

The Gorseley Weekly

ASPIRATIONS WEEK

This year's Aspirations Week celebrated the work of inspiring people who contribute to our community either by volunteering or doing key roles that keep us safe.

Children across the school had some amazing experiences led by firefighters, singers, ParkRun volunteers and a real life Crime Scene Investigator!

We'd like to say a massive thank you to all our visitors. Helping our pupils appreciate how our rich community is supported by the generous work of so many people is a key part of fulfilling our mission statement of them embracing the challenges and opportunities of the outside world.



INCLUSION SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to complete our inclusion survey with their child.

This is a really important bit of work for us in school which we hope will enable us to evaluate the impact of our work on diversity and inclusion on our community.

The survey will remain live until next week so if you haven't managed to do it yet, please do find some time over the weekend. Responses maybe given anonymously should you choose.

[The link to the survey is here, we thank you in advance for taking the time to compete it.](#)

PARENT COUNCIL

Our first Parent Council meeting of the year will take place next Tuesday at 5.45pm. For this meeting we would like to ask for some feedback and comments on our current approach to teaching the children to stay safe online and what further support we can provide parents to ensure this translates to their lives outside of school.

If you have any comments or suggestions on this, please forward them to your class rep. Broader feedback on aspects of school life are welcome as ever but will be forwarded in writing to us rather than discussed in the meeting. Thank you.

SEND PARENT CHAMPIONS GROUP

In September 2022 we launched the SEND Parents Champion Working Group. The group has met half termly throughout the year and have started to develop some exciting projects that will support our school community.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 14th November at 6pm. We are always eager to have more parent involvement to drive our inclusive culture forward. If you are interested in attending the meeting, please contact Mrs Turrell (SENDCO) via the school office.

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

Article 7

Every child had the right to a name and nationality

WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

Children's rights are learned, understood and lived in this school.



JESS BUTTERWORTH VISIT

We're very excited about this year's first author visit of the year next week and looking forward to welcoming the fabulous Jess Butterworth to Gorseley Bank.

Jess will be speaking to all the children in an assembly and leading workshops in selected year groups. More information about her work can be found on her website here: <https://www.jessbutterworth.com>



THE GORSEY BANK MISSION STATEMENT:

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

CHRISTMAS MARKETS – HELP NEEDED!

Last year's Christmas Market was one of the highlights of the PTA calendar and planning has started on this year's event which will be after school on Friday 1st December.

In order for this event to go ahead however, the team are still in real need of a few extra people to help organise a few specific areas including:

- Leading on the BBQ
- Rounding up (and putting up!) gazebos
- Tombola collection on the Thursday

If you think you (or someone you know!) might be able to help with any of these, please contact the PTA at gorsey.pta@gmail.com

STAFF BOOKSHELF

This year we have asked the team to create their own Bookshelves of favourite children's books. This week we're sharing our English Lead, Mrs Rosell-Hughes' picks....



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 YEAR'S HOUSE POINTS SO FAR...



ROAD SAFETY

Please remember that unless your child is in Year 5 or 6 and we have written permission from parents, all children must be fully supervised onto, and away from, the school site - this includes children not being dropped on any of the surrounding roads.

If your child is walking to or from school on their own, please ensure you do discuss road safety rules with them. We had an email from a parents earlier this week very concerned about a child crossing Altrincham Road whilst on their mobile phone and none of you will need us to tell you how busy that road can be during rush hour.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 30th Oct - INSET Day
 - 31st Oct - Start of term
 - 31st Oct - Aspirations Week
 - 6th Nov - UK Parliament Week
 - 7th Nov - Parent Council
 - 8th Nov - Y5/6 Adam Kay author visit
 - 9th Nov - Jess Butterworth Author Visit
 - 16th Nov - Individual and sibling photos
 - 1st Dec - PTA Christmas Fair
 - 6th Dec - Reception Nativity (9.30am)
 - 7th Dec - EY/KS1 Rex Cinema Visit
 - 8th Dec - KS2 Rex Cinema Visit
 - 13-14th Dec - Year 1-2 Nativity (9.30am)*
 - 20th Dec - KS2 Carol Service (2pm and 7pm)
 - 22nd Dec - End of term
- *ticketed due to capacity - further info to follow