



# The Gorsey Weekly

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

We've had an absolutely brilliant few weeks at school in the lead up to Christmas with some amazing performances from the children in their Nativities and this week at our Carol Services at the United Reform Church.

In amongst these have been some festive parties, the usual brilliant Christmas lunch (accompanied by dancing staff-elves!) and every child has had a Yuletide visit to the Rex cinema followed by some creative Christmas crafts.

Whatever you have planned over the next two weeks, on behalf of everyone here I wish you all a very happy festive break and will look forward to seeing you and your children back in 2024!



## DIGITAL WELLBEING HOME AGREEMENT

Last week we released a short video ([viewable by clicking this link](#)) to explain to parents our approach to supporting your child's Digital Wellbeing in school and some advice on how you can do the same at home. The video divides this into four parts which between them include 12 key suggestions for implementation at home (these were laid out in [last week's GW which can be found by clicking here](#)).

The Christmas holiday is usually a period in which technology use increases for a variety of reasons and as such we think it is the perfect time to ask you to either view the video with your child or at least discuss its contents and suggestions and indicate you have done so by completing our [Digital Wellbeing Home Agreement which can be accessed here](#). This is a very quick tick-box form which we hope will give you a useful framework to openly discuss the issues which put at risk your child's healthy relationship with technology.

Ticking 'yes' to any of the statements does not necessarily represent a commitment to doing any of the actions - that is up to you as parents. All we aim to do by laying out these points is to raise awareness of the issues surrounding the Digital Wellbeing of our children in the hope that it will increase the prominence of this as a discussion in all our homes.

## VISION WORKSHOP REMINDERS

Registration for our Vision Parent Session on Digital Wellbeing on 6th February (6pm) should be done [through this form](#). From today, this event is also being opened up to parents of our other Trust Primary Schools.

## HOUSE CHAMPIONS!

A huge congratulations to Fortius House who have claimed the House Cup for Autumn 2024! Well done also to Magnus, Altius and Citius who came 2nd, 3rd and 4th respectively. Our Gorsey Commons vote this term means that each House will get a treat in January of varying lengths according to their finishing place. A special seasonal shout out to Team Altius who came out on top in our annual Gorsey Christmas Quiz earlier today!



## JANUARY OPEN MORNING / ADMISSIONS DEADLINE

A reminder for any parents with children due to start school in September 2024 that the admissions deadline is Sunday 15th January. Applications should be made through [the Cheshire East website here](#).

For any parents new to the school, we are still running weekly school tours which can be booked on our website or by phoning 01625 468040.

## AUTUMN HIGHLIGHTS

It's been a absolutely fantastic first term of the year for us all at Gorsey. So many highlights that September feels like a long long time ago!

We've marked big national events such as Show Racism the Red Card Day and UK Parliament Week which included our huge Gorsey Commons which was the highlight of this term's Pupil Parliament. We've also been delighted to continue our support of the Children's Adventure Farm Trust with our first visit of the year from Hannah and plans afoot for a return to the farm!

Reading has as always taken centre stage with some really great contact with authors on Twitter and the in-person visit of the fantastic traveller and author Jess Butterworth who led the children through some adventures in writing.

There are of course many more highlights already planned for the spring but in the meantime a huge thank you and well done to all the children here for making this term such a special one!



## MINISPORTS CLUB SPRING 1

If you have signed up for the Thursday MiniSports clubs for the 5 weeks after the break, please contact the school office as there has been a change to this offer for next term.

Please be assured that the change does not affect the dates and times of the club (which will still be sports-based) or your child's place in it.

Admin can be contacted on [admin@gorseybank.org.uk](mailto:admin@gorseybank.org.uk) or 01625 468040. It may be that you don't get a response until after the break but, again, please note, no times or days are affected.

## READING OVER CHRISTMAS

You will have received some informal reading Home Learning to do with your child over the Christmas break, we hope you and your child enjoy engaging in this.

The main message as always is to ensure your child is experiencing regular reading opportunities (especially in the context of today's tech-filled festive period!) Reading to them is excellent for modelling reading fluency, as is sharing a book, but any regular slots of reading down-time are hopefully on your schedules as a Christmas non-negotiable!!

Remember there are some excellent recommendations on each of the year group pages of [gorseybank.org.uk](http://gorseybank.org.uk) and a Christmas visit to a local bookshop is always a pleasure!

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

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)

## Article 15

Every child has the right to be with friends and join groups, unless this breaks the rights of others.

