



Welcome message

We have had a very busy end to term with lots of recruitment taking place. I am pleased that we have been able to recruit very strong teachers. Thank you to Year 7 pupils who have been incredible ambassadors for the school this week – giving tours to candidates and being involved with interviews.

Our Nursery has been transformed this week into a Jungle and Desert ready for our new topic next term. We can't wait for this to begin. Reception have been working hard on their dinosaur topic. Year 1 have produced great written outcomes in their Fire of London Topic. Year 1 have finished their Katie Morag studies with some great diary entries.

Thank you

Thank you for your generosity today at the Fantastic Finish. All proceeds raised are going to Great Ormond Street Hospital. GOSH has really helped a few of our Goresbrook families and we are happy to help such a great cause.

Serious parking concerns

Parents should park in GOALS on the cinema area only; parking on the bend is not safe or responsible with the number of children that we have in school.

How to buy uniform

- 1) Parent/Carer emails their child's name and uniform required including quantity and size to: uniformsales@goresbrookschool.org.uk
- 2) Parent/Carer visits Parentpay.com where you will find the option to pay for uniform.
- 3) Once payment has been received a member of staff will contact you to let you know that your order is ready for collection via the timescales below or given directly to your child in Year 7.

Emails and payment received before 12pm on Monday	Available for collection on Tuesday from 8am-8.25am or 9am onwards and after school
Emails and payment received after 12pm on Monday up to 12pm on Wednesday	Available for collection on Thursday from 8am-8.25am or 9am onwards and after school
Emails and payment received after 12pm on Wednesday	Available for collection on the following Tuesday from 8am -8.25am or 9am onwards and after school

FROGS update

We have two exciting projects taking place over half-term to improve our learning environment in school. We are turning a small group room into a sensory room. We are also turning the inside and outside area in EYFS into a haven of real, growing garden, including greenhouse, planters etc. A few members of our very enthusiastic parent FROG group are coming in to volunteer with painting/ planting/decorating on the Friday (17th) of half-term. We need some more hands-on-deck so if you would like to be involved in either project... either designing, making, or donating items, please see Miss Darley. Or if you have any friends or contacts who might be able to help with either of these projects, please let me know.

Place 2 Be Kindness cup (Primary)

I am delighted to announce that Luke Bailey won the Place 2 Be Kindness cup in assembly this week for various acts of kindness at school and at home. Runners up were Lenny Taylor, Ayva-Mae, Akshara, Bella, Angel, Layla-Bell, Luka, Madison, Tajus and Kuukua. A big well done for all of your acts of kindness. We will be running something similar again next term.

Staffing updates

Reception:

Illustrators: Ms Golinska and Ms Stimpson

Storytellers: Ms Rix and Mrs Aways. Ms Rix knows the class very well from her work across the year group so far this year. She now takes the role of class teacher for Storytellers.

Authors: Ms Gordon and Ms Nurein (who has been with Authors from the Autumn term). Ms Campbell will return from her placement two weeks after half-term, and will teach Authors alongside Ms Gordon, who has been with Authors for the last week.

Year 2:

Mr Greene will be going on his training placement straight after half-term, and that Miss Khanom will be teaching Optician Class. Many of you know Miss Khanom, who has been a key part of Goresbrook from the very start in 2014. She has been teaching in Reception for the last two years, and is very excited to be moving into the Year 2 team.

Have a lovely half-term break,
Clare

Attendance & Punctuality

On return to school please bring in a hand-written note or complete the Return to School form at the front reception even if you phoned up to let us know your child is ill. This is valid for genuine illness of two days. More than two days absence requires medical proof e.g. a prescription bottle or a copy of a prescription or even the appointment card are acceptable.

If your child is up and about at home then they are generally well enough to be at school. If your child is too ill to attend school please ensure you phone [0203 597 6666](tel:02035976666) and select **option 1 as soon as possible that morning and every day that they are absent. Alternatively you can contact our Attendance Officer, Mrs Rebeiro directly on 07557 083 767.**

Please note that if you arrive at school and the gate is closed, you need to walk your child through main reception. Your child will be classed as late.

A reminder for collection in the afternoons (Primary): If you collect your child more than 10 minutes late on three occasions in a half term, we are required to charge you £10.00. As per our policy, any further instances of lateness in that half term will incur a charge of £10.00 per occasion.

