



Welcome message

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We hope Year 2 parents found the home learning workshop useful this morning. For more information about reading and home learning, please see Mr Allen.

Well done to Storyteller class who presented their Family Friday assembly to parents today.

Last Friday saw our first ever Goresbrook competitive sports fixture. Our girls had a fantastic result winning the year 7 borough cross country competition against 13 other schools. A special mention to Tracy and Nia for coming 2nd and 3rd with just 0.6 of a second between 1st and 2nd. A fantastic team effort from the girls. Our first ever Goresbrook Gold Medal—the first of many.



Thank you to the FROGS

A huge thank you to the FROGS and to parents and carers who took part in our raffle ticket sale and donated money at the food festival. The FROGS have raised £673.54 so far this term for funds towards the outside areas.

Christmas Card competition (Primary)

Thank you to those children who took part in Margaret Hodge's Christmas card completion, we will update you as soon as the winners are announced. I will also be running a Goresbrook Christmas Card Competition—more details to follow next week.

Primary parent evening

A reminder that it is parent afternoon/evening for Primary children on Thursday 24th November. School closes at 1.10pm on this day for Primary pupils, please arrive promptly to collect your child. Please do sign up in reception and make a note of your appointment slot if you haven't already.

After-school clubs gymnastic and music run as normal from 3.45-4.45pm if you wish to bring your children back for them. There is an option for children to stay at school until 2pm on this day when EM3 will then collect. Please notify reception before the 24th if you require this service, you will also need to confirm with EM3 and pay accordingly. A reminder that Secondary students stay as normal until 3.30pm on this day. Please note there is no nursery PM session.

Secondary Meet your Coach evening

Secondary students will be finishing at 1:50pm on Monday 28th November as parents will have the opportunity to meet your child's coach. Students will receive a letter next week with more information.

Primary Clubs from January

We are currently reviewing our process and costs of Primary clubs from January, based on your feedback. We are looking into an online system to ensure a fairer process of allocation that is not based on first-come-first-served. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

Cherry Orchard dates (Primary)

Our Reception and Year 1 & 2 children will be singing carols at Cherry Orchard care home again this year. Please note that the Year 2 date for this has changed. Please see overleaf for details of all Christmas celebrations.

Children in Need dress up day next Friday 18th November (Primary)

On Friday 18th November our Primary children will be taking part in a Children in Need dress-up day. We would like all children in Primary to dress up based on the topic they have been learning this term. School uniform is not required to be worn on this day. Please see details below of the outfits each year group should dress up in:

Nursery – Fairy tales, Reception – Superheroes, Year 1 – Toys, Year 2 – Explorers.

Please note, Year 1 will still be doing P.E on this day so please ensure they bring or wear black plim-solls or trainers. Full P.E kit is not needed.

Farewell to Miss Dominique

Miss Dominique has decided not to return to us following her maternity leave, as she would like to spend more time with her family. We wish her all the very best for the future. She will be popping back at the end of term to say farewell; we will let parents know when she will be in, if you would like to come and say goodbye and good luck.

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** 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.**

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 98.5%

Year 1: Designer & Engineer class 98.9%

Year 2: Optician class 99.1%

Year 7: Scafell Pike 100%

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.



After-school clubs (Primary)

Any queries regarding clubs—please email aliye.mehmet@goresbrookschoo.org.uk or call 0207 597 6666 and ask for Mrs Mehmet. All club places are now fixed until Christmas. If your child is due to attend a primary after-school club but you wish to collect them instead, please let reception know in the morning or afternoon or email Mrs Mehmet. Please see key dates below right which explains when clubs end for this term.

Alley way lights

Following parental feedback about the lighting in the alleyway, we have been in contact with the Education Funding Agency, who have advised us that the lighting upgrade is due to take place shortly. Thank you for your patience with this.

P.E days

Please see confirmation of P.E days below:

Reception – Tuesday PM

Year 1 - Tuesday PM & Friday PM

Year 2 – Monday PM & Thursday PM

Year 7 – class specific, check individual timetables.

All Year 7 pupils have two PE lessons, and CCE on Wednesday. On Wednesday all Year 7 pupils arrive at school in PE kit.

Upcoming Primary school trips

Year 1 and 2 have received letters this week with information regarding their upcoming school trips.

Year 2 pupils are going to the Cutty Sark & Maritime Museum on Thursday 17th November. Please complete the permission slip and return it in a sealed envelope with £3 to the school office by Monday 14th November. The list of selected volunteers will be displayed on Tuesday 15th November in the afternoon on the noticeboard.

Year 1 pupils are going to the V&A Museum of Childhood on Monday 21st November. Please complete the permission slip and return to the school office by Tuesday 15th November. Please indicate on the slip if you wish to volunteer. We will display the list of selected volunteers on Thursday 17th November in the afternoon on the noticeboard.

Please do not put permission slips in rucksacks or give to teachers. There will be blue boxes in reception for you to put your slips in.

Applications for Reception 2017

Children currently in our Nursery have received letters this week explaining how to apply to Barking & Dagenham for a place at Goresbrook School in Reception 2017. Spare copies are available in Reception. Please ask Miss Bone if you have any queries. Please submit your application as soon as possible. The closing date is 15 January 2017 and all applications are online via the B&D website.

New phone system

Our new phone system is now live, when you call the school number you will be asked to select an option. Please bear with us whilst we get used to the new system. We are also in the process of getting another number available from 4pm to call if you will be late to pick up your child from Primary clubs. A big thanks to Maddison Chilvers in year 7 for recording our phone greeting.

Parking in Richard Ryan Place

Please be considerate when parking in and around Richard Ryan Place. We have received complaints from our neighbours about the congestion in this area, and houses being blocked in. Please show respect to our community.

Key Dates

Tuesday 15th November: Coffee Morning for Primary and Secondary parents 8am-9am

Thursday 17th November: school nurse drop-in 8:30am

Thursday 17th November: Year 2 trip to Cutty Sark. Please ask at reception if you need a copy of the letter. Details to the left.

Friday 18th November: Children in need dress up day in Primary. All children to take part.

Monday 21st November: Year 1 trip to V&A Museum of Childhood. Please ask at reception if you need a copy of the letter. Details to the left.

Thursday 24th November: Parent afternoon for Primary—**school closes for Primary pupils at 1:10pm.** Please collect your child at this time. **No nursery PM session on this day.** Primary clubs still run as normal.

Friday 25th November: **School closed for all pupils**

Monday 28th November: Meet your coach for Secondary—**school closes for Secondary students at 1:50pm.** Students will receive a letter next week with more information.

Wednesday 30th November—Nursery nurse coffee morning 9am, topic: healthy/fussy eating. All Primary parents welcome.

Friday 9th December, 2:30pm: Year 2 visit to Cherry Orchard Care Home. More details to follow. Please note this date has changed from what was originally published in your parent handbook.

Monday 12th December, 2:30pm: Reception & Year 1 visit to Cherry Orchard Care Home. More details to follow.

Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th December PM. Reception Christmas Show. More details to follow.

Wednesday 14th December: No staff-run after school clubs for Primary. Sporty champs clubs run as normal.

Friday 16th December—Christmas jumper dress up day for save the children.

Monday 19th December—Christmas lunch served for pupils.

Monday 19th December—Year 7 Milestone Assembly 4:10-4:45pm.

Monday 19th December: No staff-run after school clubs for Primary. Sporty champs clubs run as normal.

Tuesday 20th December—Fantastic Finish for Reception, Year 1 & 2 at 3pm.

Tuesday 20th December—no clubs running on the last day of term. Refunds will be issued in due course.