

6th December 2024

# NEWSLETTER

*Be the best we can be*



## Deputy Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers

It is starting to feel a little bit like Christmas this week and the excitement is building amongst children and staff. I thought Christmas had come early when Newcastle nearly beat Liverpool on Wednesday evening but sadly it was not to be!

I know you will join me in thanking Mr Sharpe for decorating the inside and outside of school. It has given everyone a real lift and helped kick off the festive fun!

The main hall and sports hall have been in high demand with various Christmas related rehearsals, PE lessons, assemblies and Year 3 even managed to squeeze in a Stone Age Workshop!

Thank you to everyone who has shared the FOG Online Auction with friends and families. The auction comes to a close at 8pm on Sunday evening. All funds raised will be reinvested in school so please bid generously!

[www.auctionofpromises.com/AuctionForGoldsworthPrimarySchool](http://www.auctionofpromises.com/AuctionForGoldsworthPrimarySchool)

As communicated earlier this week, we are pleased to be offering a wide range of clubs for the spring term which went live this morning. Please book via Arbor and if you have any questions, please email me directly or catch up with me on the gate.

In addition, In2Sport are offering a holiday camp on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd January. More information can be found below.

Have a wonderful weekend

*David Gunning*

Deputy Headteacher

[dgunning@goldsworthprimary.co.uk](mailto: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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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

- OWLS HAVE SWIMMING NEXT WEEK CHILDREN WILL NEED TO BRING THEIR SWIMMING KIT AND AN EXTRA SNACK!

## YEAR 2

- YEAR 2 WILL BE WRITING POEMS ABOUT A SPECIAL ITEM NEXT WEEK, SO WE WOULD LIKE CHILDREN TO BRING IN A SPECIAL TEDDY OR FIGURE FOR THEM TO DESCRIBE. IT MUST BE SMALL ENOUGH TO FIT IN THEIR LOCKER OR TRAY AND WILL BE COLLECTED IN AT THE CLASSROOM DOOR AT DROP-OFF, TO KEEP IN A SAFE BOX. PARENTS CAN ALSO SEND A PHOTO INSTEAD OF A BRINGING IN THE ITEM IF THIS IS PREFERRED.

## YEAR 3

- NO REMINDERS

## YEAR 4

- NO REMINDERS

## YEAR 5

- 5HF HAVE SWIMMING NEXT WEEK CHILDREN WILL NEED TO BRING THEIR SWIMMING KIT

## YEAR 6

- YR 6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP LIVE ON ARBOR - DEPOSITS DUE BY 6TH DECEMBER 2024



**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
<b>December 2024</b>				
Monday 9th December		Inclusion workshop 2 - 8.50am - 9.45am	All Parents welcome	
Monday 9th December		Yr 2 Nativity 2pm - 3pm	Year 2	Parents invited Tickets available to book on Arbor
Tuesday 10th December		Panto Trip	Year 3	Please make payment via the Arbor app
Tuesday 10th December		Yr 2 Nativity 9am - 10am	Year 2	Parents invited Tickets available to book on Arbor
Monday 16th December		Christmas parties (pm)	Year 1 & Year 5	
Monday 16th December		Reception Nativity 9am - 9.30am	Hedgehogs	All <b>Hedgehogs</b> Parents welcome
Tuesday 17th December		Reception Nativity 9am - 9.30am	Mice	All <b>Mice</b> 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 <b>Moles</b> Parents welcome
Thursday 19th December		Christmas parties (pm)	Year 4 & Year 3	
Thursday 19th December		Carol concert 2.15pm	Year 1	
Friday 20th December		Christmas parties (pm)	Year R	
<b>Friday 20th December</b>		<b>End of term (children finish at 1:15pm)</b>	<b>ALL</b>	
<b>January 2025</b>				
Monday 6th January		Children return to school	ALL	
Thursday 16th January		Great Fire of London workshop	Year 1	Please make payment via the Arbor app

# 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
<del>17/10/2024</del>	<del>4HD</del>	<del>21/11/2024</del>	<del>6H</del>	<del>28/11/2024</del>	<del>6D</del>
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
9th December	AM	5HF	5HF	5HF	FREE
	PM	OWLS	OWLS	OWLS	FREE
	AM	***** NO SWIMMING *****			
	PM				

## 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.



**Christmas festive lunch on Wednesday 18 December.  
The deadline for orders has now closed**



**School Lunch Accounts;** Please note that your child's school lunches should be paid for in advance. Payment can be made on either the Arbor app or website but we are unable to accept cash as the money goes directly to Surrey County Council. Going forward, if your child's lunch account has an outstanding balance of more than £25.00 we will ask that you send your child in with a packed lunch until the account has been cleared.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the School Office.

