



General News

Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

A warm welcome back following our Easter break. The last half term ended with excitement as we had a visit from the Easter Bunny for our younger pupils and there were lots of fantastic entries into our egg decorating and poster competitions - well done to everyone who entered.

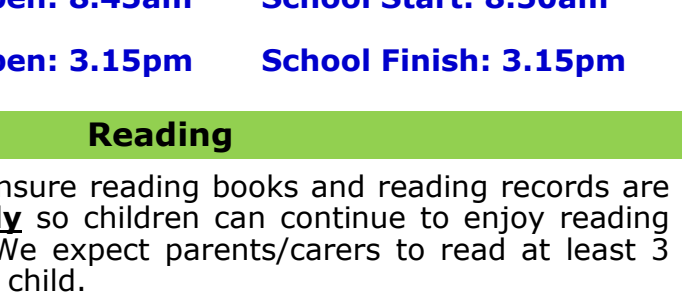
We are now in the summer term and have lot of events to look forward to including Sports Day, the King's Coronation family picnic, visits and summer performances.

We will continue to encourage all children to Dream, Believe, Achieve and to be their best self in all they do.

There could possibly be more school closures in the coming weeks due to further strikes. As always we will let you know of any closures as soon as possible so alternative arrangements can be made.

Kind Regards

Miss E Jackson
Headteacher



School Hours

A reminder of the new arrangements now in place.

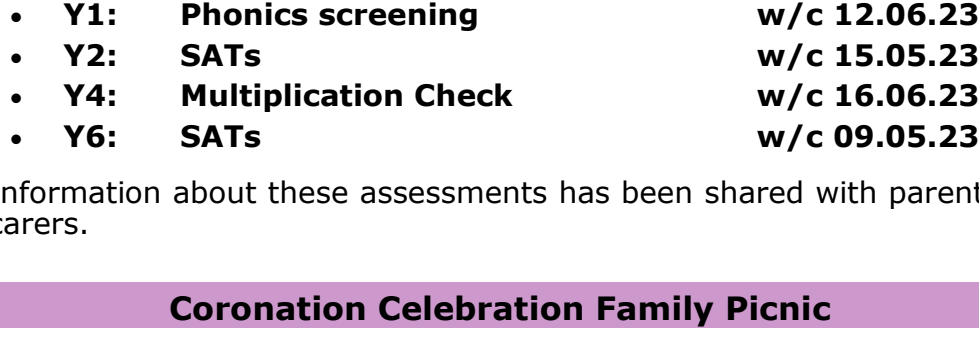
Morning: Gates Open: 8.45am School Start: 8.50am

Afternoon: Gates Open: 3.15pm School Finish: 3.15pm

Reading

A reminder to please ensure reading books and reading records are returned to school **daily** so children can continue to enjoy reading their books in class. We expect parents/carers to read at least 3 times a week with their child.

We now have a permanent book exchange at the front of school. Children are able to exchange their books for different ones before and after school.



Bring a Book - Take a Book
Read ★ Return ★ Repeat

*"The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."* Dr Seuss

Assessments

During March and April all our children will be working hard on their learning. All national assessments are going ahead this year and the following year groups will be taking part:

- **Y1: Phonics screening** w/c **12.06.23**
- **Y2: SATs** w/c **15.05.23**
- **Y4: Multiplication Check** w/c **16.06.23**
- **Y6: SATs** w/c **09.05.23**

Information about these assessments has been shared with parents/carers.

Coronation Celebration Family Picnic

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Wednesday 3rd May 2023

Parents/Carers are invited to join us. Please book online.



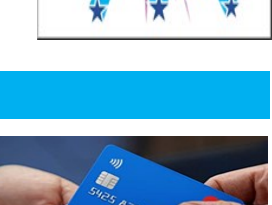
We are excited to invite parent/carers to join us at school on Wednesday 3rd May 2023 to celebrate the Kings Coronation with an outdoor picnic style lunch. Our picnic will start at 1.00pm.

If you wish to attend this event please login to the School Gateway and book a place using the 'Clubs' option.

Parents/carers are also welcome to purchase a party picnic box from school at a cost of £2.50 per box or bring their own packed lunch. For parents/carers who would like to purchase a party picnic box please order and pay using the School Gateway under the payment option "Guest Party Picnic Box".

