

The Gorseley Weekly

DIGITAL WELLBEING

To support parents understanding of Digital Wellbeing and how to support their child's healthy relationship with technology, [we have produced a short 6 minute video which can be accessed by clicking on this link.](#) Viewing this video is strongly recommended for all parents as it contains some key advice on supporting the Digital Wellbeing of the children as well as some basic information on the areas we cover in school. Subjects covered in the video include some essential pieces of advice for parents including:

Open communication

- Create a safe space without fear of punishment or shame
- Choose the right time to talk
- Ensure children know their point of view matters

Be involved

- Encourage children to share their favourite websites
- Explore the online space together
- Place technology in a shared area

Privacy settings and age restrictions

- Encourage children to set profiles to private
- Activate safe search settings on search engines
- Discourage the use of social media

Limit screen time

- Set a good example yourself
- Agree an appropriate amount of time for them to be on devices
- Agree on times and places where devices should not be used

Lots of further advice can be accessed through the online safeguarding page of our website [which can be accessed here.](#)

CAROL SERVICE REMINDER

A reminder that if you have children in Key Stage 2, our Carol Services are taking place at the Wilmslow United Reform Church next week. There are performances at 2pm and 7pm - these do not require a ticket but spaces are limited to 2 adults per child. As the evening performance can get very busy we recommend joining us for the afternoon service if you can.

ADMISSIONS DEADLINE

A reminder for any parents with children due to start school in September 2024 that the admissions deadline is Sunday 15th January. [You can apply for a school place by clicking here.](#) We will be doing our final school tours ahead of this date in the first week back after the Christmas break; places on these can be booked on our school website.

AUTUMN MINI REPORTS

Next week you will be receiving a short summary of your child's current attainment levels based on any end of term assessments they have done as well as their teachers ongoing assessments since the start of the school year. These are very short summaries which are purely intended to give you a quick snapshot of current levels of attainment.

You will also receive any test papers they have taken so you can see exactly the types of things they have made progress on and the types of questions that are currently informing their next steps.

You will have the chance to discuss these in more details in our next round of Parents' Evenings which will take place shortly after we return in January. With this in mind we would advise you retain the papers yourselves until then or send them back in with your child at the start of next term.

TWITTER AND VISYON WORKSHOP REMINDERS

If you would like to follow your child's year group Twitter Feed please request to do so via Twitter (X) and then register your account for verification through our Form which was sent out via MCAS last week.

Registration for our Visyon Parent Session on Digital Wellbeing on 6th February (6pm) should be done [through this form.](#) Next week this will be opened up to parents of our other Trust Primary Schools.

DRESS DOWN DAY

In Gorsey tradition, next Friday will be a Christmas dress-down / fancy dress day. We usually do a charity collection for this so if you are able, a donation to CAFT via our JustGiving page would be very gratefully received: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gorseybankcaft>

During the day our Home Office (House Captains) will be roaming the school looking for the best outfits from each House.

Children in Key Stage 2 are also welcome to bring in a non-electronic game to play on the day with their friends.

CHRISTMAS STARS!

We were all absolutely blown away and charmed by some amazing Nativity performances this month by Reception and Years 1 & 2. We are really proud of all the children for working so hard on these and putting on such stunning shows!

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for the shows to support the children and also to all the team here for everything they all did to make them happen.



PARENT READERS

We are currently looking for a small number of parents to come into school on a regular basis to support the reading of pupils in specific classes. If you are interested, please email admin@gorseybank.org.uk (FAO Mrs Rosell-Hughes). Training is provided to ensure this support has the maximum impact on the Reading development of the children.

Article 21

Every child has the right to the best care for them if they are adopted, fostered or living in care.



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

LOCAL ACADEMY COMMITTEE UPDATE

This week saw the second of five annual meetings of our Local Academy Committee (AC). During the meeting the members received updates on the full range of school life including finance, health and safety, behaviour and safeguarding as well as current progress with regards to this year's School Development Plan.

The members also received an update from the latest meeting of Laurus Trust Trustees and reviewed the content of a recent training morning on governance within the Trust. We also reviewed the schedule for the visits into school they conduct which are intended to provide support and challenge for members of staff in their respective areas of responsibility.

More information about Trust governance and the role of the Academy Committee [can be found here](#).

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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)