



Welcome message

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We've had a great first full week as an all-through. A warm welcome to all of our new Year 7s and Nursery children who joined this week; it's been great to see how well everyone is settling in. The Year 7s have made a tremendous start, exploring our new building and getting to know routines during their induction week. They had a fantastic first Wednesday afternoon CCE session with activities ranging from dodgeball, drama, music, rugby, netball and cooking; it was brilliant to see 100% participation and enjoyment in this unique part of our Goresbrook curriculum.

Reception and Nursery have also been busy settling and getting to know each other and their learning environments. Year 1 are on the hunt for lost Beegu! They have been writing their lost posters and displaying them all around school. Year 2 have been intrigued to find out about the Stone Age boy... including exploring a cave and discovering a woolly mammoth on the Year 2 floor.

Parent information

Please ensure you pick up a parent handbook from reception which contains the information required for this year. This handbook also contains a list of all the key dates for the rest of the year. Menus are also available at the main reception.

Outstanding forms/documents

Thank you to those parents of children who have recently joined us who have completed and returned their enrolment forms. If you are yet to do this please collect an enrolment form from main reception as soon as possible. It is really important that we have relevant information on your child.

P.E next week

Our full PE curriculum will begin next week beginning 19th; full information on PE days can be found in the year handbooks, and on the Year 7 timetables.

Book swaps in Primary

Apologies for the delay in starting these this week; our Home Learning Records had not arrived. Book swaps will start in earnest from Monday. Details in your Year handbooks.

After-school clubs (Primary)

Reception

Reception clubs start this Monday 19th September. Clubs will only be available to those parents who have paid either via Sporty Champs or Miss Kemp. If you have queries regarding clubs please see Ms Mehmet on the school reception. Please ensure children are collected promptly at 4:45pm.

Year 1 & 2

Sporty champs clubs continue to run this week and staff-run clubs also start this week on Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure children are collected promptly at 4:45pm.

Parent Pay

We understand that a number of Secondary parents have had issues with parent Pay regarding loading money for school meals. This is an issue with Parent pay which is being looked into. Once these issues are corrected we will be looking into using Parent Pay for primary payments too. More information to follow.

Uniform

Just to reassure everyone; the children in all year groups are allowed to take jumpers off in the very hot weather. A reminder that outdoor coats must be plain blue or black (no leather, denim or hoods). Please note we only sell uniform on Tuesday and Thursday in the mornings and afternoons.

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. 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: Author 98.5%

Year 1: Engineer 98.7%

Year 2: Optician 92.1%

Year 7: Scaffell Pike 99.4%

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.



Volunteering opportunities

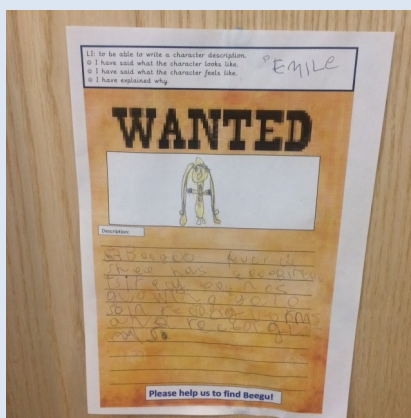
Please see Mrs Ologunde if you are interested in volunteering in any aspect of school from the office, to helping with displays, helping in the playground or assisting with breakfast club and after-school clubs. A DBS check paid by the school will be required.

Curriculum Information Meeting for Reception on Monday 19th September

All Reception parents should attend the information evening on Monday 19th September. Year 1 and 2 curriculum information is contained within the year handbooks for this term; workshops will take place for all year groups in January and April (see handbook for year dates).

Outdoor area requests

If possible please do donate dressing up clothes for the KS1 children to play with at break and lunch times. Please leave on the table outside Year 1 & 2 playground entrance at drop off. If you have any outdoor learning resources please donate these too if you can.



Key Dates

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

Monday 19th September: Staff-run after-school clubs start for Year 1 & 2, collection at 4:45pm

Monday 19th September: Clubs start for Reception children, collection at 4:45pm

Monday 19th September: Curriculum information meeting for Reception only 3:45-4:45pm and 5:15-6:15pm

Thursday 22nd September: Parent Forum 5-6pm—please do come along if you would like to be involved in shaping the school.

Monday 26th September: School photos—children will have their photo taken individually and with a sibling if they have one. Photos will be available to purchase shortly after.

Tuesday 27th September: Coffee Morning—8-9am—please do come along if you can, it would be great to see some new faces. Feel free to bring biscuits!

Thursday 6th October: Secondary trip—more details to follow.

Friday 7th October: Come learn with me—Reception, Year 1 & 2: 8.30am—9.15am—come and learn alongside your child.

Monday 17th October: Secondary Milestone Assembly 3:45-4:45pm—more information to follow

Friday 21st October: Fantastic Finish International Food Festival 2pm Primary & Secondary —more information to follow