



Welcome message

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We have had a lovely week of learning at Goresbrook School, with all year groups enjoying their first full week of regular timetabled lessons including all Primary carousels.

In Year 7 this week, students have made a flying start to their regular timetable with some very challenging, and interesting, lessons; from geography map skills, to cell biology via lots of spoken French, it has been a pleasure to see our Secondary pupils tackle their subjects with great effort.

In Reception, the children have been enjoying learning about the Three Little Pigs, with lots of related activities, and they learnt a song in French on Tuesday!

In Year 1 the hunt for Beegu continues... and in Year 2 the children have been busy creating their own versions of 'The Stone Age Boy'. Both year groups enjoyed their first Music, French and PE lessons this week.

It's been great to see so many parents involved in our various opportunities to get involved this week: Monday evening's Reception Curriculum Information Event was a really useful introduction to how to teach your child reading and writing through phonics. Please see your child's class teacher or Miss Rix if you would like more information. Or look on the website www.ruthmiskin.com for more information.

We held our open event for incoming year 7s on Wednesday; it was very well-attended with lots of positive feedback. We have another date on Wednesday 12th October 9-10.30am—please do tell family or friends who may be interested in attending.

Parent Forum

Our Parents' Forum was a great success yesterday evening; we discussed the following:

- How best to improve the menu for lunches: please look out for a survey at the end of next week in which will gather your feedback on specific lunches and review appropriately.
- Clarity about homework expectations in Primary and Secondary: Primary are receiving an information letter today about Home Learning, and Secondary pupils are completing a review survey on Monday - we will inform parents about any changes that are made to the policy.
- Fundraising for the library and outside area: the Parent Forum will meet again next Thursday 5-6pm to discuss ideas about fundraising at the International Food Festival on Friday 21st. All parents welcome to the meeting next week.

Parent handbook correction

Apologies but it seems there was an error in the parent handbooks issued with regards to term dates. **This is to confirm that the last day of term is Thursday 20th July 2017.** Our full term dates can be found here: <http://www.goresbrookschool.org.uk/Term-Dates/2016-2017>

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.**

Census information request

We are currently outstanding some information which we urgently require for our census return. **Please can ALL parents complete the slip overleaf and return to main reception no later than Friday 30th September.** Thank you.

Coffee Morning

We are holding our first coffee morning of this year on Tuesday 27th September from 8am and we would really like to see as many parents there as possible. Primary parents will have an opportunity to get more information regarding home learning. We will also have some staff outside in the playground who can help answer queries. Secondary parents also welcome.

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: Illustrator 99.3%

Year 1: Engineer 100%!

Year 2: Optician 97%

Year 7: Ben Nevis 99.6%

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.



Nursery book swaps

Nursery book swaps will start on Thursday. Nursery children only need to bring their book bags on a Thursday each week.

After-school clubs (Primary)

Please see below the club pick up locations for your child. 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 as reception gets very busy. Please see where to collect your child from after-school clubs:

Monday	Dismissal	Tuesday	Dismissal
Ballet	Front office	Year 1 & 2 Football	Front office
Cartooning	Architect Class	Reception Performing arts	Front office
Cooking	Front office		
Homework	Storyteller Class		
Reception Tennis	Front office		

Wednesday	Dismissal
Basketball	Front office
Fizz, pop, bang	Engineer Class
Drama	Front office
Arts & Crafts	Illustrator Class
Reception Football	Front office

Thursday	Dismissal	Friday	Dismissal
Gymnastics	Front office	Dance	Front office
Music	Front office	Tennis	Front office

Key Dates

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

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! Primary and Secondary families welcome.

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.

Wednesday 12th October: Secondary open event for current Year 6 children 9-10.30am

Thursday 13th October: School nurse drop-in 8:30am

Friday 14th October: Family Friday assembly for Author class 3pm. All Author parents should attend to see their child’s class assembly.

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

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.

Please complete the below for your child and return to the main office asap and no later than Friday 30th September. This applies to all children in all year groups, even if you have completed the enrolment form.

Name of child _____

Class _____

Country of birth _____

The council that your address falls under e.g Barking & Dagenham/Havering _____