

Gorsley Goffs Primary School



NEWSLETTER



Our value for this month is

Respect

February

Please click on the links below to see the latest information for your child's class!

Acorn



Briery



Kempley



Lynders



Oxenhall



Rudhall



Wye



PARENTS' EVENINGS 3rd and 6th March

Could parents please note that appointments are for ten minutes only and that if you, or the teacher, feels it is necessary to speak for longer than this then another appointment must be made. Please also bear in mind that there is only one appointment per child and separated parents should agree a mutual time to attend together. You will also have opportunity to peruse your children's work either before or after your appointment. If your child has an Individual Education Plan you will be offered a longer meeting with their class teacher and they will be in touch with you to arrange a convenient time. Separate letters informing you of this have been sent out and will not be able to book through the School Cloud system.

The teachers always do their best to keep to the appointment times and we appreciate that on occasions the appointments can run late. However, if you can help the process by being prompt and being aware that ten minutes goes very quickly, it would be greatly appreciated. If you have any problems with booking please contact the school office.

We've had a very busy half term and everyone is looking forward to a break! We hope you have a lovely half term.

The children have had many exciting experiences/trips this half term including

- Acorn's trip to Perrygrove. Please see your Seesaw accounts for lots of lovely photos. Thank you to our parents for volunteering to help.
- Briery Class have been treated to visits by Mr Martin (Faith's dad) bringing in some baby chicks, and Mrs Cosker (Henry's mum) bringing in a Ball Python. They were very excited and thank you so much to Mr Martin and Mrs Cosker for giving up your time to share these lovely animals. Check out Briery website for pictures.
- Kempley Class had a fantastic time yesterday at the Birmingham Sea Life Centre. See their website for lovely photos. Thank you to our volunteer parents for helping.
- Rudhall Class presented a fantastic Sharing Assembly to the whole school and their parents. It was lovely for them to share what they have been learning this term.

Forest
School



Wye Class Cake Sale

On Tuesday, 4th March, Wye Class will be selling cakes and bakes after school to raise funds for their upcoming trips.



Please come and support them and take home a delicious treat!



- 28th Feb - Swimming starts for Kempley Class
- 28th Feb - Young Voices Concert. Tickets will be sent out as soon as we return after half term
- 6th March - World Book Day
- 12th March - Lynders Class Assembly for parents
- 21st March - Red Nose Day
- 28th March - Year 3 & 4 Netball at JKHS
- 31st March - Year 4 Dress Rehearsal
- 31st March - Last week of after school clubs
- 31st March-4th April - Bikeability for Year 6

Dates for your DIARY

Guitar and Ukulele lessons are currently available at school. They are a great way to help children's creativity, boost confidence, and improve memory function. Lessons take place in school on Thursdays in term time.

Please call or text teacher Mark Leedham on 07813 643175 if your son or daughter would be interested in taking lessons.



The winners for our 100 Club January draw were:

- £50.00 Jenny Facey
- £25.00 Maureen Bolwell
- £10.00 Iona Harris

The winners for the February draw are:

- £50.00 Eileen Clayton
- £25.00 Sarah Carter
- £10.00 David Dalby

If you would like information on how to join our fundraising 100 Club please contact the school office.

The Safeguarding Team at Gorsley Goffs

If you have any concerns about a child's welfare or safety, please speak to a member of the safeguarding team by phoning 01989 720321:

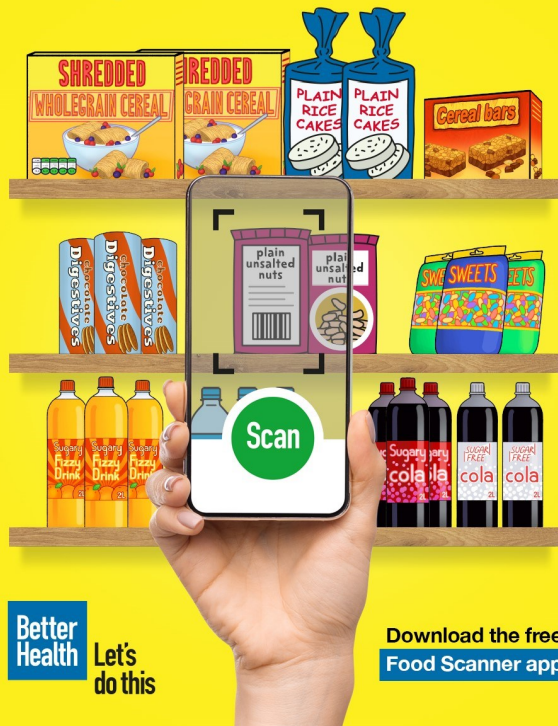
Mr S Pascoe - Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Mr S Manning and Miss L Baugh - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL)





Bring healthier eating to life at home



Healthy Eating

We had an assembly on Healthy Eating. The children were all on best behaviour, they engaged well and their knowledge was outstanding. The Healthy Eating Team commented It was a pleasure to be able to work with the children and said they were a credit to our school.

One of the aspects of the session was to introduce the topic of the NHS Scan, Swipe, Swap App which can be used to assist families in making healthier choices when shopping and preparing foods. We have attached some leaflets explaining the app and hope that you will be able to use them to see what the children have been learning about. We hope you find it useful to continue to make healthier choices and embed healthy habits for the children.



