



## Welcome message

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We've had another great week at Goresbrook School. Pupils in Primary and Secondary are really in the swing of their learning in all areas. Highlights this week have included the start of our instrumental lessons for Year 7; all pupils are learning the trumpet or the clarinet during their core Music lessons which is a wonderful opportunity. Reception have begun their phonics learning, and have made a tremendous start to their taught Maths lessons.

We have also been very grateful this week for lots of parent and pupil feedback to help us to improve the school in a variety of ways. Various issues were discussed at both the coffee morning, and Parent Forum meeting, that I would like to outline the main actions below:

1. Our Parents Forum is really starting to take shape with a clear focus on fundraising over the next few weeks and months. The group has been named "**The Goresbrook Mountain FROGS**" (Friends & Relatives Of Goresbrook School), and is working hard to ensure the International Food Festival is a great success. Upcoming meetings are on Friday 7th October at 9.30am and Friday 14th October at 9am. Going forward, the meetings will alternate between morning and evenings, and all are welcome.
2. **Update on road/parking:** the final works should be completed in the next couple of weeks. Please could all parents be very careful when driving around the bend; the area near school is a VERY SLOW zone. Parking is not permitted along the pavements; the parking options are Goals or the Cinema area. Markings on the road will be completed shortly, parking offences will be enforceable.
3. **Lunches:** thank you for your feedback on lunch improvements. As mentioned, we are collecting your views via an online survey about each meal. This will be sent to all parent emails, hard copies in the reception area, and sent to Year 7 emails in the middle of next week. It will only take a couple of minutes to complete, and we will act on your feedback accordingly. Please be aware that bread and butter is available daily for all pupils.
4. **Primary drop off and dismissal** Following parent feedback this week we have decided to put the following procedures in place from Monday :

### Morning entry

Please can we ask that all parents vacate the playground before the morning song, this will help the transition to classes a smoother process.

### Afternoon dismissal

Please can we ask all parents to remain behind fencing which will be in place to avoid congestion around exit doors. This will allow for a smoother process when collecting your child.

### Asthma pumps

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.

### School trip (Secondary)

Year 7 pupils will be going to Leith Mountain in Surrey this Thursday 6th October. Full details are in the letter that you have received today.

### School reception opening times

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.

### Come Learn With Me (Primary)

Parents of children in reception, year 1 and year 2 are invited to learn alongside your child from 8.30am –9.15am on Friday morning. This is a real highlight, please do come along if you can. If you cannot make it then other family members are welcome e.g. grandparents.

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 100%**

**Year 1: Engineer 99.4%**

**Year 2: Surgeon 96%**

**Year 7: Skiddaw 100%**

## 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](mailto: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.

### Parent Pay (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.

### Vacancies at Goresbrook School

Please have a look on our website for our current vacancies. Please do let any family or friends know who may be interested. <http://www.goresbrookschoo.org.uk/Staff/Vacancies>

### P.E days

Please see confirmation of P.E days below:

Reception – Tuesday 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.**

Year 1 - Tuesday PM & Friday PM

Year 7 – class specific, check individual timetables.



## Key Dates

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

Thursday 6th October: Secondary trip to Leith Mountain

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

Friday 7th October: The Goresbrook Mountain FROGS Meeting 9.30am

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.

Friday 14th October: The Goresbrook Mountain FROGS Meeting 9\_00am

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.

**If you have not yet returned this slip—please complete the below for your child and return to the main office asap and no later than Monday 3rd October. 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 \_\_\_\_\_