

15th November 2024

NEWSLETTER

Be the best we can be



Deputy Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have had an excellent first full week at school which lots to celebrate.

I want to start by congratulating our Year 5 and 6 footballers who performed superbly on Wednesday afternoon. I will let you read the match report within the newsletter and I am sure it will leave you feeling as proud as we all are. Thank you to Mr Nower for organising and leading the event.

It was fantastic to see so many children, families and staff at the Westfield versus Sutton game on Saturday. We had 20 mascots representing Goldsworth and it was an excellent community event. Thank you to Mrs Pasley for organising such a brilliant day of free live football and thank you to everyone who attended. We look forward to building our partnership and relationship with Westfield Football Club.

As always, children have had a great week with so much happening in school. Specialist gymnastics teaching, painting, story writing about a golden egg, atlas skills, violins, puppet designing and a Year 5 visit to the Winston Churchill Planetarium are just a few highlights of the week!

With Year 1 learning about historical toys, I was invited to show off my favourite childhood toy to the children. It made me feel very old when not only the children but staff had not heard of 'Subbuteo'. I was really impressed by the children's interest and sense of humour when one child said, 'Of course it's a football game - this is Mr Gunning after all!'

The Friends of Goldsworth Online Auction plans to go live this weekend and further details will be communicated. If you are able to contribute an item for auction then please do email me directly.

Finally, we are incredibly appreciative of parent and care volunteers who generously give up time so support the children. Just yesterday afternoon we had support with swimming, forest school and listening to children read. Thank you for all you do, it makes such a big difference to the provision we are able to offer.

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.

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

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 2

W/C 18TH NOVEMBER RABBITS HAVE SWIMMING CHILDREN WILL NEED TO BRING THEIR SWIMMING KIT AND AN EXTRA SNACK!

YEAR 3

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 4

W/C 18TH NOVEMBER 4SB HAVE SWIMMING CHILDREN WILL NEED TO BRING THEIR SWIMMING KIT AND AN EXTRA SNACK!

PLEASE CAN CHILDREN BRING IN ANY CLEAN PLASTIC BOTTLES THAT YOU MAY HAVE AT HOME THAT WE CAN RECYCLE AND USE FOR OUR DT PROJECTS

YEAR 5

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 6

- NO REMINDERS



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.

Key dates...

Date		Event	Year Group	More Information
November 2024				
Monday 18th November		Happy School Bags	ALL	Please see Friends of Goldsworth page for more details
Wednesday 20th November		Magical Toy museum workshop in school	Year 1	Please make payment via the Arbor app
Friday 22nd November		Winter Disco	ALL	Please see Friends of Goldsworth page for more details
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
Thursday 28th November		Rock Steady concert in Sports Hall at 1.45pm	Children who attend rocksteady	Parents welcome
December 2024				
Tuesday 3rd December		Rock Steady concert in Sports Hall first concert at 1.30pm and then 2.30pm	Children who attend rocksteady	Parents welcome
Thursday 5th December		Stone Age workshop all day	Year 3	
Monday 9th December		Inclusion workshop 2 - 8.50am - 9.45am	All Parents welcome	
Tuesday 10th December		Panto Trip	Year 3	Please make payment via the Arbor app
Monday 16th December		Christmas parties (pm)	Year 1 & Year 5	
Monday 16th December		Reception Nativity 9am - 9.30am	Hedgehogs	All Hedgehogs Parents welcome
Tuesday 17th December		Reception Nativity 9am - 9.30am	Mice	All Mice Parents welcome
Tuesday 17th December		Christmas parties (pm)	Year 2 & Year 6	
Tuesday 17th December		Church service	KS2	
Wednesday 18th December		Christmas lunch & jumper day (+ SANTA)	ALL	
Wednesday 18th December		Reception Nativity 9am - 9.30am	Moles	All Moles Parents welcome
Thursday 19th December		Christmas parties (pm)	Year 4 & Year 3	
Thursday 19th December		Carol concert	Year 1	
Friday 20th December		Christmas parties (pm)	Year R	
Friday 20th December		End of term (children finish at 1:15pm)	ALL	
January 2025				
Monday 6th January		Children return to school	ALL	

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				

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	
Hand Foot and Mouth	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
18th November	AM	4SB	4SB	4SB	4SB
	PM	RABBITS	RABBITS	RABBITS	RABBITS
25th November	AM	5E	5E	5E	5E
	PM	FOXES	FOXES	FOXES	FOXES

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

The new school lunch menu is still available for you to order for November and December on either the Arbor app or website. Please remember the 5 day ordering cut off and if there are any days that you have not ordered a school lunch for you will need to provide a packed lunch from home for your child on those days.



