

The Gorseley Weekly

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Our first Parents' Evenings of the year will be taking place on the 4th-5th October. This is an opportunity for you to spend a little time with your child's new Class Teacher, to hear from them how the children have settled in and also for them to gain some early insights from yourselves as to how they can best support your children.

These are therefore predominantly to develop the relationship between you and your child's new Class Teacher and as such both nights will be in person meetings only. Details on how to book your appointments will be sent out next week.

AUTHOR VISITS

As you will know, our culture of reading for pleasure is central to so much we do and there are few things that enhance this more than meeting a real author in person!

Over the last few terms we've had a series of inspiring visits from the likes of Matt Goodfellow, Ross Montgomery, Tom McLaughlin and Jenny McLachlan.

The children absolutely love the opportunities to meet authors, a quick sample of our Year 4s produced responses such as...

"It boosted my confidence and inspired me to write"

"It ignited my imagination for reading and writing"

"It inspired me to write my own story at home"

This year we hope once again to provide the children with a termly author visit but in order to fund these we do need to ask for a £4 donation per child from parents. This has been loaded up to all MCAS accounts and will be found under Outstanding Payments. Last year nearly every family contributed and we are hugely grateful to you for helping to enable these fantastic events.



THIS WEEK'S ASSEMBLY

In assembly this week we read the visually stunning 'Night Gardener' by the Fan Brothers. This is a story about an individual bringing joy to a community by sculpting trees in an array of wonderful animals.

We used the book to discuss how important it is to do things for no reason other than the benefit of others and shared the famous quote from Gorseley Hall of Fame member Maya Angelou:

People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel



ASPIRATIONS WEEK

This year's Aspirations Week is scheduled for 31st Oct - 3rd Nov and linked to the above will focus on community and individuals who contribute to its cohesion and enrichment.

We are looking for people - parents or any contacts thereof - who contribute to our community through roles that support or enhance the lives of others. This could be through volunteer or charity work or any other role which supports others.

The week is being co-ordinated by Mrs Bell so if you think you or anyone you know might be able to help, please email her at faith.bell@gorseybank.org.uk

ESAFETY

For obvious reason, keeping our children safe online will be a very central focus for us as a school this year. There will be much more to follow on this over the next few months but in the meantime we would like to remind you of the resources that can be found on our website including advice on specific platforms and more generalised advice on how to start and maintain productive and collaborative conversations with your children about establishing a healthy relationship with technology. [Please click here to access this page.](#)

SEPTEMBER 2024 RECEPTION APPLICATIONS

For anyone with children who will be of school age in September 2024 and who interested in a place at Gorsey Bank, we run weekly school tour which take place on a Monday at 9.30 led by a member of the Senior Leadership Team. We also have our first Open Morning of the year taking place on Friday 6th October. Both of these can be booked via our website or by calling the school office in 01625 468040.

APPLICATIONS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

Applications are now open for children transitioning to secondary school. Parents are strongly advised to apply for three preferences.

Applications must be submitted to Cheshire East via their website here by 31st October 2023.

THE GORSEY BANK MISSION STATEMENT:

To nurture lifelong learners who are confident and ready to embrace the challenges and opportunities of the outside world

CONGRATULATIONS MR ALLABY!

Everyone here at Gorsey would like to say a big congratulations to Mr Allaby who got married over the Summer! We know you'll join us in wishing him and his wife Eve a very happy life together.

PTA AGM

Many thanks to the large number of you who attending the PTA launch event this week at Hickory's.

Our AGM is scheduled for 4.30pm on Tuesday 20th September. This meeting is usually attended by the core group but if any of you would like to join us, please contact our admin team for further details.

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



UNICEF Rights Respecting School

Article 36

Every child has the right to protection from any form of exploitation



2024-25 TERM DATES

We have had a small number of enquiries about our term dates for the 2024-25 academic year. These will be available on our school website next week.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

26th Sept (6pm) - New Reception Curriculum Evening

28th Sept (6.30pm) - PTA AGM

6th October - Open Morning for prospective parents

4th-5th Oct - Parents' Evenings

20th Oct - Last day of term

30th Oct - INSET Day

31st Oct - Start of term

31st Oct - Aspirations Week

6th Nov - UK Parliament Week

1st Dec - PTA Christmas Fair

22nd Dec - End of term