



Welcome message

It was lovely to end the week with so many primary parents at our 'Come Learn with Me' writing letters about the Great Fire, learning about Neil Armstrong and designing pet dinosaurs! As ever, it is wonderful to hear your feedback about how well your children are doing. We are so proud!

Lots of Year 1 parents came to find out about supporting learning at home at the workshop on Wednesday this week. The two websites mentioned are www.ruthmiskinphonics.com and www.mathematicsmastery.org.uk to find out more information.

We welcomed lots of prospective staff to our Open Event on Thursday evening... the word is getting out about joining our team here at Goresbrook. Lots of roles are currently being advertised, and more to follow in the coming months. Do look at our website for further information, and join the conversation on Twitter @GoresbrookSc and #joingoresbrook.

Primary parents have probably heard about the adventures of our Goresbrook bears up a snowy mountain to find their parents! The children are learning lots about ASPIRE through this story all term in assemblies and family dining. One pupil from each class who has demonstrated our ASPIRE attributes particularly well each week is given a small green bear and a green book, to take home for the weekend. It is their responsibility to write or draw about what the bear has been up to over the weekend (and how they have shown ASPIRE!). Please do feel free to get creative with this. We are also recognising all children who have stayed on green all week with a green sticker awarded on a Friday.

These changes to our behaviour policy have been made in order to make sure we are celebrating our children's wonderful successes as much as possible. As ever, please do feedback about how you think this is working for your children. If you have any suggestions please see Miss Vincent or your class teacher.

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.

Changes to uniform purchasing process

- 1) Parent/Carer emails their child's name and uniform required including quantity and size to: uniformsales@goresbrookschool.org.uk
- 2) Parent/Carer visits Parent Pay 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 received after 12pm on Wednesday	Available for collection on the following Tuesday from 8am-8.25am or 9am onwards and after school

Headlice

Unfortunately this week we have had a case of head lice reported to us. We ask all parents to be extra vigilant and please check your child (or children) ASAP. If you do find any live lice or lice eggs, please treat accordingly so we can eradicate this ongoing issue. We are also holding a Coffee Morning with Debbie our Family Support Worker on Monday 30th January at 9:00 am regarding head lice prevention. Any further queries, please see Miss Bone.

FROGS fundraising meeting

The FROGS are meeting at 6pm on Tuesday 24th January to discuss fundraising ideas. If you would like to get involved please do come along. It would be great to see some new faces.

Next week

On Tuesday next week parents/carers are invited to join us for a social coffee morning at 8-9am or join our FROGS fundraising meeting at 6pm. On Wednesday next week it is Year 2's Curriculum Information Evening. Please do come along to find out about Study Ladder, Year 2 SATs and how best to support your child at home. On Thursday next week Year 7 are visiting the Tower of London for their history topic. On Friday next week Reception are visiting the Natural History Museum to learn about Dinosaurs.

Ms Davison has been away for three days this week representing Team Great Britain in Synchronised Ice Skating. We can't wait to hear how she got on in the competition in Austria!

Have a lovely weekend,
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 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: Illustrator class 99.2%

Year 1: Designer class 96.3%

Year 2: Surgeon class 98.7%

Year 7: Skiddaw 98.6%

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.

Coffee Morning with Debbie (Primary)

Following the success of the recent coffee mornings held by Debbie our family support worker and our school nursing team, we have booked further meetings. Monday 30th Jan at 9am will look at head lice prevention and management and on Monday 20th February at 9am we will look at routines and boundaries.

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.

Phonics book for Reception

Children in reception are now receiving a phonics book to read at home every Tuesday. Please ensure that this is returned to school the following Tuesday. When reading at home with your child, encourage them to use their sounds to read each word and try to read the book several times during the week. Repeated practise helps the children to become fluent readers and to understand the meaning of the text. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher.

Volunteer opportunities

We are looking for volunteers to support with Primary breakfast club from 8-8.30am in the mornings and also listening to our Secondary students reading throughout the week particularly from 8am each day and on Wednesday afternoons. If you are interested in either of these roles please email Dorcas.ologunde@goresbrookschoo.org.uk

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.

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.

Key Dates

Tuesday 24th January—Social Coffee Morning whole school 8am- 9am. Please note staff will not be present at this event.

Tuesday 24th January—FROGS meeting about fundraising 6pm.

Wednesday 25th January—Curriculum Information Meeting 3.45-4.45pm Year 2 (repeated 5-6pm)

Thursday 26th January 2017—Year 7 trip to the Tower of London.

Friday 27th January—Reception trip to Natural History Museum. Volunteer list will be displayed on Monday 23rd in the afternoon.

Monday 30th January—9am coffee morning with Debbie and school nurse. Topic: Head lice

Wednesday 1st Feb—Year 7 trip to Cambridge University. Trip information will be communicated shortly.

Monday 6th Feb—Year 7 milestone assembly. You will receive an invite if your child is taking part.

Friday 10th Feb—Fantastic Finish for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at 3pm.

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