

# The Gorsey Weekly

## DIGITAL WELLBEING

We can no longer discuss the wellbeing and personal development of our young people without doing so in the context of technology - it is everywhere in their lives and while we know how amazing it can be, it poses huge risks on many many levels outside the traditional perception of 'eSafety'. In short, caring for our children now necessarily means being concerned about their relationship with the digital world.

This is hard for us as parents; it is an area most of us never had an education on ourselves and balancing the social aspect of technology with wanting to keep our young people protected amidst a constantly shifting digital landscape is fraught with issues.

Over the next couple of weeks we will be sharing lots of information about our new whole school approach to Digital Wellbeing, sharing resources on our website and crucially asking you to engage in new guidance which will be shared next week (with accompanying short video) and has the sole purpose of ensuring a collaborative approach between parents and their children to ensure technology plays a positive role in child development, rather than a damaging one.

### Twitter next steps

As we shared in last week's newsletter, we have taken the decision to restrict access to our year group Twitter (X) Feeds so that only those users pre-approved by the school can view posts. The job of clearing all existing Followers has now been completed and early next week you will receive guidance through the MCAS app on how to request to follow your child/children's Twitter accounts. This will come direct to you though this channel to allow us to verify your accounts for approval.

### Visyon session for parents - 6th February 6-7.30pm

To further support parents in supporting their children's Digital Wellbeing, we have arranged for the mental health charity Visyon to join us in school on the evening of Tuesday 6th February. Visyon describe the session as follows:

*This workshop looks at how to support your child with peer pressure and online bullying. Learn how to build their self-esteem and break through the negativity of the 24-hour online world. Look at how to support a child with a healthy relationship with the online world and get over the FOMO (Fear of Missing Out).*

This session will be ticketed and you can secure your place by clicking on this link <https://forms.office.com/e/GCUCCFGMJJE> and filling out the request form. As Gorsey parents you will have a window of two weeks to book your tickets, after which we are planning to open up the event to parents of our other Trust Primaries in Cheadle Hulme and Woodford.

## CAFT CHOCOLATE BOX APPEAL

A big thank you to everyone who donated a selection box for CAFTs Christmas appeal. It's a source of great pride that the community is so active in supporting this amazing cause and Hannah was incredibly grateful when she came to pick them up earlier today!



## NATIVITY PERFORMANCES

After a fabulous Reception Nativity earlier this week, we're looking forward to sharing this year's KS1 Nativity performances with you on Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

Tickets been sent home this week; it is essential you bring these with you on the day as they will be checked. Capacity is very limited so you will only be admitted on the day you have booked for.

Please also note that due to capacity in the hall, buggies and pushchairs will need to be left at the school entrance.

We really hope you enjoy watching your little ones perform and it makes for a nice start to your Christmas festivities!

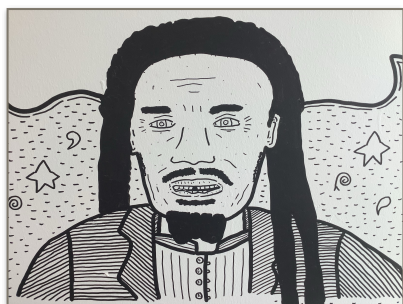
## CHRISTMAS FAIR

A massive massive thank you to everyone involved in supporting our Christmas Market last week including everyone who manned a stall, all of you who came to support it and in particular Ellie and the core team for the huge amounts of organisation that went into making it such a great event. The total amount raised is currently being calculated and we'll look forward to sharing this soon!

## BENJAMIN ZEPHANIAH 1958-2023

We were saddened to hear of the death this week of Gorsey Hall of Fame member Benjamin Zephaniah who very sadly passed away having been diagnosed with a brain tumour eight weeks ago.

He is on the Hall of Fame for his talents in poetry, music and acting but predominantly his advocacy of education for all and for being what actress Adjoa Andoh ([quoted in a lovely piece on the BBC website which can be accessed here](#)) described as 'a beautiful Poet, Professor, Advocate for love and humanity in all things'.



## YEAR GROUP BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Parents often ask us for some book recommendations, particularly at this time of year, so in response to this, myself, Mrs Bell, Mrs Thompson and Mrs Rosell-Hughes have compiled a short book list for each year group which we hope you will find useful. These are on the year groups pages of our website but are linked below for ease...

[Reception recommended reads](#)

[Year 1 recommended reads](#)

[Year 2 recommended reads](#)

[Year 3 recommended reads](#)

[Year 4 recommended reads](#)

[Year 5 recommended reads](#)

[Year 6 recommended reads](#)

**PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE AN ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL - UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD NUTS, OR ANY PRODUCT CONTAINING NUTS, BE BROUGHT ON TO SCHOOL PREMISES.**

## THIS WEEK'S HOUSE POINTS

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| 263 |        |         | 302 |
|     | ALTIVS | MAGNVS  |     |
| 246 |        |         | 298 |
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## Article 36

Every child has the right to protection from all forms of exploitation.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 13-14th Dec - Year 1-2 Nativity (9.30am)\*
  - 20th Dec - KS2 Carol Service (2pm and 7pm)
  - 22nd Dec - End of term
  - 8th Jan - INSET Day
  - 9th Jan - Children return
  - 19th Jan - Year 3 Assembly (2.30pm)
  - 24-25th Jan - Parents' Evenings
  - 26th Jan - Year 4 Assembly (2.30pm)
  - 5th Feb - Tom Percival author visit
  - 6th Feb - Visyon Digital Wellbeing Parent Session (6pm)
  - 9th Feb - Year 2 Assembly (2.30pm)
  - 16th Feb - Year 5 Assembly (2.30pm)
  - 16th Feb - end of term
  - 26th Feb - start of term
  - 26th Feb - Empathy Week
  - 7th Mar - World Book Day / Family Book Evening
  - 8th Mar - PTA Fish and Chip Quiz Night
  - 28th Mar - end of term
  - 15th Apr - INSET Day
  - 16th Apr - start of term
  - 26th Apr - Year 1 Assembly (2.30pm)
  - 10th May - Reception Assembly (2.30pm)
- \*ticketed due to capacity