## 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.

**We are a NOT 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](mailto:lunches@goldsworthprimary.co.uk).

# Friends of Goldsworth News

## Christmas Auction

Our Christmas auction ends at 6pm on Sunday, so don't forget to check out the items available in our Christmas auction, including:

- A 4-ball at Silvermere
  - £100 towards a judo experience birthday party
  - An Amazon Fire TV Stick and a jar of Clarkson's Farm honey
  - Sessions with Fighting Fitness Judo, BKD, Prime Acrobatics, Mini Athletics and Little Bears Music
- And much, much more! All of the fantastic prizes have been donated by parents and local businesses, to whom we are extremely grateful. The auction will help us to raise funds so that we can continue to provide resources to enrich the education of all the children at our wonderful school.

So get online and make sure you don't miss out! There are some great bargains to be had!

[www.auctionofpromises.com/AuctionForGoldsworthPrimarySchool](http://www.auctionofpromises.com/AuctionForGoldsworthPrimarySchool)

## Fundraising Update

Thank you to everyone who signed up for Asda's Cashpot for Schools, you helped raise £274.49 for our school! Initiatives such as this and Easyfundraising (more details below) are such an easy way to raise money for our school, so please do take advantage of them when they are running.

## Easyfundraising

Please remember to use Easyfundraising when you do your Christmas online shopping this year. Over 8,000 retailers including eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos and M&S will donate to Friends of Goldsworth Primary School for FREE when you use Easyfundraising to shop with them. This means you can raise donations for us when you buy anything from decorations and festive food shopping to gifts like toys, jewellery, tech, experiences and more! These donations really help us and all you have to do is use Easyfundraising when you're ordering the things you'll be buying anyway. Just register with [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/friendsofgoldsworth) and Instagram [www.instagram.com/friendsofgoldsworth](http://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.



**easyfundraising**





# GOLDSWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR THE **RSPCA** DONATION DRIVE

25-29TH OF NOVEMBER 2024

We collected an enormous amount of food and beautiful toys for our four-legged friends at the RSPCA.

Helping animals is important because it shows compassion and makes a real difference in their lives. By supporting organizations like the RSPCA, we give animals a second chance and help them feel loved and cared for. Together, we can make the world a kinder place for all creatures.

Thank you again for your generosity and support!



*Merry Christmas!*



Dear Everyone,  
Thank you for helping me with my donation drive for the RSPCA. I feel very proud of our school friends and school staff for showing your hearts and kindness.

We are sure that this Christmas will be very special for all the RSPCA animals.

Best Christmas wishes

Liliana, Emma & Chloe - 5G





# KICK X<sup>®</sup>



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**



## Festive Shoot

Goldsworth School Pop Up Family  
Photo shoot

- No booking needed
- No charge for shoot
- Option to buy after
- Families or just children
- Goldsworth Primary School
- Sunday 8th Dec 10am - 2pm
- Prints start at just £7

10% of sales go back to Friends of Goldsworth

[hello@victoriadaviesphotography.com](mailto:hello@victoriadaviesphotography.com)

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THE  
**CHRISTMAS  
KINDNESS**  
APPEAL

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](https://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](mailto:hello@the-lighthouse.info)**



# How can I support you..?



Hi  
I'm Emma! I've been a  
mindfulness  
practitioner since 2018  
and am passionate  
about sharing the  
magic of mindfulness,  
and it's proven  
benefits within our  
local community!



