

GOLDFIELD INFANTS' AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Autumn Term Newsletter



Wednesday 20th December 2023

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Happy Birthday

Hugo, Archie, JJ, Oscar, Theo, Mabel, Theo & Genie



With just 5 more sleeps left until Christmas Day, it really does feel a lot like Christmas. Christmas Parties were a great success and the children thoroughly enjoyed the visiting Pantomime. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our whole school community for their enthusiasm and support throughout the Autumn Term. We hope you have a wonderful break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Thursday 4th January 2024.

REMEMBER, REMEMBER.....

4.1.24		School reopens- Spring Term begins
30.1.24		Seasonal Change- Year 1
31.1.24		Seasonal Change- Year 2
1.2.24	8.30-9am	Sharing Morning
6.2.24		Safer Internet Day
7.2.24	9am	Wellbeing morning
14.2.24		BLP Day
19.2.24-23.2.24		Half Term

Miss Cooper says



to Orson, Alice, Thomas, Rex, Seth, Libby, Farrell, Cillian, Sam, Eden, Poppy, Eve, Lennie, Sophie, Arlo and Ralph
Look out for a postcard through your letterbox!



Did you enjoy the Summer Reading Challenge? Then why not try the Winter Mini Challenge. No need to register with the library as all challenges and certificates are online. [Click here](#) to find out more

DSPL (Delivering Service Provision Locally) is a Hertfordshire wide partnership approach where parents, carers, staff in early years and school settings and other agencies work together as part of an Area Group, to ensure that there is a range of provision and support services available in their local community for children and young people with SEND and their families. The Parenting Support Spring Programme has now been released and can be [found here](#). It has lots of advice on upcoming courses and places of advice and support on a range of areas including Autism, ADHD, Sleep and managing behaviour.

Safeguarding your children is our priority. Please contact the schools Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) with any concerns- Miss Cooper, Mrs Blake, Miss Hammill, Miss Jackson, Mrs Matthew & Mrs Sladden. Further safeguarding information and support can be found via the [NSPCC](#) website.

Keeping Our Children Safe

The Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (HSCP) has been set up so that all agencies and organisations who work with children and young people work together to keep children safe. Call 0300 123 4043 at anytime if you are a child or young person being abused or mistreated; or if you are an adult worried about a young person. Call 999 if you're in immediate danger or a crime is being committed.

Start of the School Day

Classroom doors open at 8.45am, ready to start the school day at 8.50am. If you arrive and the doors are closed, you will need to sign in at the office. Children arriving after this time will be considered late and this will be logged as an unauthorised absence. If all the gates are locked you will need to enter via the Christchurch Road entrance. Nursery AM Session begins at 8.30am & Nursery PM Session begins at 12.15pm. Please [click here](#) to read the school's Attendance and Lateness policy

Applying for a Reception & Year 3 Place Deadline—January 15th 2024

Remember to [apply online](#) for your child's place for September 2024. Dates for tours of the school for Reception and Nursery places for September 2023 are on our website under Admissions. Please contact the office to book a place.



The FROGS would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that supported the Christmas fair and hamper raffle. We are delighted to announce that we raised a combined total of £2,194! We will be in touch in the new year with details of more fun events but, in the meantime, we would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas!



Attendance

Did you know that you can log onto Arbor and see what percentage your child's attendance is. Our attendance has usually hovered around 97% , but over the last couple of weeks we have seen a drop. As a result of this, there is a national drive to get children back into school with high attendance, so we will be monitoring this closely. We will contact you if there is a concern following our Attendance Policy. If there is ever a difficulty with school attendance or punctuality though please do let us know because we would always like to work with you and support you to get your child into school. With that in mind, can I remind you that there are very few occasions when absences will be authorised as being an exceptional circumstance. Routine dental and optician check ups should be booked for holiday and weekend appointments where possible, and holidays will not be au-

Understanding the impact of lateness and attendance on learning time			
Minutes late per day	How much missed in a school year	Percentage attendance	How many days missed in a school year
5 minutes	3.4 school days	97%	6 school days
10 minutes	1.4 school weeks	95%	10 school days
15 minutes	2.6 school weeks	90%	20 school days
20 minutes	2.8 school weeks	85%	29 school days
30 minutes	4 school weeks	80%	39 school days
Although teachers do their best to help children with lessons they have missed, they are not able to repeat the whole lesson again for one child, so this is lost learning time.			
Research shows that pupils with no or very low absence/persistent lateness are 2.2 times more likely to achieve 5+ GCSEs compared with those with less than 95% throughout their school career.			