



Gorse Covert Primary School

September News

Extra Clubs and Activities

- KS2 Choir**
Thursdays 3.15-4.15
- Judo Y3-6**
Mondays 3.15-4.30
- Netball Y5/6**
Mondays 3.15-4.15
- Zumba YR-3** Tuesdays
3.15-4.15
- Performing Arts Y3-5**
Wednesdays 3.15-4.15
- WSA Dodgeball Y3-6**
Thursdays 3.15-4.30

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 (on secondment until Jan)
- Assistant Headteacher:** Mrs Moat (Acting Deputy until Jan)
- KS1 and EYFS manager:** Mrs Gilbert
- Special Needs Co-ordinator:** Mrs Nicolaidis

Congratulations!

We are delighted to inform you that Miss Tolley is pregnant with her first child.



Congratulations to Mr Dean on the birth of his daughter in the summer holidays!

Mr Keen is also now a proud husband to his beautiful wife after their wedding in the holidays.

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.

Cross-Country Y3-6
Thursdays 8.15-8.50am

Football Y5/6
Fridays 3.15-4.15pm

WSA Karate YR-Y2
Fridays 3.15-4.30pm

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

School Closure

3.15pm Friday 19th October

Reopening

8.55am Monday
29th October

Y6 National Tests

Children in Y6 will be taking their National Tests in the week beginning May 13th 2019. Please avoid arranging any absence from school during that week as tests cannot be taken at a later date.

Advance notice of

Parents' Evening

Thursday

18th October

3.30- 7.30pm

Advance Notices

Y4 Swimming starts: 14th September

Mr Henaghen's class assembly: 9am 3rd Oct

Individual photographs: 9th October

Mr Dean's class assembly (Harvest): 9am 17th October

Parents' Evening: 18th October

Flu Injections for Y1-Y5 children: 30th October

Mrs Gibson's class assembly: 9am 14th November

Performing Arts: 15th and 16th November

Miss Lawler's class assembly: 9am 21st November

Nativity performances: 11th 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

Break-time snacks

Gorse Covert operates a 'healthy snack' policy and so any snacks sent in from home must be considered to be healthy in terms of sugar levels.

Toast, fruit, cheese, yogurts, breadsticks, low-sugar snack bars are acceptable.

Please bear in mind free fruit is available for all infant children and junior children can purchase toast and a drink for 50p.

Class Assemblies

Below are the **provisional dates** for class assemblies for the Spring and Summer Term. **These are subject to change. All assemblies start at approximately 9am.**

Miss Ireland: 23rd January

Mrs Pennington: 6th February

Miss Tolley: 20th March

Mrs Gilbert: 8th May

Mrs Moat: 22nd May

Mrs Nicolaidis: 19th June

Mr Keen: 26th June

Open Evening for new parents-September 2019 starters

We will be holding an Open Evening on 11th October for parents who have children starting school in September 2019. There will be two times: 4pm and 6pm where parents can bring their child, have a look around the school and talk to staff. Please pass on this information to anyone you know who might be interested. Invitations will be distributed very soon.

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 or 'tattoos' 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.