



General News

Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended parents evening in the last week of half term. It was great to welcome you back to face to face appointments. Towards the end of this term there will be an opportunity for parents/carers to come in to school to celebrate their child's work with them and have a look at their books.

This is a very busy term and there is lots happening. Please ensure you check your emails and gateway notifications so you don't miss any exciting events.

We continue to be proud of the progress children are making with their learning but we need your support to ensure all children reach their potential. Please continue to read with your child at home and ensure they have good attendance and punctuality.

This week we are celebrating Harvest in school and will be distributing hampers in the community. Thank you for all of the donations we have received and a special thank you to Thomas (Y2) for showing kindness and using his own money to buy food bank items. If you would like to nominate anyone for a hamper please call in at the office. We are looking forward to sharing our assemblies on Friday with parents/carers, please book online if you wish to attend.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss E Jackson
Headteacher

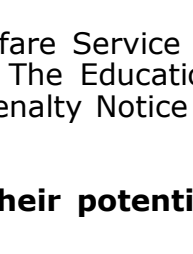
General Reminders

Reminder - Nut Aware

We would like to remind you that we are a nut aware school and we have to ensure that the school environment is a safe place for all children. Please can all parents/carers continue to be NUT AWARE by ensuring that packed lunches do not contain nuts or nut products including Nutella and foods containing nuts, are not sent into school. Thank you for your continued support.

Poppy Appeal

Poppies will be on sale from Friday 4th November. We are suggesting a 20p donation for a poppy. Other items are also on sale and priced between 50p and £1.50.



Dogs on School Grounds

Please can we politely remind parent/carers that dogs are **not** allowed in school or within school boundaries. **This includes the carrying of dogs.** Mr Ayres is always available to radio through for your child to be brought to the school gate. Thank you for your support.



Attendance Reminder

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

Unfortunately attendance has dropped again over the last few weeks and the number of leave of absence requests has also increased. We would like to remind you that school may not authorise any leave of absence unless it is for exceptional circumstances. A holiday is not classed as exceptional circumstances.

School is also required to inform the Education Welfare Service of any periods of unauthorised absence from school. The Education Welfare Service will then consider if the issue of a Penalty Notice is appropriate.

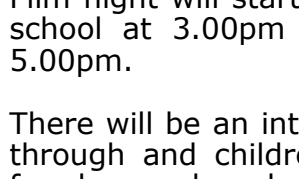
Please help us to ensure your child achieves their potential by promoting good attendance and punctuality.

Whole School Attendance Reward

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

Week 7: 17.10.22 to 21.10.22 = 94.81% = 0 Brick

Whole school attendance to date = 95.03%



Reward = Own Clothes Day

Bricks Earned = 2

Bricks to Earn = 8

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

WELL DONE!

Well done to everyone who achieved 100% attendance during the last week of term.

Congratulations to the raffle winners: **Heidi-Jae, Daniel S, Sofia, Arabella P, Amelia M and Elsa.**

There will be another chance to win again soon in the next Attendance Focus Week. Look out for details coming home!

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.

Film Nights

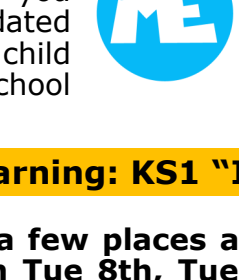
We have arranged 2 film nights open to the whole school on: **Tue 22nd Nov & Thu 1st Dec.**

There will be a choice of films on the day and children can choose which film they would like to watch. Please note all films will be age appropriate and will be either U or PG.

Film night will start straight after school at 3.00pm and finish at 5.00pm.

There will be an interval half way through and children will be offered a snack and a drink. These snacks will be provided free of charge.

Gifts will be required for entry and booking will be online.



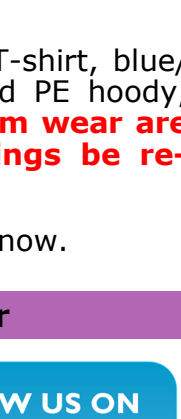
A separate letter will follow soon.

CIN - Fri 18th Nov

Gorsewood will be joining many others around the UK to participate in fundraising for the BBC Children in Need Appeal 2022

We will be taking part with an **Own Clothes Day on Friday 18th November.** We are asking for donations of £1.00 per pupil which can be paid online via the School Gateway or in cash if preferred.