Foxhowl Visit (Nov 2023) *Current Y1 Pupils*

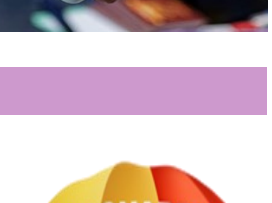
Please can parent/carers ensure payments are kept up to date. Failure to ensure payments are up to date may mean your child loses their place.



Next payment due: Friday 15th May 2023

Y5/Y6 St Braivels/Cardiff Visit (June 2023)

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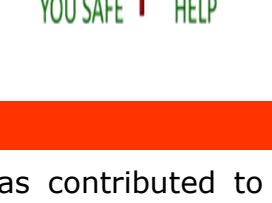


Next payment due: Friday 21st April 2023

Full balance due: Friday 9th June 2023

Kingswood Visit (Nov 2023) *Current Y3 Pupils*

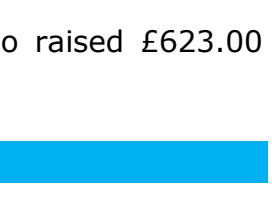
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Next payment due: Friday 21st April 2023

CHET Visit (Feb 2024) *Current Y2 Pupils*

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Next payment due: Friday 28th April 2023

Celebrating Success

Well done to all of the children who received a reward in one of our Celebration Assemblies last month.

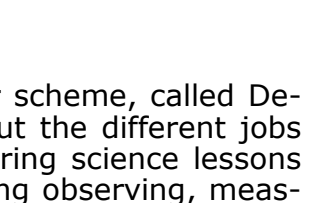


We continue to recognise kindness, resilience and excellent effort in our learning.

We look forward to seeing parents/carers at our celebration assembly again! If your child has received a Headteacher award you will receive an invitation by message.

Payments to School

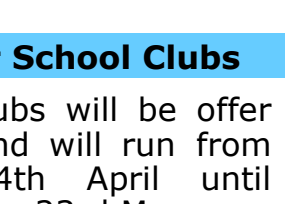
Where possible our preferred method of payment to school for trips, tuck and uniform is via the School Gateway.



However in cases where parents/carers are unable to access the School Gateway we can now accept card payments at the school office.

Safeguarding at Gorsewood

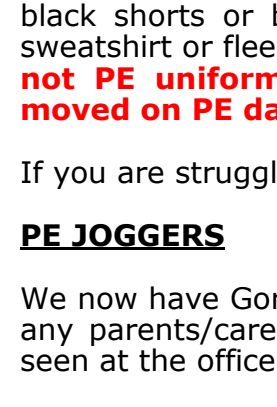
At Gorsewood safeguarding all of our pupils is a priority. If you have a concern or need some support or advice please speak to us.



If you have any concerns for the safety of a child please speak to the designated safeguarding lead **Miss E Jackson** or in her absence the deputy designated safeguarding lead **Mrs C Westwood**.

If it is out of hours you can contact Halton Children's Social Care on 0345 050 148.

Thank You



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our recent fundraising.

We raised £100.00 for Comic Relief from our own clothes day.

The Easter bingo and raffle also raised £623.00 for school funds.

Value of the Month

This month our value is: **Equality**



We will be thinking about what equality means and why it is important to treat all people fairly and make sure all people have equal opportunities. We will be thinking about what we can do to make the world a fairer place.

Curriculum Updates

Staff continue to work hard to ensure our curriculum is exciting and engaging for all children. We are very fortunate to have lots of enrichment activities take place to enhance our learning.

Focus on Art

We use a scheme called KAPOW for our art lessons. We also learn about different artists too. From mark making to sculpture to mixed media and painting, our curriculum develops pupils skills and knowledge whilst allowing their creativity to flourish! Work is produced in sketch books and lots of art work can be seen on display around school.

Focus on Science

Children have science lessons every week. Our scheme, called Developing Experts, enables children to learn about the different jobs in science as well as cover the curriculum. During science lessons children develop their investigative skills including observing, measuring and predicting. Ask your child what they are currently learning about in science!

Drama

This term will see us preparing for our summer drama performances. Keep a look out for performance dates!

Swimming

This half term Year 3 will be swimming.

Swimming will now take place on a FRIDAY.

