom thereby making learning easier. We believe it is our joint responsibility to teach our children about healthy eating habits and as such please see below a simple visual guide outlining the sort of things we would hope to see in your child's packed lunch.

As we are a nut free school please ensure foods containing nuts are NOT brought into school at all, either as part of a packed lunch or snack.

Thank you for your co-operation, if you have any queries or require further information please email lunches@goldsworthprimary.co.uk.

What goes in my lunch box

Fruit (2 pieces)
Sandwich , wrap or alternative
Dairy
Vegetables (2 pieces)
Fibre/Grains (Wholegrains)
Water



This is an example of what your child's packed lunch could contain, we are not expecting children to have all of these in their lunch box.

HIRE ME

Facility Hire at Goldsworth Primary School

If you are interested or know of any local businesses who may be interested in hiring the facilities at Goldsworth then please contact lettings@goldsworthprimary.co.uk for more information.

Sponsorship Required

Following recent discussions with staff, we would love to have a staff PE kit. If you are involved with a company who might be interested in sponsoring a staff kit then please do contact me directly:

David Gunning

dgunning@goldsoworthprimary.co.uk

Thank you very much



Sponsorship

Friends of Goldsworth News



Welcome to the Friends of Goldsworth

Welcome back to our existing families and a big hello to all our new families.

If you don't know us already, we are the PTA (Parent Teacher Association) for Goldsworth Primary School. The Friends of Goldsworth are made up of a group of parent volunteers who work with the school to ensure the best educational experience for all our children.

We run events such as the summer fayre, Diwali fireworks, Santa run, Christmas raffle, discos, tuck shop and second-hand uniform sale, and the money these events raise is then spent on the 'extras' that are not provided by the school's budget. Last year we raised just over £20,000! Some of the things we have funded in recent years are the running track on the playing field, reading books, maths resources and our fantastic library furniture.

All families are automatically members of the Friends of Goldsworth when their child joins our school. All parents and carers are encouraged to get involved, even if they only have a small amount of time available, so please help out at our events and donate second hand uniform, raffle prizes or offers of services and skills. Without you, our events wouldn't be able to go ahead, so please get involved in any way you can!

We are excited to begin a new year of fundraising for our fantastic school. We will be in touch shortly with dates for your diary of upcoming events, so please keep checking our section of the school newsletter, and remember to follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/FriendsofGoldsworth and Instagram www.instagram.com/friendsofgoldsworth.

Many thanks,

The Friends of Goldsworth team



SEPTEMBER 2024 SESSION AVAILABILITY



September 2024 session availability

We have sessions available for 2 year old children this September and some half day sessions available for 3 year old children.

We provide full day care, 50 weeks of the year for children aged 2 - 4 years.

We are open Monday to Friday
from 7.30am to 6.30pm.

For further details or to request a registration pack
please email admin@goldenowlsnursery.co.uk or call **01483 728276**

Wise Owl club

We are currently full at Wise Owl but we will be asking parents to register interest in joining a waiting list. This will not guarantee a place for you, and we expect a large amount of interest, please be patient whilst applications are being processed.

We have recently had an increased number of children being collected late from Wise Owl.

Please ensure you collect your child/children before 6pm, at the latest. If you are unable to collect them on time, please can you kindly ensure a family member, friend, neighbour or trusted adult can collect them as staff have other commitments after Wise Owl ends.

Continuous late collection can result in your child's place being terminated. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

wiseowl@goldsworthprimary.co.uk

From the Wise Owl team



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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SUPPORTING CHILDREN GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

Change can be hard for children to manage. Going back to school after a long summer break might cause them to feel uncertain about their friendships, school routines and relationships with new teachers. However, trusted adults play an important role in providing both practical and emotional support.

1 LEARN WHAT EQUIPMENT YOU NEED

Figure out a list of all equipment needed for the start of the school year, so you can comfortably get your hands on the necessary items in time. If children have any financial issues and receive free school meals, the school may be able to provide some monetary aid or offer other support.



2 COMMUNICATE WITH THE SCHOOL

If you notice that a child is feeling anxious about a change of teacher or school, arranging a one-to-one meeting with their new teacher can be a good way to alleviate some of the anxiety. Just knowing that they understand the child's worries and will be able to help them if the need arises can build the foundations of a good working relationship. Knowing that you can contact them with any queries can also be reassuring.



3 CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

There will be plenty of information about the start of term on the school's website to keep you updated. Furthermore, you should be able to find other useful information such as contact details for staff, important school equipment, clubs, and news about any special events on the school calendar for the year. It could be helpful to look through this with children for anything which might reassure them.