Mental health awareness cert (2018)  
Mindfulness and alternative therapies diploma (2018)  
Mindfulness for stress cert (2018)  
Understanding mental health (2018)  
Counselling skills for depression L3 (2019)  
Connect 5 Mental health trained (2019)  
Mental health First aider (2020)  
SAFETALK Suicide prevention certificate (2020)  
8 Week Mindfulness in a frantic world graduate (2021)  
Creative Kids Mindfulness Practitioner Accreditation (2022)  
Mindfulness based life coaching diploma (2022)  
NSPCC (Child protection cert (2022)  
Womens circle facilitator Level 1 (2022)  
Learning support & Speech/ Language for additional needs diploma (2022)  
Mindful Parenting Practitioner Creative Kids Accreditation (2023)  
Mindfulness for teenagers (awaiting accred 2024)  
Plus full public liability insurance, Enhanced DBS, safeguarding trained, annual (CP) and regular clinical supervision.

## For Individuals:

- 1-2-1 Mindfulness based life coaching, online or in Person in Woking, Surrey
- Seasonal workshops, events, courses and collaborations
- Mindfulness retreats and mini retreat days
- Monthly 'Smile sessions' @ The Warren UK

## For Children:

- School Clubs, assemblies, wellbeing days and workshops in and around Woking, Surrey
- Adult & Child Monthly mindfulness sessions @ The Bisley yurt
- Workshops & Holiday camps with Koala Kids Parties
- The Magic of Mindfulness activity book available on Amazon

## For the Workplace:

- Staff wellbeing sessions from 60 mins to full day offerings
- Mindfulness/ mental health awareness training's tailored to your business, school or charity (INSET days etc)
- Coaching / Mentoring for staff members or leadership teams
- Consultancy/ advisory support with implementing wellbeing policies / initiatives

## For Parents:

- Mindful parenting courses, online and in person
- 3 week Self care, wellbeing and mindfulness courses for Mums (All ages and stages of the journey) @ The Bisley yurt
- School / Parenting group/ Charity Guest speaker sessions/ coffee mornings
- Free Quarterly Info webinar
- Parent & Child Monthly mindfulness classes

in sport in care

# WINTER WONDERLAND HOLIDAY CAMP

THURSDAY 2ND & FRIDAY 3RD JAN



8AM-5PM → £34

9AM-3PM → £27



GOLDSWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL, GU21 6NL  
TO BOOK: [HTTPS://INZSPORT.CLASSFORKIDS.IO](https://inzsport.classforkids.io)





# Baby Steps OPEN DAY

Join us for the opening of our  
Baby Steps Perinatal Support Group.  
Come and join us refreshments and an  
opportunity to meet new people, engage  
in exercise and make new friends.



**10 December 2024**



**11.30–1.30pm**



**Guildford Family Centre,  
The Spinney, GU2 8YD**

**SCAN TO REGISTER**



**Contact 07853 153 991  
or Ayesha.Ahmed@SMEF.org.uk  
WWW.SMEF.ORG.UK**



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## 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](mailto: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.



## 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.



Pick-up and drop-off times are busy outside schools. This can cause an increased safety risk to both children and parents.

Parking restrictions outside schools are there to keep you and your children safe. Parking inconsiderately can put people in danger and you also risk being fined.

### **Safety tips for parking outside schools**

When picking up or dropping off children at schools, you should do the following:

Allow yourself plenty of time as the area is likely to be busy.

Do not park on yellow zigzag lines and avoid parking opposite them.

If you decide to park further away, [please be considerate of local residents and avoid blocking driveways or access ways.](#)

### **Fines**

Local councils can issue motorists with penalty charge notices (PCN) for waiting, stopping, or parking on yellow zigzags if restrictions are in place. These are issued by civil enforcement officers.

Most parking or waiting fines are now enforced as a civil matter, rather than a police matter. A PCN does not result in a criminal record or points on a license if dealt with by the council.

In some areas, the local council doesn't have civil parking enforcement powers. In these areas parking is enforced by us or by police-employed traffic wardens who will issue a fixed penalty notice (FPN).

These are enforced through the criminal justice system.

Fines can vary depending on location. Stopping in a restricted area outside a school will result in a higher fine. The fee is also halved if paid within 14 days and you have 28 days to pay or challenge the fine.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:ddurrant@goldsworthprimary.co.uk)

**From the Wise Owl team**  
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