



Welcome message

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A very warm welcome to all of our families, and particularly to those who are joining us for the first time this term. It is a pleasure to see our community grow each year. The children have settled into their new classes very quickly, and are all eager to learn!

Parent information

Please ensure you pick up a parent handbook from reception which contains the information required for this year. This handbook also contains a list of all the key dates for the rest of the year. Menus are also available at the main reception.

Outstanding forms/documents

Thank you to those Reception parents who have completed and returned their enrolment forms. If you are yet to do this please collect an enrolment form from main reception as soon as possible. It is really important that we have relevant information on your child.

Password collection & dismissal

Thank you for providing the school office with your collection password. Thank you for your patience in the next week or so as we get familiar with families.

P.E next week

Reception have no PE next week. Year 1 will have their PE lesson on Tuesday, but not on Friday. Year 2 will have their PE lesson on Thursday only. Our full PE curriculum will begin on the week beginning 19th; full information on PE days can be found in the year handbooks.

Book swaps

Book swaps will start on Monday. Please ensure you bring any old books in that belong to the school. Please check your handbook for more information.

After-school clubs

Reception

Reception families have received letters today confirming the club their child has a place in. Please follow the instructions in the letter and ensure payment is received by Thursday 15th September at 4pm in order to confirm your child's place. If your child qualifies for pupil premium they will get a paid club for free. If we are yet to hear from Barking & Dagenham if you qualify we will require payment and will refund once we receive confirmation of eligibility. Details of how to pay will be in your letter. Reception clubs start week commencing Monday 19th September.

Year 1 & 2

Year 1 & 2 Sporty champs clubs start this Monday 12th. Children who have not yet paid will not be given a space. If you have forgotten what clubs your child is doing please see the list which will be available on Monday morning in the playground. A reminder that staff clubs do not start until the following week.

All payments must be online for clubs, the main reception cannot accept cash or card payments. Please see Ms Mehmet on main reception regarding clubs or email Aliye.mehmet@goresbrookschool.org.uk

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: 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.

Goresbrook Attendance Bears!



Our Goresbrook Attendance Bears are awarded to the

class with the best attendance in each year group. Please try really hard to be here on time and be here every day, don't let your class down!

Reception: All of our reception classes have achieved 100% attendance this week!

Year 1: Designer class 100%

Year 2: Optician class 96.6%

Exciting attendance news

Well done to those children who received a blue 100% attendance and punctuality sticker for this week. Can you spot your name on the wow board?

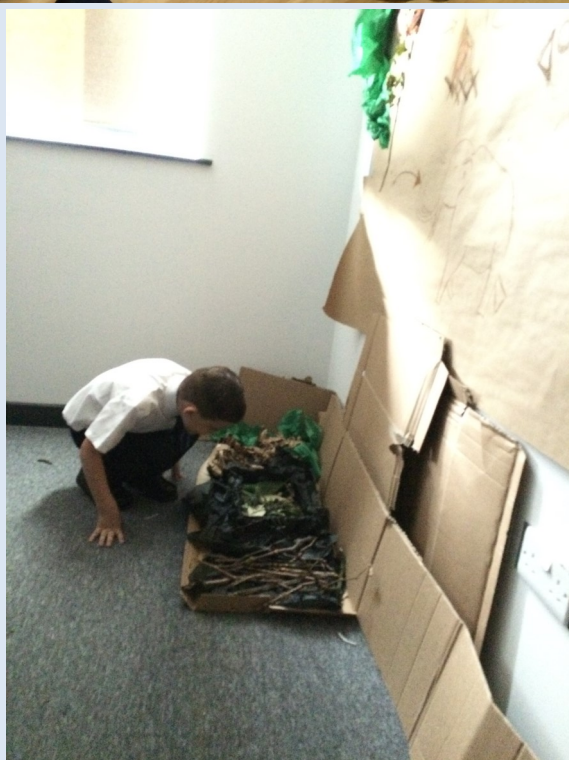


Volunteering opportunities

Please see Mrs Ologunde if you are interested in volunteering in any aspect of school from the office, to helping with displays, helping in the playground or assisting with breakfast club and after-school clubs. A DBS check paid by the school will be required.

Curriculum Information Meetings

All Reception parents should attend the information evening on Monday 19th September. Year 1 and 2 curriculum information is contained within the year handbooks for this term; workshops will take place for all year groups in January and April (see handbook for year dates).



Key Dates

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

Monday 12th September: Sporty Champs club start in Year 1 & 2 for those children who have paid

Wednesday 14th September: Nursery start (staggered start Wednesday to Friday for new starters)

Thursday 15th September: School nurse drop in 8.30am—please do come and see the nurse if you have any queries or concerns

Monday 19th September: Staff-run after-school clubs start for Year 1 & 2

Monday 19th September: Clubs start for Reception children

Monday 19th September: Curriculum information meeting for Reception only 3:45-4:45pm and 5:15-6:15pm

Thursday 22nd September: Parent Forum 5-6pm—please do come along if you would like to be involved in shaping the school.

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!

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