Children can come to school wearing own clothes and CIN merchandise if they want to.



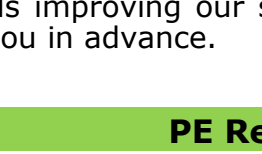
Odd Socks Day - 14th Nov

On Mon 14th Nov we will be taking part in Odd Socks Day. Children and staff are invited to come to school wearing odd socks to support anti-bullying.

Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun but it's also an opportunity for everybody to express themselves and appreciate individuality and uniqueness!

Value of the Month

This month's value is ...



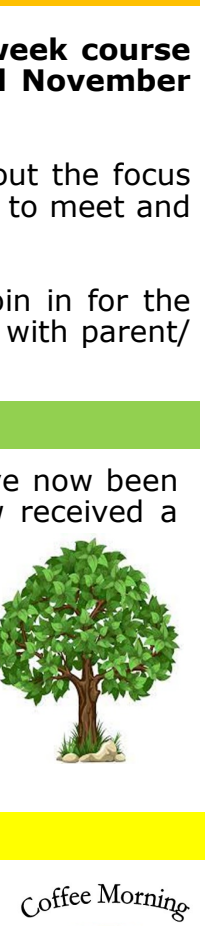
Parking Around School

Please can we remind all parents/carers to park safely and responsibly outside the school.

Many cars are still parking on the single yellow lines and blocking pavements too which is putting children at risk.

The 'Drop & Go' area is often under used and we would encourage parents/carers to use this for an easy drop off. Mrs Newby is always there to walk your child into school.

Our local PSCOs will be monitoring parking around school. Thank you for your continued support.



Mini Marathon Sponsor Money

All classes took part in this event before the half term break.

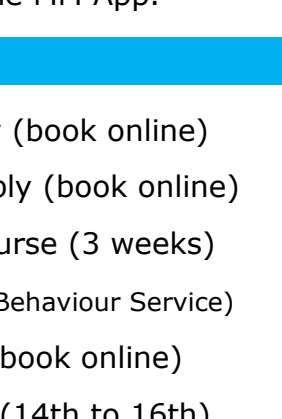
Please can all sponsor money be sent in to school or paid online via the School Gateway before Friday 5th November.

We will then confirm how much we managed to raise towards improving our sports equipment. Thank you in advance.

After School

New clubs will be on offer soon.

Clubs will run from Mon 7th November until Thu 8th December.



PE Reminder

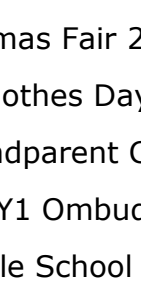
A reminder that children should come to school in their PE kits on the days they have PE.

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 removed on PE days.**

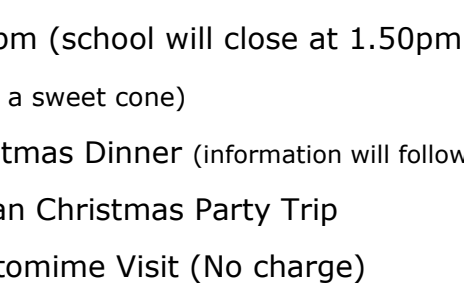
If you are struggling to buy PE items please let school know.

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 each day.



Twitter



@gorsewoodprimar

Family Learning: KS1 "Introduction to Number"

There are still a few places available for this 3 week course taking place on Tue 8th, Tue 15th and Tue 22nd November from 9.00am to 11.00am.

These sessions are a great opportunity to find out about the focus on number skills in today's education system, and also to meet and chat with other parents/carers from school.

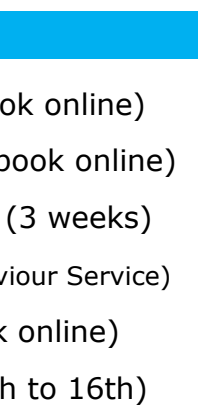
Refreshments will be provided and the children will join in for the last 25 minutes of each session to work on an activity with parent/carers.

School Houses

You will know that the whole school including staff have now been organised into our school houses. Everyone has now received a badge to show which house they belong to.

