



## Welcome message

Welcome back. We hope you are feeling refreshed after half-term. Year 1 are visiting Colchester Zoo today as part of their 'around the world' topic, we can't wait to hear all about it.

Year 7 have had an excellent start to the new half term. Students' focus and motivation has been very evident as students have been using every opportunity to get to grips with learning the key subject content from their new knowledge organisers. Well done Year 7!

### Fly tipping

As you will notice we have unfortunately had another issue with fly tipping. The council have been informed and we are in regular contact with them to get this rectified as soon as possible. Parents should park in Vue cinema please.

### How to buy uniform

1) Parent/Carer emails their child's name and uniform required including quantity and size to:

[uniformsales@goresbrookschool.org.uk](mailto:uniformsales@goresbrookschool.org.uk)

2) Parent/Carer visits [Parentpay.com](http://Parentpay.com) where you will find the option to pay for uniform. No cash sales.

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 and payment received after 12pm on Wednesday	Available for collection on the following Tuesday from 8am-8.25am or 9am onwards and after school

### Staffing updates—Miss Munday

Today, it is with great sadness that we are saying goodbye to Miss Munday who has worked at Goresbrook for the last two and a half years. Miss Munday has been an incredibly valued member of staff and has been instrumental in helping shape the direction of the school since its opening in September 2014. Miss Munday has provided the school with exceptional leadership during her time as a Business Manager and member of the Senior Leadership Team. She has also provided invaluable administrative and logistical support to the school this academic year. She has put our children and their needs at the forefront of all decisions and we are very sorry to be saying 'farewell.' We want to wish Miss Munday all the very best in her new position at Queen Mary University of London.

### Request for donations

The Reception team would love your support with any donations that you have to enhance our outside learning area. In particular we are looking to develop our 'mud kitchen' as part of our topic 'Food glorious food' this term. Please bring in any old pots, pans, measuring jugs, whisks, spoons etc.

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](tel:02035976666) 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 100%!**

**Year 1: Designer class 96.2%**

**Year 2: Optician class 97.9%**

**Year 7: Snowdon 98.5%**

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:Governors@goresbrookschoo.org.uk) to express interest ASAP. Elections will be held in due course.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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. Please note that Goresbrook School are not liable for replacing lost items.

## World Book Day 2017—Thursday 2nd March



On Thursday 2nd March all children in Primary are required to dress up as a book character as part of World Book Day. Start thinking now about what character you might like to be. We look forward to seeing what you come up with!



## Key Dates

Monday 1st, 2nd and 3rd March—height, weight and vision tests for Reception children carried out by the school nursing team. (for information only)

Thursday 2nd March—World Book Day Dress –up

Friday 3rd March—Year 1 Assembly Designers 3pm

Monday 6th & 13th March—Year 7 Parent afternoon and evenings—more details to follow. **School closes at 1:50pm for Year 7 on these days.**

Tuesday 7th March—Social coffee morning 8-9am (no staff present)

Friday 10th March—Year 1 Assembly Engineers 3pm

Mon 13th-Wed 15th March—Nursery parent appointments —more details to follow.

Thu 16th March—Primary Parent afternoon and evening 1.40—7pm—more info to follow. **School closes for Primary at 1:10pm.**

Fri 17th March—Year 7 trip to Science Museum.

Mon 3rd April—Year 7 Milestone Assembly for selected pupils.

## Email addresses

If you do not receive this newsletter by email but would like to, please see a member of staff at reception who will check the address we have on file for you and do a test send.