

GOLDFIELD INFANTS' AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Autumn Term Newsletter



Friday 8th September 2023

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Happy Birthday

Eve, Ava, Rory, Connor & Sasha



It has been an exciting return to school. After 6 weeks off the staff team have returned refreshed and ready to go! A huge hello to all our new families. We also Welcome Mrs Hunt who will be teaching in Willow Class and Mrs Cutler who will be teaching in Oak Class and Miss Briddock who will be working lunchtimes.

Our Child Protection Policy has been updated in line with Keeping Children Safe 2023 and we will update the version on the website after it has been ratified by the Governing Body. A reminder to all adults; we have a shared responsibility for the wellbeing of the children in our community. If you ever

have a concern about a child come and talk to one of our Safeguarding Team: Miss Cooper, Mrs Blake, Mrs Grainger, Miss Hammill, Miss Jackson, Miss Matthew & Mrs Sladden.

Helping Hand

The helping hand is a tool we use to encourage children to talk about worries. Children are asked to think about five adults at school they can talk to if they feel worried, upset or sad about something. This is an activity we complete every September and is referred to throughout the school year. Can your child tell you their five adults?

Is your child like a steel trap when they get home? When you ask how their day was or what they have been learning are you met with silence? These prompts might get them talking.

- Tell me the best bit about your day
- I saw on your timetable that you had PE/Science/phonics today, what can you tell me about it?
- Who or what made you smile today?
- Sharing something about your own day first might also encourage them to do the same.



Whether we are welcoming you back to Goldfield or if this has been your child's first week at school, it has been so exciting to see you. More specifically, it has been great to see your smiles and to hear what your children have been enjoying about being in their new classrooms. Classroom orientation has been high on our team's agenda alongside getting to know your child personally. We know that children who feel secure in their classroom and who feel seen and heard by the adults supporting them, will be most ready to learn. With this in mind, all staff from Nursery to Year 2 have thought carefully about their plans for the first couple of weeks and are prioritising learning which ensures children feel settled and are clear about where things are and how we look after them. In addition, there are lots of opportunities for talk and getting to know each other.



Frogs PTA AGM

Interested in finding out more about FROGS & how you can raise money and meet new people?

Monday 18th September 7pm at Venue: The Kings Arms function room

Everyone welcome!

A HUGE thank you for all their fundraising which has enabled us to get air conditioning in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2. Next stop will be Nursery.

Our 4'As

We have updated our Behaviour Policy & have introduced the children to the

4'As

- Always Be Ready
- Always Be Respectful
- Always Be Safe
- Always Be Kind



Do look out for Golden Book Certificates from Miss Cooper & Praise Postcards in the post!

Help to manage the cost of living

We are all too aware of the price increases across the board and how it is affecting more and more households. Please do let us know if you need any support and we can signpost you. We are very conscious that there are families who are not eligible for additional funding at school but would greatly benefit from it. Please let us know if that is you. We are here to help. Please [click here](#) for further information from the council.



We are an Operation Encompass School— this means if the Police are called to your home, they will contact us within 48 hours with a report of the incident. A member of our safeguarding team will call you to talk about this and offer any support that might be needed from school.

Letters / Emails sent home
Autumn Term Clubs—yr 1 & 2
RAAC Update—whole school



13.9.23	9am	New to Year 1 Meeting
14.9.23	9am	New to Year 2 Meeting
14.9.23	2.15pm	Rolo working with the Year 2 children
18.9.23	2.12pm	Rolo working with the Year 1 children
18.9.23	From 7pm at the Kings Arm	FROGS AGM
20.9.23	9am	New to Nursery Meeting
21.9.23	9am	New to Reception Meeting
25.9.23	2.15pm	Rolo working with the Reception children
27.9.23	All Day	Silver Birch Castles Day
28.9.23	All Day	Sycamore Castles Day

School Nursing Service

You may not be aware that you can self-refer your child to the school nursing service. They can offer support and advice on topics such as relationships, eating, sleeping, behaviour and feeling sad or angry, which might be particularly helpful at the moment. If you have concerns about your child's emotional health and well-being – the School Nursing Service may be able to help. Parents and carers can call the duty line number 0300 123 7572 for more information. Young people aged 11 – 19 can text the school nurse on 07480635050 or look for an on line referral form on www.hct.nhs.uk/ourservices/school-nursing. You can also seek advice for teenagers on www.healthforteens.co.uk or look at the interactive website for children and parents www.healthforkids.co.uk.

