



Gorse Covert Primary School

# September News

## Welcome Back!

It was lovely to see everyone back looking smart, refreshed and ready to learn. A very special welcome to our new children and parents in Reception classes.

If you have any problems or questions regarding your child, please speak to your child's class teacher at the end of the school day. You can also speak to or arrange an appointment anytime with either myself or a member of the senior leadership team.

Deputy Headteacher: Mr Gibson

Assistant Headteacher: Mrs Moat

KS1 and EYFS manager: Mrs Gilbert

Special Needs Co-ordinator: Mrs Nicolaidis

### Extra Clubs and Activities

Gymnastics Miss Muddimer :  
Y3-6 Thurs 8-9am

Y1/2 Thurs 3.15-4.15pm

KS2 Choir

Thursdays 3.15-4.15

Zumba YR-3 Tuesdays

3.15-4.15pm

Performing Arts Y3-5

Wednesdays 3.15-4.15

WSA Dodgeball Y3-6

Mondays 3.15-4.30pm

WSA Football Y3-6

Thursdays 3.15-4.30pm

Cross-Country Y3-6

Thursdays 8.15-8.50am

Football Y5/6

Fridays 3.15-4.15pm

Please ensure you inform school if you child has been in school but will not be attending their chosen club one evening.

### Open Day

We are having an 'Open Day' on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd November for parents of new starters in September 2018.

There will be opportunities to visit the school at 10am, 2pm on the 21st and 10am, 2pm, 4pm and 6.30pm on the 22nd.

There will be tours of the school and an opportunity to meet staff members.

Please let any parents know that have children due to start in September 2018.

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### Term Time Holidays

Headteachers are unable to authorise absences during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances such as a family crisis.

Please try to ensure medical appointments are made outside the school day whenever possible.

We ask that 'restricted leave' requests are backed up with a letter from your employer.

**Under new guidelines any child who has attendance of less than 90% is considered a 'persistent absentee' and could lead to a referral by the Local Authority Attendance Team. 90% equates to just 10 days total absence.**

Planned Absence Request Forms are available from the school office.

### School Closure

3.15pm Friday 20th October

### Reopening

8.55am Monday

30th October

### Y6 National Tests

Children in Y6 will be taking their National Tests in the week beginning May 14th 2018. Please avoid arranging any absence from school during that week as tests

### Advance notice of

Parents' Evening

Thursday

19th October

3.30- 7.30pm

### Advance Notices

**Y4 Swimming:** 15th Sept-24th November

**Individual photographs:** 10th October

**Mr Keen's class assembly:** 9am Wednesday 11th October

**Y5 Harvest Assembly:** 18th October 9am

**Parents' Evening:** 19th October

**Mr Gibson's class assembly:** 9am 15th November

**Performing Arts:** 16th and 17th November

**Mr Henaghen's class assembly:** 9am 22nd November

**Christmas Fair** 6th December 3.30pm

**Infant Nativity:** 12th December

### Parking around school

Please park in a considerate manner around the roads leading to school.

**Parents should also not use the staff car park to collect or drop off children as these areas can cause considerable hazards.**

**Help to keep our children safe**

### CCTV

You may have noticed we have had some CCTV cameras installed to enhance security. Images are recorded over after 30 days and are only accessible by the Head and the Office Manager through a password security system.

There are no cameras in the classrooms or toilets and are purely to ensure our more vulnerable entrances are constantly monitored.

There is a policy on the school website if you would like further information.

### Class Assemblies

Below are the **provisional dates** for class assemblies for the Spring and Summer Term. **These are subject to change.**

Mrs Gibson: 17th January

Miss Lawler: 24th January

Miss Ireland: 7th February

Miss Tolley: 14th February

Mrs Pennington: 7th March

Y3/4 Easter : 28th March

Mrs Gilbert: 2nd May

Mrs Moat: 9th May

Mrs Nicolaidis: 20th June

Mr Dean: 27th June

### School Meals

From 1st October, school meals will be increasing from **£2.20 to £2.30.**

### School uniform

Please be reminded that only stud earrings are allowed in school and please keep headwear to a small blue, black or white headband. Nail varnish should also not be worn in school. Thank you for your co-operation.

**If you have changed your phone number over the holidays please ensure you have given your new number to the school office so we can contact you in an emergency and you are able to receive text messages.**