4 HELP TO MANAGE FRIENDSHIPS

If a child is feeling anxious about making new friends – especially if they're moving up to secondary school – it can be a good idea to remind them of what they could do or say when meeting new classmates. Investigating the extracurricular activities available could be a good way to open a conversation about their hobbies and pastimes, and joining such clubs could allow new friendships to be built on this mutual interest.



5 PLAN SELF-CARE

Talking to children about how they can manage their self-care can be an effective way of helping them understand its importance. This might involve playing a computer game they love with friends, a weekly visit to the library, getting to bed at the same time each night, or a range of other activities that support their wellbeing and provide the familiarity and safety of a routine that works for them.



6 MANAGE TRICKY FEELINGS

Explain that it's okay to have difficult feelings around returning to school. This can help reduce any shame or embarrassment a child might be feeling over these emotions. Emphasise that other children – even some of the teachers – will be feeling the same way. Consider practical ways to manage these feelings and help children feel more in control of their emotions. Some examples include fidget toys, breathing exercises or a notepad for doodling.



7 SECURE A SCHOOL UNIFORM

Parents and carers should try to buy a child's uniform for the new academic year well in advance of the new term (although allowing for potential holiday growth spurts) and give them time to adapt to any changes. Make sure they can comfortably change into and out of it for PE lessons. Double check the requirements for PE on the school's website, as some schools will also have requirements for PE kits.



8 PREPARE FOR TRANSITION DAYS

Ensuring that children attend transition days is a vital step in preparing for the new year. Some schools also have transition evenings for parents and carers to attend, offering extra opportunities to reach out for any additional support.



9 READ THE MENTAL HEALTH POLICY

If a young person struggles with their mental health, it's important to understand their school's mental health policy and provision to know what support is available. This should be on the school's website. A range of aid is typically on offer – from individual timetable amendments to group sessions on emotional wellbeing. You can then discuss these options with the child to reassure them that help is there if they need it.



10 LEARN ABOUT SEN SUPPORT

If a child has SEN and receives help in school, try to confirm exactly what support is available, to ensure they'll be having their needs met. If they're moving up to secondary school, it's a good idea to meet with the SENCO to ensure that all teachers receive the most relevant, up-to-date information about the child's needs and have a contact to liaise with if these change over time.



Meet Our Expert

Amy Sayer is a freelance mental health trainer for schools, an author and a content writer. She is an Associate for Diverse Educators, a fellow of the Chartered College of Teaching and ITT wellbeing coach. Amy has previously been a SMHL coach, helping many different settings audit their mental health provision and support them to create and implement a strategic plan based on the specific needs of each setting.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/supporting-children-going-back-to-school>



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Woking Family Centre Groups/courses 2024



<p><u>Play & Learn Plus</u> Tuesdays weekly (Term time only) 9.45am – 11.15am Woking Family Centre, Sythwood Woking GU21 3AX</p> <p>Starting 10th September</p>	<p><u>Parent Wellbeing Group</u> Tuesday weekly (Term time only) 9.30am – 11.00am Parkview Centre for the Community Blackmore Crescent, Sheerwater, Woking GU21 3AX</p> <p>Starting 10th September</p>
<p><u>Thursday Tots</u> Thursdays weekly (Term time only) 10.00am - 11.30am St Mary's Centre for the Community Stream Close, Byfleet KT14 7LZ</p> <p>Starting 12th September</p>	<p><u>Parenting Puzzle</u> Tuesdays weekly (4 week course) 7pm – 9pm Woking Family Centre, Sythwood Woking GU21 3AX</p> <p>Starting 3rd September</p>
<p><u>Messy Play session</u> Tuesday 30th July 11am – 1pm Woking Family Centre, Sythwood Woking GU21 3AX</p>	<p><u>Messy Play session</u> Tuesday 13th August 11am – 1pm Parkview Centre for the Community Blackmore Crescent, Sheerwater, Woking GU21 3AX</p>
<p><u>L-SPA</u> (Learners Single Point of Access) Woking Family Centre, Sythwood Woking GU21 3AX</p> <p>20th August</p>	<p><u>SMEF</u> (Surrey Minority Ethnic Forum) Tuesday weekly 10.00am-12 noon Woking Family Centre, Sythwood Woking GU21 3AX</p> <p>Starting 10th September</p>

For more information contact:

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FRIDAY DRAMA CLASSES FOR KS2

NEW SKILL FOCUS EACH HALF TERM:

AUT 1 - TELLING STORIES
AUT 2 - WHO IS SHAKESPEARE?
SPR 1 - ACTING IS REACTING
SPR 2 - FROM PAGE TO STAGE
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