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The Gorsey Weekly

READING AT GORSEY BANK

As you will know, there are few things more important to us at Gorsey than reading. Not only is it without question the most important academic skill needed to access the curriculum, the development of our young people as readers has a demonstrable impact on their mental health and wellbeing as well as broader qualities such as empathy, curiosity and imagination.

The wonder of books should be an integral part of every child's day and we would of course encourage you to make this part of your daily routine at home (whether it's them reading to you or vice versa), for the good of both their relationship with books and your relationship with your children.

Over the next few weeks in the GW, I'll be expanding on our broader approach to reading both in terms of the technicalities of how we teach it, and how we nurture the reading for pleasure culture we are so proud of in school.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

In this week's assembly we crowned our Autumn House Captains who have been elected by their fellow housemates following in-person election speeches last week.

We would like to congratulate them and also say a huge well done and thank you to everyone who put themselves forwards for election this term, we are very proud of you all!





CAFT – 24K IN 24HRS

This year we are very proud to be continuing our support of the Children's Adventure Farm Trust as our main school charity. CAFT provide amazing days out for families experiencing a whole range of hardships which they otherwise may not have been able to access. For more information about their inspiring work, please

see here: <u>https://</u> <u>caft.co.uk</u>

Our first fundraising event will take place next Friday as part of their huge '24k in 24hrs' event in which they hope to raise £24,000



in a day through a whole range of activities across multiple sites. Our support for this will take the form of a mass fitness afternoon in which the whole school will be put through their paces in a number of different activities. Please ensure you're child has their school PE kit on the day (those in KS2 can come in in their kits as normal)

To make your donation on the day of the event please click on this link.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

9th Nov - Jess Butterworth Author Visit

1st Dec - PTA Christmas Fair

22nd Dec - End of term

USE OF SCHOOL CAR PARK

Please note the school car park should only ever be used by parents dropping off at Kids Club before 8.30am or collecting after 4pm.

As you will know, space is incredibly limited so for safety reasons parents collecting from any other after school clubs are not permitted to park on school grounds.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

We are looking forward to welcoming you into school for our first Parents' Evenings of the year next week. 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.

THE GORSEY BANK MISSION STATEMENT:

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

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

Article 30

If you come from a minority group, because of your race, religion or language, you have the right to enjoy your own culture, practise your own religion, and use your own language.



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.