



Welcome message

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It was great to see so many families joining us for our Author family Friday this afternoon, well done to the Author class for putting on a great assembly.



October is Black History month. We have been recognising this important celebration in a number of ways. A particular mention for Josiah Sharp in Year 2, who prepared and presented an assembly about Black History Month.

Year 7 are enjoying their first PPE topics about multiculturalism and tonight some Year 7s will be enjoying our first ever film night.

On Wednesday we welcomed over 100 Year 6s into our Sports Hall for the inaugural 'Goresbrook Community Games'. Thanks to inspire sports and Nike Ambassadors, as well as Mr Morris for putting on such a fabulous day that showcased our school brilliantly.

Milestone Assembly (Secondary)

Please note we have our first milestone assembly on Monday evening. If your child is part of this assembly you will have received a text message. Parents please arrive at 4.10pm. The assembly will be from 4.15-4.45pm. All Year 7s finish at 4.45pm as normal.

International Food Festival (Primary & Secondary)

Our annual International Food Festival will be taking place next Friday 21st October at 2pm for all of our families in Primary and Secondary. We would love for all families to create a traditional dish from their home country to bring in for us all to enjoy. This has been a fantastic event in recent years and we would like as many families involved as possible.

Our FROGS (Friends and relatives of Goresbrook School) will be fundraising for the school at the event. Raffle tickets will be sold for £1 per ticket prior to the event and the raffle will be drawn on the day. There are a variety of great prizes up for grabs.

How do I take part?

All parents and carers are welcome from 2pm to enjoy the festival with us. There is no obligation to make a dish, you are welcome to come along and sample dishes with your child. Your child will be brought into the festival by their coach or class teacher.

If you would like to make a dish for your chosen country simply email Brooke.munday@goresbrookschool.org.uk with your name, child's name and the country that you will be representing. Then on the day arrive at 1.30pm to set up your stall, feel free to decorate it or just drop off your dish. We will provide plates, cutlery and napkins. Please prepare food that can be eaten cold.



Please do not cook anything with nuts in as some of our children and staff have severe allergies. Any meat must be Halal. Please label your dish with all of the ingredients. Here are some photos from previous events to give you some inspiration!

Have a good weekend,
Clare



Attendance & Punctuality

On return to school please bring in a hand-written note or complete the absence 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** as soon as possible that morning and every day that they are absent.

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: Illustrator class 96.2%

Year 1: Engineer class 100%!

Year 2: Optician class 97.9%

Year 7: Scafell Pike 96.8%

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. Please try to avoid clubs queries in the morning and afternoon as reception gets very busy. All club places are now fixed until Christmas.

Parent Pay (Primary & Secondary)

Thank you for your patience with Parent Pay when trying to pay for Secondary school meals. We are aware of some remaining issues and are in the process of getting these resolved.

Parents in Primary wishing to pay for breakfast club: we will be taking payment once we have moved to Parent Pay. More details to follow.

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.

School reception opening times (Primary & Secondary)

Please note that uniform is only available to purchase from 8am to 4pm on Tuesday and Thursday. No uniform will be sold outside of this time. If you have any GBS uniform at home please do bring it back, particularly Primary school ties.

Place 2 Be (Primary & Secondary)

Hello Parents/Carers, my name is Lynne Ali-Northcott, School Project Manager for Place2Be. Place2Be is a leading children's charity based in around 260 UK Schools, supporting children with their emotional well-being and helping them to focus more in lessons. I am here every Wednesday and Thursday and am really excited to be working here at Goresbrook School. Please feel free to approach me in the playground or make an appointment with me if you would like to learn more about my role. I hope to meet you all soon.



Asthma pumps (Primary & Secondary)

If your child suffers from asthma it is your responsibility to let the school know and provide your child with a pump. Please see Miss Bone if you have any queries.

Nursery Nurse Team Health Promotion coffee morning (Primary)

Our school nursing team will be holding a coffee morning along with our family support worker, Debbie, on Monday 31st October and Wednesday 30th November at 9am. Parents of those in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 are all welcome. You will have received a letter regarding these events in book bags this week. There are more copies available at reception.

Key Dates

For a full list of key dates for the year please see your parent handbook.

Monday 17th October: Secondary Milestone Assembly 4.15-4:45pm. Invite only.

Friday 21st October: Fantastic Finish International Food Festival 2pm Primary & Secondary —see information overleaf or email: brooke.munday@goresbrookschoo.org.uk

Last day of this half term: Friday 21st October

Half-term Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October

First day back after half term: Monday 31st October—Secondary breakfast club available from 7:30am and Primary breakfast club available from 8am.

Monday 31st October—Nursery nurse coffee morning 9am, topic: sleep. All Primary parents welcome.

Friday 4th November: Family Friday assembly for Illustrator class 3pm. All Illustrator parents should attend to see their child's class assembly.

Friday 11th November: Family Friday assembly for Storyteller class 3pm. All Storyteller parents should attend to see their child's class assembly.

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—more info to follow

Monday 21st November: Year 1 trip to V&A Museum —more info to follow

Thursday 24th November: Parent afternoon for Primary—school closes for Primary pupils at 1:10pm. Please collect your child at this time. More info to follow regarding appointments. 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. More info to follow regarding appointments.

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