



Welcome message

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Welcome back to term 2. I hope you enjoyed our end to the half-term with the International Food Festival—thank you to everyone who took part.

This week our Secondary students enjoyed a trip to the theatre to see Gangsta Granny which they thoroughly enjoyed. I would like to say a huge congratulations to our Year 7s. They were a total credit to the school—a member of the public on the tube commented that they ‘has never seen a group of pupils who were so well-mannered.’

We hope those parents who attended the coffee morning regarding sleep found it useful and enjoyable. The next meeting is on Wednesday 30th November at 9am and the topic fussy eaters and healthy eating.

Well done to Illustrator class who presented their Family Friday assembly to parents today.



Football cards

Children should not be bringing in football cards or toys from home. These will be confiscated and given to parents at the end of the school day.

Primary clubs

If your child is due to attend a primary after-school club but you wish to collect them instead, please let reception know in the morning or afternoon or email Mrs Mehmet at Aliye.mehmet@goresbrookschool.org.uk.

Christmas Card competition (Primary)

Margaret Hodge, our local MP, is running her annual Christmas card completion for Primary school children. Children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 have received a letter today explaining the rules and how to be a part of the competition. All cards must be received at the school next Wednesday at 9am so get creative this weekend! If you wish to submit an entry please bring your completed card and entry sheet to main reception.

School photos

We are expecting delivery of the school photos week commencing 14th November. As soon as we receive these we will distribute to children. Ward Hendry apologise for the delay.

Primary parent evening

A reminder that it is parent afternoon/evening for Primary children on Thursday 24th November. School closes at 1.10pm on this day, please arrive promptly to collect your child. Appointments are available from 1.30pm—7pm. After-school clubs gymnastic and music run as normal from 3.45-4.45pm if you wish to bring your children back for them. There is an option for children to stay at school until 2pm on this day when EM3 will then collect. Please notify reception if you require this service, you will also need to confirm with EM3 and pay them accordingly. A reminder that Secondary students stay as normal until 3.30pm on this day. Please note there is no nursery PM session. The sign up sheets for parent evening will be in the playground on Thursday morning from 8am. Please do sign up and make a note of your appointment slot.

Secondary Meet your Coach evening

Secondary students will be finishing at 1:50pm on Monday 28th November as parents will have the opportunity to meet your child’s coach to discuss how your child is progressing. More information to follow regarding appointments.

Have a lovely weekend,

Clare

Attendance & Punctuality

On return to school please bring in a hand-written note or complete the absence 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** 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 class 99.6%

Year 1: Engineer class 99.3%

Year 2: Dentist class 99.6%

Year 7: Skiddaw 98.9%

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@goresbrookschool.org.uk or call 0207 597 6666 and ask for Mrs Mehmet. All club places are now fixed until Christmas.

Parent Pay (Primary & 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.

Parents in Primary wishing to pay for breakfast club: we will be taking payment once we have moved to Parent Pay. More details to follow.

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.

Parking & supervising children

Please can parents/carers be alert when driving around school area to ensure there is no danger to students.

Please also keep your child with you at all times when dropping off and collecting. Nursery children should not be allowed to play near the front of school.

Raffle prizes

We still have a number of raffle prizes unclaimed from the raffle drawn at the International Food Festival. Please ask at reception if you have tickets 263, 095 or 054.

Upcoming school trips

Year 1 and 2 will receive letters next weeks with information regarding their upcoming school trips. Please see the key dates section for dates.

Applications for Reception 2017

Children currently in our Nursery have received letters this week explaining how to apply to Barking & Dagenham for a place at Goresbrook School in Reception 2017. Spare copies are available in Reception. Please ask Miss Bone if you have any queries. Please submit your application as soon as possible. The closing date is 15 January 2017 and all applications are online via the B&D website.



Key Dates

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

Friday 4th November: Family Friday assembly for Illustrator class 3pm. All Illustrator parents should attend to see their child's class assembly.

Friday 11th November: Family Friday assembly for Storyteller class 3pm. All Storyteller parents should attend to see their child's class assembly.

Tuesday 15th November: Coffee Morning for Primary and Secondary parents 8am-9am

Thursday 17th November: school nurse drop-in 8:30am

Thursday 17th November: Year 2 trip to Cutty Sark—more information to follow next week.

Monday 21st November: Year 1 trip to V&A Museum —more information to follow next week.

Thursday 24th November: Parent afternoon for Primary—school closes for Primary pupils at 1:10pm. Please collect your child at this time. Nursery PM session on this day. Primary clubs still run as normal.

Friday 25th November: School closed for all pupils

Monday 28th November: Meet your coach for Secondary—school closes for Secondary students at 1:50pm. More information to follow regarding appointments.

Wednesday 30th November—Nursery nurse coffee morning 9am, topic: healthy/fussy eating. All Primary parents welcome.