Please ensure your child has their swimming kit with them on this day.

After School Clubs

New clubs will be offer soon and will run from w/c 24th April until Thursday 23rd May.



PE Kit Reminder

A reminder that children should come to school in their PE kits on the days they have PE.

PE kit consists of a plain white T-shirt or Gorsewood T-shirt, blue/black shorts or black jogging bottoms and Gorsewood PE hoody, sweatshirt or fleece. **Please note sports kits and gym wear are not PE uniform. Please can watches and earrings be removed on PE days.**

If you are struggling to buy PE items please let school know.

PE JOGGERS

We now have Gorsewood logo navy PE jogging bottoms available for any parents/carers who want to purchase them. Samples can be seen at the office.

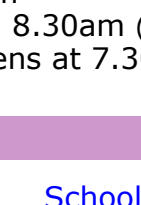
Joggers can be ordered and paid for via the School Gateway or at the office. The cut off for the first order is Friday 5th May 2023.

Size Guide: 5-6, 7-8, 9-11, 12-13, 14-15, S & M.

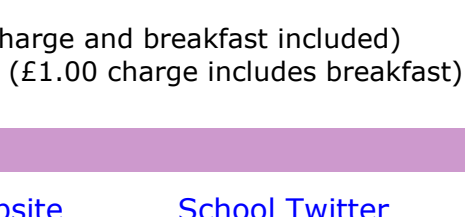
Cost £12.50 for all sizes except S & M which are £14.00.

Marvellous Me

Please make sure you have signed up to Marvellous Me so you can be kept updated with what your child is doing in school



Twitter



@gorsewoodprimar

School Houses

Children continue to work hard to earn house points. The winning house for this half term will receive a treat.

The current scores are:

Ash 6160 Oak 5867

Birch 5292 Sycamore 5732

Well done to ASH who are the current leaders!

Well done

Diary Dates

• Fri 21st Apr - Y4 Multiplication Check Parent/Carer Meeting (3.00pm)

• Mon 8th May - School Closed for Kings Coronation

• Tue 9th May - KS2 SATS start (finish Fri 12th May)

• Tue 16th May - Y5 Parent/Pupil Forest School Session

• Fri 19th May - Reception & Year 6 Whole Class Photographs

• Thu 20th April - Y1 Halton Castle & Norton Priory Visit

• Fri 21st April - Y4 Parent/Carer Multiplication Check Meeting 3.00pm

• Wed 26th April - Y2 Visit to Safety Central

• Wed 3rd May - Family Coronation Picnic (Book Online)

• Wed 24th May - Infant Music Festival

• Fri 26th May - School closes for half term break

• Mon 6th June - Inset Day

• Mon 6th June - School reopens

Further information will be sent out for events nearer the time.

Attendance

Come to school every day w/c 24th April for the chance to win a choice of voucher!

Attendance continues to be a key priority for school this year. It is a legal requirement that all children attend school regularly and are only absent when absolutely necessary.

Please help us to ensure your child achieves their potential by promoting good attendance and punctuality.

We aim for all our pupils to achieve 95%+ attendance.

If you would like any support with attendance or morning routines please call into school to speak to a member of our pastoral team.

Whole School Attendance Reward

Children are currently working on building the attendance wall to earn an **Own Clothes Day**.

Whole school attendance to date = 93.61%.

We need to work towards reaching 95% and need everybody to be in school every day on time to help us achieve this target.

Good school attendance is essential for children to achieve their potential.

Reward = Own Clothes Day

Bricks Earned = 4

Bricks to Earn = 6

Everyone can help to build the pyramid and earn the reward!

Punctuality - School now starts at 8.50am!

A reminder that all children should be in their classrooms for 8.50am when school starts. **Please ensure your child arrives before 8.50am so they don't miss out on any key learning time. Anyone arriving after 8.55am will receive a late mark.**

- Gates Open: 8.45am
- Early Bird Drop Off: 8.30am (no charge and breakfast included)
- Breakfast Club: Opens at 7.30am (£1.00 charge includes breakfast)

Useful Links

[School Term Dates](#)

[School Website](#)

[School Twitter](#)

A reminder we no longer send out paper copies of newsletters and letters. All communication is sent by email however paper copies are available if requested. **If you are not receiving any communications please update the office with your email address [here](#).**