

29th November 2024

NEWSLETTER

Be the best we can be



Deputy Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had an exciting week at school and we look forward to welcoming in December next week where no doubt, the levels of excitement will be increased even further! Talking of excitement, thank you to our FOG Team for a fabulous disco last Friday night. Lights, foam, glowsticks and some spectacular dancing made for a wonderful evening. Thank you to the parents and staff who gave up their time both during the evening and preparing the disco.

We started off the week with another assembly where we are focusing on our half termly value of Truth. We talked about how challenging being honest can be but also about how rewarding honesty is. We have started to see an impact in school and hope by working with families, we can really embed a culture of honesty and trust.

On Tuesday our Pupil Parliament Team were invited to the Lightbox Museum to join an art exhibition. More details will follow but I can tell you that Prince Edward was in attendance and I was delighted to receive an email from the museum commenting on how well our children represented the school. Thank you to Mrs Sharp and the parent volunteers for leading the trip.

Congratulations to 6D on their assembly on Thursday. The children showcased their term's learning through gymnastics, drama and music. The assembly demonstrated just how much learning the children fit in each day and the breadth of our curriculum. With that in mind, I am not sure how they were able to prepare and deliver such an inspirational performance! Thank you and well done to Mrs Dutton and the children.

Thursday was a particularly uplifting day with a Rock Steady Music Concert during the afternoon. The children represented their teachers and the school superbly as they turned our Sports Hall into Glastonbury! Well done to everyone involved and thank you to you at home for coming and adding to the electric atmosphere!

Our Year 4 boys played in a football tournament at Greenfield yesterday and won 3 of their 4 matches. Unfortunately this was not enough to make it through the group stage but Mr Nower reported back on how well they performed. This afternoon, we are sending a Year 5 Team to St Dunstan's Primary School for a competition. It is fantastic to see the children playing and enjoying so much sport both in and out of school and we look forward to advertising our Spring Term club offer very soon.

Our online auction is hotting up! Please share with friends and families - the link can be found below:
<https://auctionofpromises.com/AuctionForGoldsworthPrimarySchool>

Finally, thank you to everyone who has donated to the RSPCA collection organised by Liliana. We have received a wide range of treats which will be very well received. There will be one final chance to bring something in on Monday before we pause collections.

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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.

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

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

YEAR 2

NO REMINDERS

YEAR 3

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 4

NO REMINDERS

YEAR 5

- 5G HAVE SWIMMING NEXT WEEK CHILDREN WILL NEED TO BRING THEIR SWIMMING KIT
- PLEASE BRING EMPTY FOOD PACKAGING (WITH LABELS STILL ATTACHED) FOR NEXT WEEKS GEOGRAPHY LESSONS.

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.



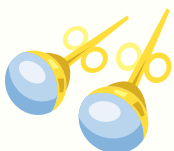
Coats, lunches and water bottles Please remember to send children into school with a warm/waterproof coat, a lunch box if they have packed lunches and their water bottle.

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
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	Please make payment via the Arbor app
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 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 2.15pm	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	
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
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
2nd December	AM	5G	5G	5G	5G
	PM	OTTERS	OTTERS	OTTERS	OTTERS
9th December	AM	5HF	5HF	5HF	FREE
	PM	OWLS	OWLS	OWLS	FREE

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.

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

Fundraising Update

Our school discos last Friday were a huge success – the children had a great time, and the event raised a huge **£1866.43!**
Thank you to everyone who bought tickets, and to all the volunteers who helped out, we couldn't do it without you.

Dates for your Diary

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

Vouchers are still available for the No Adults Allowed Gift Shop, where your child can 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!

Christmas Auction

Don't forget to check out the items available in our Christmas auction, including:

- An overnight stay at the Hilton
- A 4-ball at Silvermere
- Family entrance to Wisley Gardens
- An Amazon Fire TV Stick and a jar of Clarkson's Farm honey

All of the fantastic prizes have been donated by parents and local businesses, for which 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.

The auction will be live until 8pm on 8th December, so get online and make sure you don't miss out! There are some great bargains to be had! www.auctionofpromises.com/AuctionForGoldsworthPrimarySchool

Asda's Cashpot for Schools

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for Asda's Cashpot for Schools! This initiative ends on Sunday, and so far you have helped raise over £260 for our school!

If you haven't signed up, you can still do so. Even if you won't make it to Asda today or tomorrow, it's still worth signing up – every time someone opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. And, to borrow another supermarket's slogan, every little helps!

All you have to do is install the Asda Rewards app, opt in on the Cashpots tab and choose our primary school. Asda will then automatically donate £1 to our school. Then if 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!

Christmas Cards

If you placed orders for Christmas cards and other products, your children should be bringing them home today or early next week, so please check schoolbags! Thank you once again to everyone who ordered, and to Ben and Sarah for organising and sorting all the orders.

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.



KICK X[®]



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

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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**



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**



Measles cases are rising - is your child protected?

Our community nurses can check your vaccination status, provide advice and offer the MMR vaccine to eligible patients.

**For patients aged 3 years 6 months -
19 years old**



**Visit the NHS mobile unit at St
Dunstan's Church, Woking GU22
7DT**

21 September | 30 November
10am - 2pm Locations and
dates/timings may change.
Please scan the QR code for up
to date information before your
visit.





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**

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**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 db@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

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
wiseowl@goldsworthprimary.co.uk



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