

4th October 2024

NEWSLETTER

Be the best we can be



Deputy Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful week with lots to report.

Starting with Monday, our Friends of Goldsworth Team hosted their Annual General Meeting. The team celebrated the previous academic year and shared plans for the year ahead. We were reminded of all of the events organised, funds raised and the wide variety of things the FOG Team have provided. It makes such a big difference to the children and staff and we are very appreciative of the time and energy that goes into making this happen. If you are able to support in anyway, there are a number of vacant roles. Please email the school office or speak to your class rep if you are interested.

On Wednesday afternoon I was joined by Victoria Davies, local photographer. Victoria has very generously supported the school with photographing our Year 6 production and Year 6 Leavers' Party. The photos were stunning. This week, Victoria captured all areas of the school and we look forward to sharing these with you.

To support their learning in their current RE topic, Year 4 met together in the main hall for an additional assembly on Wednesday to learn more about Islam. Hosted by a visitor, children were given an insightful talk about all aspects of Islam. The Year 4 team commented on the children's interest, behaviour and questions.

I was very privileged to welcome newly elected MP for Woking, Will Forster to Goldsworth yesterday. Will delivered an aspirational assembly, spent time in classrooms and answered lots of very thoughtful and interesting questions. I was so impressed and proud of the children's behaviour and the levels of engagement and enthusiasm displayed. Will had a fantastic morning and we look forward to working alongside him over the coming years.

To conclude the week, Mrs Pether and Mrs Henderson inspired the children with some of their own poetry and launched a poetry completion in today's assembly!

Thank you as always for your continued support from home. I have felt a real sense of community this week with parents sharing their expertise and time through photography, piano tuning, classroom support, swimming support, FOG and much more.

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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

- BUS VISIT MONDAY PLEASE BRING IN £2 ON THE DAY

YEAR 1

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 2

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 3

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

YEAR 4

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 5

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 6

- 6H HAVE SWIMMING CHILDREN WILL NEED TO BRING THEIR SWIMMING KIT.



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.

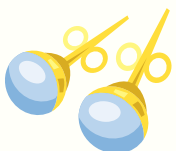


Coats, lunches and water bottles Please remember to send children into school with a warm/waterproof coat, a lunch box if they have packed lunches and their water bottle.



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				
Monday 7th October		Bus visit	Reception	Please bring in £2 on the day
Wednesday 9th October		SEN Consultations	Invite Only	SEN parents please book via the Arbor app
Tuesday 15th October and Thursday 17th October		Parent Consultations	ALL	Appointments available to book on Arbor w/c 07/10/24
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	See page from Friends of Goldworth News for more details
Friday 25th October		Harvest Assembly	ALL	Parents welcome
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.
Wednesdsy 20th November		Magical Toy museum workshop in school	Year 1	Please make payment via the Arbor app
Tuesday 3rd December		Rock Steady concert in Sports Hall time TBC	Children who attend rocksteady	Parents welcome

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	21/11/2024	6H	28/11/2024	6D
19/12/2024	3G	16/01/2025	6P	23/01/2024	Owls
30/01/2024	Foxes	06/02/2024	Otters	13/02/2025	4SB
13/03/2025	3H	20/03/2024	4C	03/04/2025	BATS
01/05/2025	5HF	08/05/2025	3P	22/05/2025	Badgers
05/06/2025	5G	12/06/2025	Rabbits	19/06/2025	5E
26/06/2025	The Haven				



Parent helpers/DBS Checks

We have always very much appreciated parent helpers in school and could not run so many different activities without you. We encourage all parents who wish to volunteer to have a DBS check undertaken as without a DBS you cannot be left alone with the children.

It can take several weeks for a check to be completed, so if you wish to help on a particular trip/activity, please don't leave it until the last minute.

Next steps....

To request an application please email dbb@goldsworthprimary.co.uk

Once you have completed the google form and read all documentation attached with the application, please bring in your **3 forms ID**. The school office will take copies of your ID and the originals will be returned to you immediately.

If you declare a name change, please also provide documentation to support any name change (i.e. marriage/adoption certificate).

Once your ID has been verified by the school, the school will then set up your online application on the Strictly Education DBS portal. You will then receive an email from Strictly Education to complete the online application (please also check your spam folder).

Please note; you will need to log onto the online system using a computer, NOT a mobile or tablet device. If applicable, please ensure that you provide your middle name and full history of previous names used when completing your online application.

Once your DBS certificate is issued

When your DBS certificate is issued, the original certificate will be posted to your home address. It is a requirement that you bring the DBS certificate to the school office to allow us to update our records. You will be added to our 'Volunteers' tab on the sign in system at the school office.

You may be unable to volunteer until the school has had sight of your certificate.

Contribution for DBS application

To process your DBS application, there is a **£10.50 fee** (this is an administration charge payable to our Registered Body to process your online application). Please make payment via the School Shop section on the Arbor app.

To comply with Health and Safety regulations, you must sign in and out at the main office each time you volunteer, whether you are remaining in school or helping on a school trip. You must also wear your temporary ID badge whilst on the premises.

Swimming...



Week commencing		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
7th October	AM	3H	3H	3H	3H
	PM	6H	6H	6H	6H
14th October	AM	3P	3P	3P	3P
	PM	6D	6D	6D	6D

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.

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.

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 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.

Wear it Yellow
World Mental Health Day
£1 cash donation

THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER

Goldsworth primary School will be joining thousands of schools across the UK and taking part in Hello Yellow in support of YoungMinds on Thursday 10th October (World Mental Health Day) where we'll be holding a non-school uniform day and asking everyone to wear something yellow.