We are pleased to be offering our **Christmas lunch on Wednesday 18 December**, you should have received a copy of this special menu by email. Please note there is an earlier cut off of Friday 22 November for this to allow the kitchen time to order the extra food required. This is usually a very festive occasion and we would love as many of the children to join us in having the school lunch as possible.



Please remember that school lunches must be paid for in advance. If you have a negative meals account balance please clear this before ordering any more lunches.

If your child decides they would prefer a packed lunch from home on any day that you have ordered a school lunch please let us know by emailing lunches@goldsworthprimary.co.uk by 9.30am so that we may cancel the order.

Free School Meals

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - Your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

If you do not qualify for most benefits your child may still be eligible for free school meals. Please ask in the School Office and we will give you a form to complete so we can check.

Your child will get free school meals if they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. Please do let us know if you get any of the qualifying benefits above as we will be able to get extra funding.

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.

Ware 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.

Friends of Goldsworth News

Dates for your Diary

Friday, 15th November – TODAY! – deadline for ordering Christmas Cards

The children who designed Christmas cards in school should have brought home an order form this week, containing all the details on how to order the cards online. Once orders have been placed, the Friends of Goldsworth should then receive the printed cards back from the printers by Friday, 29th November at the latest. We will get the orders ready for distribution as soon as possible once we receive them. Every item you order generates funds for the Friends of Goldsworth!

Monday, 18th November – Happy School Bags

You should have received a Happy School Bag before half term – fill this (or any other carrier bag) with any good quality items you no longer need, return the bag 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.

Friday, 22nd November – Winter Disco Tickets for the Winter School Disco are now available to buy on our website! Visit www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgoldsworth to book tickets and volunteer to help out. This event is really popular with the children, and tickets will not be available on the door, so book now to avoid disappointment!

Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th December – No Adults Allowed Gift Shop

Once again we are opening our Christmas gift shop for children only; the No Adults Allowed Gift Shop. You can buy a voucher now for your child to visit the Christmas gift shop to secretly choose a gift for mum, dad, carer, grandparents or loved one. They will receive their item in a gift bag which they can take home, decorate and put under the tree to surprise you on Christmas Day. For your child to take part you need to purchase a gift voucher (one voucher per gift) and your child can exchange that for a gift of their choice in the shop www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgoldsworth. Be quick, this event sells out every year!!

Asda's Cashpot for Schools

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to Asda's Cashpot for Schools, we have raised over £230 so far!

There are just over two weeks left to raise money, so 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!

Easyfundraising

Do you know about Easyfundraising? Easyfundraising is a website and app that turns everyday online shopping into free donations for charities and good causes across the UK. When you shop via Easyfundraising, over 8,000 brands will donate including M&S, Argos, Tesco, John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Sainsburys, TUI, Esty and more. Please support our school on Easyfundraising by registering with www.easyfundraising.org.uk or downloading the app, it's very easy and it won't cost you anything!

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.



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Greenfield Tournament Match Report

Group Games

We were placed in a group with St Dunstan's, Longacre and Greenfields. Our first game was against St Dunstan's which we lost 3-0. Next up was Longacre where we won 3-0 thanks to goals from Zac, Matt and an own goal. We knew we could still reach the semi-final if we were the best second placed team across the groups so our last game was a must win. A hat-trick from Zac and a lovely finish from Bertie meant we secured a 4-0 win and went through to the semi-finals on goal difference!

Semi Final

Semi final time and we were playing Hermitage, a very good team who beat us previously in the last tournament we attended. A very close game where Hermitage hit the bar and chances were coming from both ends, but it was our top scorer Zac who broke the deadlock and put us in front. They almost equalised but Finley managed to tip the ball over the bar. After a very nervous last two minutes, the ref blew his whistle and Goldsworth had made it to the final!!

A quick mention to all the players who after the game went over to every Hermitage player and shook their hand. It showed a lot of respect and sportsmanship which are key values in Goldsworth and sport in general.

The Final

The final. In our 2 minute break, everyone was laying on their backs trying their best to calm their nerves. A quick team talk and off we went to play a team who we previously lost to in our group games – St Dunstan's! We knew what we were up against and the team had continued to get better throughout the tournament so they were confident of a good result.

The game kicked off and already you could see the nerves but the boys held strong. Matt, Sam and Isaac were brick walls in defence, with Bertie and Joseph battling in midfield and Zac seemingly everywhere on the pitch doing his best to get that opening goal.

But then, early in the second half we broke down the left hand side, crossed the ball in to the box and Joseph was there to tap the ball in the net – 1-0 Goldsworth! Now everyone was back, trying their best to keep the ball away from our goal. Slide tackles, headers, blocks, tackles, saves – everyone was doing their bit to keep our lead.

