

11th October 2024

NEWSLETTER

Be the best we can be



Deputy Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are rocketing through to half term and this week has been a blast as your children continue to light up the school like an array of fireworks. Speaking of fireworks, I would like to invite you all to the Friends of Goldsworth Diwali Fireworks Festival on Sunday 20th October. There is more information further below on a separate page but please do come along and invite friends, family, neighbours and colleagues!

As always the school has been full of energy and one my highlights was dropping into Year 5 music this week! If (like me) you were unable to secure tickets for the 2025 Oasis Tour then I recommend you pop to Year 5 on a Thursday afternoon! This week they were belting out Bon Jovi's 'Living on a Prayer' and it was fantastic to see how much the children (and adults) were enjoying it!

As leaders, we have also been really impressed with Spanish lessons across the school this week. From attending and leading lessons and speaking to children, there is a clear passion for learning Spanish so please do encourage your children to keep up the good work. I will wait until Newcastle are back in the Champions League before organising a whole school trip to Barcelona!

We have had another sporting week with basketball lessons, gymnastics competitions, archery, fencing, cricket, swimming, tennis and many more activities in full flow. We look forward to welcoming Sythwood Primary School this afternoon for a Year 5 and a Year 6 football match.

It has been great seeing more and more children join our Wise Owl After and Before School Clubs. I want to say a huge thank you to the Wise Owls Staff and admissions teams for processing so many new applications. In addition, NT Sports are running a holiday club in October half term and In2Sport are offering a camp during our two Inset Days on Monday November 4th and Tuesday November 5th. More details are below.

Finally, thank you for sending your children to school in Yellow yesterday to recognise and support World Mental Health Day. I joined a lesson where children in upper Key Stage 2 were discussing strategies to support their own mental health and it was great to hear a high level of thought, interest, maturity and confidence.

I hope you and your children have a great weekend.

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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

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 1

- FOR ENGLISH NEXT WEEK, PLEASE CAN ALL CHILDREN BRING IN A PHOTO OF A PLACE WHICH IS SPECIAL TO THEM. IT COULD BE A SPECIAL, COSY AREA OF THEIR HOME, SOMEWHERE THEY LIKE TO SIT OR A SPECIAL PLACE THAT THEY ENJOY VISITING- SOMEWHERE THAT MEANS SOMETHING TO THEM. WE WILL BE WRITING A GUIDE TO OUR SPECIAL PLACES. PLEASE BRING THE PHOTO TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY.

- WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER- PHONICS WORKSHOP FOR YEAR 1 AND 2 PARENTS 9-9:45AM

YEAR 2

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YEAR 3

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

YEAR 4

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 5

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 6

- 6D 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.

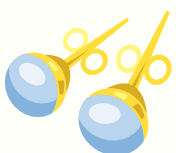


Coats, lunches and water bottles Please remember to send children into school with a warm/waterproof coat, a lunch box if they have packed lunches and their water bottle.



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 14th October	Separation Anxiety workshop for Parents and Carers 8:45-9:15am	ALL	All parents and carers welcome
Tuesday 15th October and Thursday 17th October	Parent Consultations	ALL	Appointments available to book on Arbor
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.
Wednesday 20th November	Magical Toy museum workshop in school	Year 1	Please make payment via the Arbor app
Wednesday 27th November	Phonics workshop for parents at 9am - 9:45am An insight into how we teach children to read in school and practical tips on how to support your child with reading at home!	Year 1 and 2	Parents invited
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
14th October	AM	3P	3P	3P	3P
	PM	6D	6D	6D	6D
21st October	AM	4HD	4HD	4HD	4HD
	PM	BATS	BATS	BATS	BATS

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.

Friends of Goldworth News

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 only 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 Goldworth 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

Monday, 18th November – Happy School Bags

Start saving up all your clean, used clothes, we will be sending out Happy School Bags soon! Fill these with any good quality items you no longer need, return the bags to school on the morning of 18th November and every kilogram donated raises fund for our school. The clothes are then repurposed for second hand use, instead of ending up in landfill.

Asda's Cashpot for Schools

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to Asda's Cashpot for Schools, we have raised over £150 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 and choose our primary school. Then when you shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com between now and 30th November 2024, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our PTA. It's a really easy way for us to raise funds to spend on the school!



Tuck Shop





Diwali Fireworks Festival

Sunday, 20th October

Diwali dancing

Dee's Kitchen

Fire & Base pizza van

Hot chocolate

Mulled wine

Tuck Shop sweets

Glow toys

Tickets available now from

www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgoldsworth



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.

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INSET DAY CAMPS



MON 4TH & TUES 5TH NOV



9AM - 3PM £27

8AM - 5PM £34



To book head to: <https://in2sport.classforkids.io>

Goldsworth Primary School,
Bridge Barn Lane. GU21 6NL



INSET DAY CAMP

MONDAY 4TH & TUESDAY 5TH NOV

EARLY DROP OFF LATE PICK UP

8AM - 9AM £2.50 3PM - 5PM £4.50

in 2 sport

EXAMPLE TIMETABLE *PLEASE BE AWARE WE ARE A CHILD LED CAMP AND TIMETABLE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

FALL FESTIVAL : EXAMPLE TIMETABLE

MONDAY

TUESDAY

8:00 - 9:30	ICE BREAKER GAMES/ACTIVITIES			
9:30 - 10:15	CREATING NAME PLATES	DODGE FALL	ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS SHOWDOWN	DOOR DECO POSTERS
10:15 - 10:45	MID - MORNING SNACK			
10:45 - 11:30	TOILET ROLL BATS	CHILDREN CHOICE	HALLOWEEN PAPER CHAINS	MASTERMIND
11:30 - 12:15	MONSTER RUSH	PUZZLES	HAND MONSTERS	TRICK OR TAG
12:15 - 1:15	LUNCHTIME			
1:15 - 2:00		NERF FUN		
2:00 - 2:45			NERF FUN	
2:45 - 3:15	EARLY GOODBYES & MID - AFTERNOON SNACK			
3:15-4:15	SPOOKY COLOURING	ARCHERY	SPOOKY COLOURING	FEED THE MONSTER
4:15-5:00	COOL DOWN GAMES & GOODBYES			