The classes with the highest attendance in each year group this week are:

Reception: Author class 97.3%

Year 1: Designer class 97.7%

Year 2: Optician class 95.2%

Year 7: Skiddaw 98%

Primary Attendance Awards

Well done to those children who received a blue 100% attendance and punctuality sticker for this week.

If you didn't receive one today please try really hard to get one next week.



Email the Governors

We now have a dedicated mailbox set up for you to email any feedback or comments directly to the Chair of our Local Governing Body : Governors@goresbrookschoo.org.uk. We have a vacancy for a new parent Governor. We would like to invite any interested parents to contact Governors@goresbrookschoo.org.uk to express interest ASAP. Elections will be held in due course.

Borrowed uniform

If your child comes to school in the incorrect uniform or missing a tie for example we will lend your child a Goresbrook item for the day. Please ensure you return the item to the reception within a week of borrowing it. **Items not returned within the week will be charged to your parent pay account.** We have had to do this due to the large amount of items that are not being returned which is costing the school a significant amount.

Primary breakfast club

Please be reminded that the **last entry to Primary breakfast club is 8.20am** (Whether your child has eaten already or not). If you bring your child to school after 8.20am you will be required to stay with them until they start school at 8.30am.

Lost property

Each classroom now has it's own lost property box for any uniform left in class. Please check this each day when you collect your child—it will be outside the classroom. We hope this will help you find your items easier and reduce the need to come to main reception.

Coffee Morning with Debbie (Primary)

Please come along on Monday 20th February at 9am to meet with Debbie and our school nursing team as we discuss routines and boundaries. These coffee mornings have been a real success and are a great opportunity for you to chat to other parents/carers. We hope to see you there.

Primary clubs schedule for this term

Day	Club	Dismissal
Mon	Cricket YR1 & YR2	Front Office
	Arts and crafts YR1 & YR2	Illustrator class
	Homework and Reading Club Yr1 only	Architect Class
	Singing YR1 & YR2	Classroom
	Reception Tennis	Front Office
Tues	Netball YR1 & YR2	Front Office
	Football Year 2 only	Front Office
	Reception dance	Front Office
	Reception Arts Club	Front Office
Wed	Drama Club YR1 & YR2	Front Office
	Music Club YR1 & YR2	Architect Class
	Study Club Yr2 Only	Year 2 Entrance
Thur	Badminton YR1 & YR2	Front Office
	Football Year 1 only	Front Office
Fri	Tennis YR1 & YR2	Secondary Double doors outside front office
	Basketball YR1 & YR2	
	Reception Football	Secondary Double doors outside front office

We cannot guarantee that all clubs will be inside every week. It may be sometimes take place in the playground.

World Book Day 2017—Thursday 2nd March

On Thursday 2nd March all children in Primary are required to dress up as a book character as part of World Book Day. Start thinking now about what character you might like to be. We look forward to seeing what you come up with!

Key Dates

February half term—Monday 13th February 2017 – Friday 17th February 2017.

Monday 20th February—first day back—breakfast club available for Primary from 8am and Secondary from 7.30am. Primary clubs resume as normal.

Monday 20th February —9am coffee morning with Debbie and school nurse.

Topic: Routines and boundaries

Friday 24th February—School nurse drop-in 8:30am

Monday 1st, 2nd and 3rd March—height, weight and vision tests for Reception children carried out by the school nursing team. (for information only)

Thursday 2nd March—World Book Day Dress –up

Friday 3rd March—Year 1 Assembly Designers 3pm

Monday 6th & 13th March—Year 7 Parent afternoon and evenings—more details to follow. **School closes at 1:50pm for Year 7 on these days.**

Tuesday 7th March—Social coffee morning 8-9am (no staff present)

Friday 10th March—Year 1 Assembly Engineers 3pm

Mon 13th-Wed 15th March—Nursery parent appointments —more details to follow.

Thu 16th March—Primary Parent afternoon and evening 1.40–7pm—more info to follow. **School closes for Primary at 1:10pm.**

Email addresses

If you do not receive this newsletter by email but would like to, please see a member of staff at reception who will check the address we have on file for you and do a test send.