The current scores are:

Ash 1719 Oak 1761
Birch 1621 Sycamore 1753

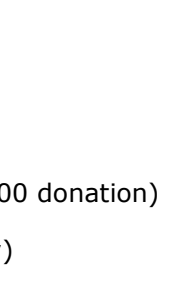


Oak enjoyed an extra play time on the last day of half term for earning the most house points - well done!

Coffee Morning - Thu 10th Nov

We would like to invite our parents, carers and grandparents to join us at a coffee morning with Halton Behaviour Service on **Thursday 10th Nov 9.15am to 10.15am.**

Information will follow and booking will be online.



Reading



Reading is very important and we expect all children to read at least 3 times each week to an adult at home. The difference this makes to a child's progress is huge so please take the time to hear your child read. Please record your child's reading using either their reading record or on the MM App.

Diary Dates

- Fri 4th Nov 10.30am - YR/Y1 Harvest Assembly (book online)
- Fri 4th Nov 2.30pm - Y2/Y3/Y4 Harvest Assembly (book online)
- Tue 8th Nov - KS1 Number Family Learning Course (3 weeks)
- Thu 10th Nov - Coffee Morning 9.15am (Halton Behaviour Service)
- Fri 11th Nov - Y5/Y6 Remembrance Assembly (book online)
- Mon 14th Nov - Y4 Kingswood Residential Visit (14th to 16th)
- Mon 14th Nov - Odd Socks Day (to support anti-bullying)
- Thu 17th Nov - Flu Vaccination Program
- Thu 17th Nov - Y5 Jodrell Bank Visit
- Fri 18th Nov - Y2 Foxhowl Visit (overnight)
- Fri 18th Nov - Children in Need Own Clothes Day (£1.00 donation)
- Tue 22nd Nov - Film Night (send a selection box for entry)
- Wed 23rd Nov - Y6 Western Approaches Visit
- Wed 23rd Nov - Y4 Visit to OBA for Cooking
- Tue 29th Nov - Reception Parent/Carer Forest School Session
- Thu 1st Dec - Film Night (send a bottle donation for entry)
- Tue 6th Dec - Book Look for Parents/Carers. (Drop In 3.15-4.30)
- Wed 7th Dec - Y4 Grosvenor Museum Visit
- Fri 9th Dec - Christmas Fair 2.00pm (school will close at 1.50pm)
- Fri 9th Dec - Own Clothes Day (fill a sweet cone)
- Tue 13th Dec - Grandparent Christmas Dinner (information will follow)
- Wed 14th Dec - YR/Y1 Ombudsman Christmas Party Trip
- Thu 15th Dec - Whole School Pantomime Visit (No charge)
- Fri 16th Dec - Christmas Dinner
- Fri 16th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day (in aid of Stick N Step)
- Tue 20th Dec - Christmas Performances *SAVE THE DATE*
- Wed 21st Dec - School closes for Christmas 2.30pm (after carols)

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

Useful Links

[School Term Dates](#)

[School Website](#)

[School Twitter](#)

School Gateway Reminders

Currently payment/consent is due for:

- **Tuck** - Payment of £5.00 due for all pupils for yearly tuck (fruit)
- **Y5/Y6 St Braivels Cardiff Visit** - Next payment due by 4th Nov
- **Y3 CHET:** Next payment due by 4th Nov. Full balance by 16th Dec
- **Y2 Foxhowl:** Final balance to be paid by 11th Nov
- **Y6 Western Approaches:** Payment due by 18th November
- **Y4 Kingswood Visit** - Final balance due **now**
- **Y4 Chester:** Payment due by 1st December
- **Y5 Jodrell Bank:** Payment due by 11th November



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 email with your email address [here](#).**



Free, 2k, run for 4-14 year olds

Phoenix Park

Every Sunday at 9:00 AM

(Phoenix Park, Castlefields Avenue East, Runcorn, Cheshire, WA7 2NY)

Register online & print your barcode:

www.parkrun.org.uk/register

For more information go to www.parkrun.org.uk/phoenix-juniors
Halton sports development team:
sports.development@halton.gov.uk
Twitter: @haltonsportsdev or
Facebook: Halton Sports Development



the national sleep helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?

Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

03303 530 541

Available Sunday - Thursday 7pm - 9pm