

27th September 2024

NEWSLETTER

Be the best we can be



Deputy Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we dedicated our assembly to celebrate National Teaching Assistant Day. It was a great opportunity to recognise the abundance of talent and expertise within our support staff team but more importantly, thanking them all for their love, care, energy and patience they give the children, wider staff team and community every day. I know as both a teacher and parent the incredibly positive impact teaching assistants have and know you will join me in thanking and celebrating them.

Children in Whales Class visited Pizza Express this week where they enjoyed a pizza making workshop. Best of all, the children and staff returned to school with their own pizzas which I hope were shared with you at home. Thank you to Mrs Read and the team who organised the visit and thank you to Pizza Express for their hospitality.

We met as a staffing team this week to talk about opportunities for enrichment in each subject. While there is a huge amount in place and lots of ideas to enhance enrichment further, if you have a particular area of expertise or skill in a curricular area, please do let me know. Alternatively, if you have connections within the community that might lead to inviting visitors in school or school visits, we would love to hear from you.

As previously mentioned, we have developed a strong relationship with both Farnborough and Westfield Football Clubs. If you are interested in attending Farnborough's home game free of charge next weekend, please complete the Google Form below:

<https://forms.gle/TfBTXMoHbeG6G7cP9>

Also, please add 3pm Saturday 9th November to your diaries as Westfield Football Club have invited the whole Goldsworth community to attend their home game free of charge. More details will follow soon!

Miss Baird described the school as feeling alive this week at 4pm as we had children enjoying fencing, archery, musical theatre, chess, drama, lego and many more indoor and outdoor activities. We are delighted to see so many children involved and thank you for encouraging and investing in the opportunity available. As well as extra-curricular clubs, Wise Owls Breakfast and After School Clubs have had a great start to term. With limited spaces available for both before and after school, please email if you are interested in joining and I will forward you to our admissions team.

Finally, I have been asked by some children if they can wear their Manchester City Kits on Monday if they beat Newcastle United this weekend. With our firm stance on uniform, I of course said no but if Newcastle win, I look forward to greeting you on the gates on Monday in my full kit, flags and black and white face paint!

Have a great weekend

David Gunning

Deputy Headteacher

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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 NEW RECEPTION

Please book via the admissions section on the school website

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

RECEPTION

- A POLITE REMINDER PLEASE DO NOT LET YOUR CHILDREN PLAY WITH RESOURCES IN OUR OUTSIDE LEARNING ZONE AT DROP OFF OR PICK UP. IF YOUR CHILD DOES HAPPEN TO TOUCH ANY RESOURCES, PLEASE CAN YOU ENCOURAGE THEM TO PUT IT AWAY.

YEAR 1

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 2

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 3

- 3G HAVE SWIMMING CHILDREN WILL NEED TO BRING THEIR SWIMMING KIT AND AN EXTRA SNACK!

YEAR 4

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 5

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 6

- 6P HAVE SWIMMING CHILDREN WILL NEED TO BRING THEIR SWIMMING KIT AND AN EXTRA SNACK!



football cards just a reminder children must leave trading cards and toys at home to keep them safe, please do not bring them into school.



Coats, lunches and water bottles Please remember to send children into school with a warm/waterproof coat, a lunch box if they have packed lunches and their water bottle.



Bikes and Scooters

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, swimming and any clubs, unfortunately putting tape or plasters over earrings is not a safe option.



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
October 2024			
Tuesday 1st October and Wednesday 2nd October	Individual and Sibling Photographs	ALL	Please make sure all children are wearing full uniform on both days. If your child has PE please bring their PE kit in a separate bag to change into.
Friday 4th October	Inclusion Workshop 8.50-9.45		All parents welcome
Thursday 3rd October	Tapestry Parent Workshop (9-9.30am)	Reception	All parents welcome
Wednesday 9th October	SEN Consultations	Invite Only	
Thursday 24th October	Stone Age Workshop (in school)	Year 4	Please make payment via the Trips section on the Arbor app.
Thursday 24th October	FoG Tuck Shop	ALL	
Friday 25th October	Harvest Assembly	ALL	
HALF TERM			
November 2024			
Monday 4th November	Inset Day	ALL	
Tuesday 5th November	Inset Day	ALL	
Wednesday 6th November	Children back to school	ALL	
Monday 11th November and Tuesday 12th November	Nasal Flu	ALL	Details to follow in due course
Friday 15th November	Planetarium Trip	Year 5	Please make payment via the Trips section on the Arbor app.

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 regardless of having the same antibiotics previously, 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

Class Assemblies...

Thursday Class Assemblies (9:00-9:30)

Parents/carers are invited to attend their child/rens Class/Year Group Assemblies.

ALL up and coming dates are highlighted below.

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

Date	Class	Date	Class	Date	Class
17/10/2024	4HD	16/01/2025	6P	13/02/2025	4SB
21/11/2024	6H	23/01/2024	Owls	13/03/2025	3H
28/11/2024	6D	30/01/2024	Foxes	20/03/2024	4C
19/12/2024	3G	06/02/2024	Otters	03/04/2025	BATS

On Wednesday, **Whales Class** had a fantastic trip to Pizza Express. We learnt about the ingredients used to make a pizza, how the dough is made and transported, where the ingredients come from and the history of the margherita pizza.