Children's Help and Advice Team (CHAT)

There's a helpline available for Herefordshire families that need some extra support.

The Children's Help and Advice Team (CHAT) phone line is aimed at families and young people who are finding family life or being a parent hard to manage or they just need someone to talk to and a helping hand.

The CHAT team can offer support, advice and guidance for families on the following topics:

- Family relationships
- Challenging behaviours
- Housing and financial matters
- Emotional and mental health worries
- Keeping your child safe (on-line and in the community)
- Child well-being and development
- Any issue affecting you and your family

Families and young people can call the CHAT team on 01432 260261 and speak with an experienced supporting families advisor.

The line is open from 9.00am to 4.45pm, Monday to Friday.

**Listen out
for good advice**

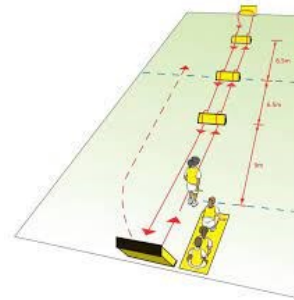


A team of 12 boys and girls from Wye Class headed to Kingston to take part in sportshall athletics. They spent the afternoon competing in obstacle and relay races as well as track events such as long jump, speed bounce and shot. Our young people demonstrated the school games values especially determination and passion and supported each other throughout. Huge thanks to Zoe Davis for accompanying us.



SCHOOL GAMES Sportshall

We were invited to send a team of year 5/6 pupils to JKHS for the first sports meeting of the year. Schools from the Ross area took part in a fun, non competitive dodgeball event, designed to encourage pupils to embrace the values of the schools games. Our children had a fantastic afternoon and were praised by the staff and young leaders at JKHS for their honesty and team spirit. They were ambassadors for our school and we are extremely proud of them.



Just a friendly reminder...



Late arrivals

Drop zone closes at 8.40 am and the children need to be in school, sat ready for registration at 8.45 am. Late arrivals to class not only causes upset to the child who is late, but also disrupts the learning of other children and delays teachers' lessons getting off to a good start as they have to repeat instructions to late arrivals. Lateness causes nervousness and worry to the child who is constantly late. Please make every effort to bring your child to school prior to 8.40 am. We appreciate that sometimes delays are unavoidable and ask that you sign your child in at reception on arrival.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are noticing that a lot of children are not in the correct uniform. We would appreciate your co-operation in helping us, and the children, to take a pride and being smart in our School uniform. Please ensure you pay particular attention to the following:

- Children should not be wearing brightly coloured tights or socks.
- Shoes should be black and not of the canvas/trainer variety.
- Children with pierced ears should only be wearing studs for school and they need to be removed for PE (or taped over) and swimming.
- No nail varnish should be worn to school

Thank you for your continued support with this to ensure our children always look smart.



Should I keep my child off school?

Please scan the QR code for NHS illness guidance.

Children's Mental Health Week



Children's Mental Health Week followed the theme "Know Yourself - Grow Yourself". Through whole school assemblies and class activities the children explored ways to recognise their emotions, learning that identifying

how they feel in different situations can help them to develop strategies. Place2Be partnered with Disney's Inside Out 2 this year so maybe half-term could be the ideal time for a follow up activity and a family film. Other suggestions and activities can be found on the link below.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>



**Safer Internet
Day 2025**

Too good to be true? As adults we learn to be suspicious of special offers, yet grownups are tricked on the Internet every day. How much more important is it therefore for us to teach our children to evaluate what they encounter online?

Tuesday, 11th February was Safer Internet Day. Introduced by Mr Pascoe at the beginning of the week, the children were reminded of the importance of protecting themselves and others from scams. If it sounds too good to be true, then it's probably neither good nor true! This would be a great time to revisit family expectations around using devices. Parents, you may be surprised how keen the children are to keep everyone safe, even if that means adding rules and limits.

Throughout the day, children of all ages engaged in a variety of activities, from quizzes to interactive games. Click the link below to see if you can "Be Internet Awesome"!

https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_us/interland/

[Is WhatsApp safe for my child? | NSPCC](#)



CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done to our
Gorsley Champions!



The Drama Company's popular

Easter Workshops

are back again this year.

14th, 15th & 16th April 2025

9:30am—12:30pm

at Gorsley Goffs School



Drama Activities with an Easter theme.

Come and Join us for 9 hours of laughter & fun.

£14per day or £42 for 3 days

Early bird booking (before March) £40 for all 3 days

Drinks and snacks will be provided.

Contact Sarah to book a place 07814 624417 or email



sarahoneill362@btinternet.com



Attendance

**The following changes came into force from
19th August 2024**

An absence request form available from Reception must be completed for any leave of absence.

10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) UNAUTHORISED ATTENDANCE IN A TEN WEEK PERIOD

A single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered when 10 sessions (5 days) of any unauthorised attendance within a rolling 10 week school period. The ten week period may span different terms or school years

PENALTY FINE 1

An increase in the rate of penalty fine of £160.00 if paid within 28 days and £80.00 if paid within 21 days

PENALTY FINE 2

If a second penalty notice is issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling three-year period, the notice will be charged at the higher rate of £160.00 with no option for this second offence to be discharged at the lower rate of £80.00

FURTHER PENALTIES

A national limit of two penalty notices can be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling three-year period.

If a parent commits a third offence in a three-year rolling period, the Local Authority will consider options available to improve attendance, including prosecution.