But with no more than 10 seconds left on the clock, St Dunstan's managed to cross the ball which bobbed through our players and they tapped it in at the back post. The ref blew the final whistle straight after. So close to winning, so gutting for all of them but there were still penalties...

A quick shout out to Laurie who volunteered to be substitute in the final, a very selfless act which is worth mentioning and praising.

Penalties

The format was best of three and then sudden death. They took first and Finley saved it! Zac stepped up and rattled the post which meant the score remained 0-0. Both teams scored their next two penalties with Bertie and Sam doing the job for us. Now it's sudden death. They scored and Matt slotted it home under so much pressure. They scored again which meant Joseph was up. For a Year 5 to step up and take a penalty in such a pressurised moment is so courageous and that goes for all of them who stepped up to take one. Unfortunately the keeper made a good save and St Dunstan's won.

The boys were gutted, getting so close to winning but that is sport and losing is part of that. They should all be so proud of themselves for how they performed and represented the school.

Mr Nower

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Westfield FC would like to thank everyone who attended the match last Saturday. It was a very successful day and the players and coaches have commented on the best atmosphere ever at Woking Park.

We want this to be the start of our partnership between Westfield FC and Goldsworth Primary School and hope we continue to see Goldsworth pupils and families down at Westfield in the future.

Please find a link to a short video from our 1st team manager Andy Crossley and captain Luke Elliott

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WESTFIELD-FC.COM



You may be already aware but there is a great facility in Addlestone called Kick X

<https://kickxfootball.com/>

Please below a 20% unlimited use code which can be used at all times for your pupils and families. **Code: WestfieldFCM20**

Anti-Bullying Week

This week we have been Anti-Bullying Week in school which has given us the opportunity to think about the way that we treat each other.

At the start of the week the children were introduced to this year's theme which is Respect. This was discussed in an assembly on Tuesday and the children thought about it in more depth in their classes. We also took part in odd socks day on Tuesday which gave us an opportunity to discuss our differences and how unique we all are.



GOVERNOR

JOSÉ GARCÍA

How long have you been a Governor:

I have been a governor for almost 3 years.

Any specific role you have within the team: Currently I am the Foundation Curriculum governor, but I have been the SEN governor in the past.

What prompted you to become a Governor:

I started as staff governor when I was working at Goldsworth and when I moved to a different school I knew I wanted to stay in touch in some way with such a special school as Goldsworth is for me so I could help make sure it is always the best it can be for its students.

What do you enjoy about the role:

I love how everyone on the governing board wants the best for the school and the fact that I still get to visit Goldsworth and see the students doing wonderful learning. It is a very interesting role!

Profession or interests outside of school:

I am a teacher at St. John's Primary, another school in our Trust.

What you love most about Goldsworth:

I love that staff go above and beyond to provide children with the best start in life - the curriculum gets better every year, and the extracurricular offer is fantastic as well! Also, I love the children's enthusiasm and wonderful learning behaviours. It is an amazing place to learn!

Hobbies / interests / sport:

I love cooking, travelling, and getting to know different cultures. I really like reading books and going for long walks with my dog. Also, I have been swimming to stay more active for the last few months, which I am really enjoying!

Any other comments:

Goldsworth was my first school, and I truly enjoyed working there and learning from my colleagues and students so I could be the best I can be. It is now an honour to continue to see the school thrive as a governor.





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.



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 **£12.50 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.

Throughout the year, The Lighthouse supports thousands of local individuals and families through a wide range of services, including emergency food, clothing, wellbeing workshops, cooking classes and more.

Our Jigsaw project provides clothing, toys and other essential items for families who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford these basic necessities.

This Christmas The Lighthouse will be supporting hundreds of local children, families and individuals who are in need. This includes refugees, those fleeing domestic violence, families who are homeless, and more.

Funds raised through our Christmas Kindness appeal will enable us to help these families and individuals by providing food hampers, toys, gifts, warm clothing and parties as we aim to bring joy for those facing hardship in our community.

Can you help to spread kindness this Christmas?

Give help financially - Giving directly to our campaign by scanning the QR code or visiting **the-lighthouse.info/give-help/christmas-kindness**



Give help through physical gifts - Donate Christmas gifts such as warm clothing, toys and toiletries which we can then give to those in need. We can provide a list of the most needed items.

To find out more contact **hello@the-lighthouse.info**

Wise Owl club

If you would like your child to go on the waiting list/interested in a space at Wise Owl Breakfast or After-school Club, please email:

Suzanne McGiven, Office Administrator
smcgiven@goldsworthprimary.co.uk

For all other enquires on the day-to-day running of Wise Owl, please email the manager;

Dawn Durrant
ddurrant@goldsworthprimary.co.uk

From the Wise Owl team
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