Your child is entitled to a free lunch at school if they're in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. If you [click here](#) our school could receive extra money to support your child– this is called Pupil Premium– if you receive certain benefits. Please [complete the form](#).

For creative & art activities in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 please could you provide your child with an oversized t-shirt which isn't worn anymore that they could use.



If your child is absent from school please contact the school office (via email or telephone) by 8.50am explaining the reason for their absence. Please note our school policy requires children to be kept at home for 48 hours after any episode of sickness or diarrhoea. This is to reduce the risk of passing on any bugs.



Emergency Contact Details

As per statutory requirements, we need to have details of at least two (and ideally three) people we can contact about your child in an emergency. Please could you check your Arbor App to make sure we have enough contact details for your child.

Pick-up Arrangements

We will only allow people who are on your child's contacts to collect your child at the end of the day. If your child is going home with someone not on their Arbor profile, please contact the school office or let the class teacher know.

We won't let your child go home with someone who isn't on their list unless you have let us know.

Charities & Fundraising

We have decided to work alongside charities and events that have links with the school. We have spaced out what we will be doing throughout the year and we will give you as much warning as possible. Over this academic year we will be having a non uniform day for Childhood Cancer Awareness month in September. In October we will be inviting Eczema Outreach Support to come and talk to the children. In December we will be supporting a local hospice and will be holding a Santa Dash. In March we will be marking Down Syndrome Day. In April we will be celebrating Autism Awareness and in May we will be inviting Stoke Mandeville Spinal Awareness to speak to the children. All the children will be involved & taking part. It is optional to join in the fundraising and make a donation. There are some very big charity campaigns which are on the TV and if you would like to make your own personal donation please do.



5.10.23		Author Visit– Rachel Lawston
10.10.23	3.45-7pm	Parents Consultation– by appointment Virtual or in person
11.10.23		Year 2 Mountfichet Castle Trip
12.10.23	3.45-7pm	Parents Consultation– by appointment Virtual or in person
18.10.23		BLP Day
23.10.23-27.10.23		Half Term– School Closed
31.10.23		Year 1 Seasonal Change Day
1.11.23		Year 2 Seasonal Change Day
Week beginning 13th November		Anti Bullying week
13.11.23	Morning	Flu Vaccinations
16.11.23	8.30-9am	Sharing Morning
22.11.23		Wellbeing Morning 9am
24.11.23		Occasional Day- school closed
6.12.23	9am	Year 1 Christmas Assembly
8.12.23	9am	Year 2 Christmas Assembly
13.12.23	9am	Nursery Christmas Assembly
15.12.23	9am	Reception Christmas Assembly
19.12.23		Christmas lunch & Christmas Jumper day
20.12.23		End of Term– Early finish Pantomime
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

5.3.24	3.45-7pm	Parents Consultation– by appointment Virtual or in person
6.3.24	9am	Wellbeing Morning
7.3.24		World Book Day
7.3.24	3.45-7pm	Parents Consultation– by appointment Virtual or in person
21.3.24		World Down Syndrome Day– Odd Socks
27.3.24		Easter Bonnet Parade
28.3.24		End of term– early finish
15.4.24		School Reopens for the Summer Term
23.4.24		Seasonal Change Day– Year 1
24.4.24		Seasonal Change Day—Year 2
6.5.24		Bank Holiday– School Closed
8.5.24	9am	Wellbeing Morning
15.5.24		BLP Day
23.5.24	8.30-9am	Sharing Morning
27.5.24-3.6.24		Half Term
4.6.24		School reopens
17.6.24		New to Reception Welcome Meeting
18.6.24		New to Nursery Welcome Meeting
21.6.24		Nursery Closed for Nursery Children
25.6.24		Seasonal Change– Year 1
26.6.24		Seasonal Change– Year 2
26.6.24		Wellbeing morning
2.7.24		New to Reception Stay & Play 3.45-4.45
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4.7.24		Sports Day & Whole school picnic
19.7.24		End of Term– Early finish

