

# The Gorseley Weekly

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A warm welcome back to the start of a new term at Gorseley, and a very Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all had restful breaks with your families.

Another busy term lies ahead of us, starting with Aspirations Week, but also with lots of other exciting events coming up including National Storytelling Week, Fairtrade Fortnight, British Science Week and of course all the fun of World Book Day!

To further support our pupils personal development, we will also be marking Safer Internet Day and Children's Mental Health Week next month.

From this week we are also launching a new approach to playtimes, with the intention of ensuring they are as inclusive as possible, offering a broader range of activities and supporting positive relationships between all pupils.

## ASPIRATIONS WEEK

We welcome the children back today for the start of our biannual Aspirations Week.

This is an opportunity for the children to consider the aspirations they have not just for themselves, but also for others and the community in which they live.

One of the central projects for the event this year is to consider people from a range of backgrounds who inspire the children for a variety of reasons. Over the course of the week the children will collectively compile a long list of individuals which will be whittled down, and eventually make up a series of portraits in our Gorseley Hall of Fame.

The staff will also be adding their own suggestions to this list and we'd also love to hear from you as to any individuals you think should be included, so feel free to Tweet or email us with your own shortlists!

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

15th Jan - Deadline for Primary School admissions for September 2022

31st Jan - National Storytelling Week

8th February - Safer Internet Day

21st-25th February - Half Term week

3rd March - World Book Day

## COVID UPDATE

Clearly the numbers of positive cases across the country are still incredibly high, and are likely to once again have a significant impact on schools.

We will of course be continuing to observe the well established routines in school to keep everyone as safe as possible, and would ask that you carry on supporting our efforts by wearing face coverings whilst on site and maintaining distancing where possible.

We will keep you updated as to any cases in your children's classes. In these situations previously, it has been useful to use asymptomatic LFD testing as a means of identifying further cases, so please try to keep a supply of these at home if at all possible.

## ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL

Please remember we are an allergy aware school - under no circumstances should nuts or products containing nuts be brought into school. Thank you.

**ALLERGY**

## Article 15

Every child has the right to be with friends and join or set up clubs, unless this breaks the rights of others.