The children were really excited to then make their own pizzas. We were surprised to learn that The Pizza Express in Woking sell about one thousand pizzas each week. We were lucky enough to bring our pizzas home so that we could enjoy all our hard work. The children behaved beautifully and were really supportive of each other.



Swimming...



Week commencing		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
30th September	AM	3G	NO swimming due to school photos. New date 6th November	NO swimming due to school photos. New date 7th November	3G
	PM	6P	NO swimming due to school photos. New date Wed 6 Nov	6P	6P
7th October	AM	3H	3H	3H	3H
	PM	6H	6H	6H	6H

What to bring for your swimming lesson



Swimming Hat



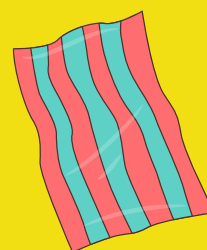
Goggles (optional)



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.

We are offering a special menu for Census day on Thursday 3 October – Chicken Burger with diced potatoes & vegetables (Red Option) or Bubble & Squeak Burger with diced potatoes & vegetables (Green Option). If your child would like to have this special meal please order either the Red or Green option on Arbor for that day, the Yellow and Blue Options will not be on offer.

Packed Lunches

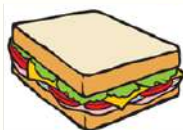
Having a nutritious lunch can positively affect children's behavior in the classroom thereby making learning easier. We believe it is our joint responsibility to teach our children about healthy eating habits and as such please see below a simple visual guide outlining the sort of things we would hope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

Friends of Goldsworth News

Dates for your Diary

Monday, 30th September – Friends of Goldsworth Annual General Meeting

The Committee of Friends of Goldsworth Primary School invites all parents and carers to attend our AGM, which will take place at 7pm on Monday, 30th September 2024 at Goldsworth Primary School, Bridge Barn Lane, Woking GU21 6NL. You can attend in person or online (we will email a Teams link closer to the date).

This is the last year for nearly all of our committee members, so for our PTA to continue to operate after this school year we will need new committee members! To find out more about joining the committee, please email chair@goldsworthfriends.org.uk

Sunday, 20th October – Diwali Fireworks Festival

Our annual fireworks event is combined with celebrating Diwali and we are proud to offer an evening of food, Diwali entertainment and an amazing fireworks display by Wizard Fireworks! Tickets can be purchased from www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgoldsworth, where you can also sign up to help out on one of our stalls. Please do sign up as a volunteer, we cannot run this event without your help.

Following the problems we had with the weather last year, we have been working with our fireworks company and have different plans so we can react to the weather on the day. Please note this may include moving spectators to the infant playground, the fireworks company will plan for this and will tweak the fireworks so they can be seen over the school roof.

Thursday, 24th October – Tuck Shop

Tuck Shop is one of our most popular events! We ask all parents to supply cakes, cookies or fruit, then the children can visit the Tuck Shop during the school day to buy themselves some treats! The money raised goes to the Friends of Goldsworth to spend on the 'extras' that are not provided by the school's budget.

On the day, children will need to bring:

50p in a named purse or envelope

Six to twelve cakes or cookies (shop bought or home baked), or six pieces of portioned fruit.

These should be dropped off before school at the tables set up between years 1 and 2 (or outside the Qube, near the swimming pool, if it is raining).

Cakes should be **nut free** (so no coconut toppings or almond paste). Children with allergies should bring two cakes and one fruit portion in a clearly named, sealed container stating the allergy and give this to their teacher.

If you would like to volunteer to help out at this event, even if you can only spare an hour, please register at www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgoldsworth or email info@goldsworthfriends.org.uk

Asda's Cashpot for Schools

Parentkind, the charity that supports school PTAs, has teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. All you have to do is opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024. Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our PTA. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot.

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 group on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2057262757820608>, where you can find second hand costumes for class performances, World Book Day and other school dress up days.



Wise Owl club

A polite notice for parent's to move off the trim-trail and pick-up sticks at the end of the school day as promptly as possible please. Wise Owl children use this outside space.

The waiting list is currently closed at the moment, we will be checking availability in the near future and if any spaces become available, parent's will be notified by email.

Any teacher-led or external/internal clubs - a polite notice for parent's to kindly wait behind the green gate by the swimming pool - please do not wander through to the playground as the Wise Owl children are in this area.

The club leader will bring your child/children to either the green gate or the front reception/side of the sports hall when the club has ended.

Thank you.

From the Wise Owl team

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CARING FOR CARERS AUTISM & MENTAL HEALTH

Whether you're a parent or carer of a neurodivergent individual, or you are yourself autistic, SMEF would like to invite you to come and learn about the impacts of autism on parents and carer's mental health and how to get the support you need.

 **Monday
30th September, 2024**

 **10:00am - 1:30pm**

 **Phoenix Cultural Centre,
Woking, GU21 6JT**

**REGISTER
NOW**



Event Highlights

Interactive Talk

Learn about the impact Autism can have on the mental health of a parent or carer, and how you can implement ways to support good mental health.

Tea and Traditional Snacks

Come and join us for tea, coffee and some traditional snacks, during our break and meet the professional

ArtEase Therapy

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**Next Start date
30th September**

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CACHE Certificate in the
Principles of SEN

Levels 1, 2 & 3

**Six Week
Course**

Mon - Fri

9:30 - 11:30am

12:30 - 2:30pm

4 - 4:30pm

**(last optional session for
reflection and support if needed)**