There are days when all of us struggle with how we are feeling. Things can get tough, and it can be difficult knowing how to cope. For so many young people, when this happens, they don't always get the help they need, when they need it. They don't know where to turn, who to talk to, or even if anyone else feels the same.

No young person should feel alone with their mental health.

But together, we can change this.

To take part, students can wear yellow to school, and we'd like to ask parents and carers to consider donating to help YoungMinds keep fighting for young people's mental health.

Please bring in a £1 cash donation to be handed to the class teacher on the day.

Finally, YoungMinds have resources for parents and carers to find help and advice, if you're ever concerned about a child or young person – you can find this on their website: www.youngminds.org.uk/parent.

If you have any questions, please let us know.



You are warmly invited to join us for our wonderful Goldsworth Harvest Festival Flagpole on **Friday 25th October at 9am.**

It will be taking place on the Junior playground. We kindly request that you line the grassy bank adjoining the playground.

This year we will be supporting our local food bank. We would be very grateful for donations- please see the list for suggestions.

Please can all donations be brought to school by **Friday 18th October.**

If you are able to help us take the donations to the food bank after the Flagpole Assembly, please let the Office know.

Friends of Goldsworth News



Dates for your Diary

Asda's Cashpot for Schools

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to Asda's Cashpot for Schools, we have raised over £120 so far!

If you haven't signed up yet, please consider doing so, even if you don't shop at Asda frequently. Every time someone opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot.

All you have to do is install the Asda Rewards app, opt in on the Cashpots tab, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between now and 30th November 2024. Asda will then donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our PTA, so it's a really easy way for us to raise funds to spend on the school!

Dates for your Diary

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

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.

Nature Poetry Competition

Miss Pether and Mrs Henderson are calling out for anyone who shares their love of poetry and the planet to join them in celebrating both, with a special nature poetry competition.

If you are seeking a creative outlet for your passion for the Earth, look no further.

Write us a poem – in any format you desire – that focuses on your love for the planet and/or the need for its protection.

We will proudly display your masterpieces on our indoor and outdoor Poet-trees, for the entire Goldsworth audience to enjoy, with a special prize for the best poem in each year group!

The deadline for submissions is next Friday, the 11th October.
We can't wait to see what you create. In the meantime, read and enjoy the poems attached for inspiration to get those creative juices flowing.

Best of luck!

Miss Pether and Mrs Henderson



Earth Day BY JANE YOLEN

I am the Earth And the
Earth is me. Each blade
of grass, Each honey
tree, Each bit of mud,
And stick and stone Is
blood and muscle, Skin
and bone.

And just as I Need every
bit Of me to make My
body fit, So Earth needs
Grass and stone and tree
And things that grow here
Naturally.

Why leaves dance when it rains

There's a place called the
tropical rainforest,
Known as the lungs of the earth.
It takes very good care, of our
clean air
And it's where half of all things
are birthed.

Filled with trees, who's air we
breathe,
A green trapeze, bees, monkeys,
fleas.
Big cats and bats, and bugs and
slugs
Frogs on logs and hogs in bogs.

But without the rain, it breaks the
chain,
In certain spots, it gets too hot
And turn by turn, leaves start to
burn
The rainforest gets drier.
"Rainforest fire!"

And without those trees, who's
air we breathe,
There's no trapeze, bees,
monkeys, fleas.
No cats or bats, or bugs or slugs
No frogs on logs, or hogs in
bogs.

So, going back to the title,
The answer is quite plain.
If we protect our trees, the earth
can breathe, And that's why
leaves dance when it rains



One Broken Planet

If just one more habitat ceased to exist, Why would it matter? There are lots on the list!

Ten rainforests with trees line by line.
Here come the diggers and now there are nine.

Nine sandy beaches: a blank, golden slate.
The water keeps rising so now there are eight.

Eight ancient woodlands stretch up to heaven.
Unstoppable wildfire means now there are seven.

Seven clear skies: a blue and white mix.
Factory smoke gushes, and now there are six.

Six brimming ponds where ducklings thrive.
One pond fills with litter, so now there are five.

Five giant oceans with wildlife galore.
A ship's left an oil slick; now there are four.
Four jolly parks filling children with glee.
A car park is needed so now there are three.
Three glistening glaciers: a beautiful view.
The ocean gets warmer, and now there are two.

Too many people with too little done;
We've used up our chances – we're left with just one.

One broken planet will never be the same;
With each dying species, it's clear who's to blame.

If just one more habitat ceased to exist,
Why would it matter? There are lots on the list.

The Tree

Like a mighty giant, the tree stretches its branches skyward,
As wide as a stream, as tall as a house.

Branches spreading like an eagle's wings!

Its trunk as gnarled as an old man's hands,
Its branches twisted like a rope.

Standing tall like a soldier on duty,
like a guard on patrol.

Leaves rustle in the wind like a whisper in your ear,
Branches creak like an opening door.

The grand old tree, older even than your grandparents,
As old as the hills, sheltering us still today.



Some of you might be aware of the 'Smartphone Free Childhood Movement'.

The national WhatsApp group capacity was reached earlier in the year which resulted in regional WhatsApp groups being created. In similar fashion with school leaders sharing with parents, the regional groups have now also surpassed capacity.

As a result, the initiative has been subdivided again and there is now a Woking Area WhatsApp.

The Smartphone Free Childhood Movement have now created an Online Parent Pact which will provide information and instructions to join.



Smartphone Free Childhood Sign the Parent Pact

Sign our Parent Pact to join the movement - it takes 30 seconds.

 TallyForms

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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