



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

A very warm welcome to Mrs Burgess who is working in the school office.

Extra Clubs and Activities

KS2 Choir

Thursdays 3.15-4.15

Netball Y5/6

Wednesdays 3.15-4.15

Art Club Y3 and Y4

Wednesdays 3.15-4.15

Cross-Country Y3-6

Thursdays 8.15-8.50am

Additional clubs run by WSA will be sent out soon once they have been confirmed.

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

Academy Conversion

We are pleased to announce that we converted to an academy on 1st September and are now part of One Community Trust which also includes Croft, Woolston and Oakwood Avenue Primary. Whilst you will notice very few obvious changes as parents, it is an exciting opportunity for our school which we believe will bring lots of additional benefits.

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.

Government guidelines say 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.

New Curriculum

Look out for more detailed information coming out next week about our new curriculum which is based on our 3Cs:

Curiosity

Confidence and

Community



Aldi Stickers

If you shop in Aldi, please collect the kit stickers for us. They enable us a chance to win £20,000. Every school that enters with 300 Team GB stickers receives an exclusive school sports kit.

School Closure

3.15pm Friday 25th October

Reopening

8.55am Monday

4th November

Y6 National Tests

Children in Y6 will be taking their National Tests in the week beginning May 11th 2020. 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

24th October

3.30- 7.30pm

Advance Notices

Y5/6 Warrington museum visit: 19/24 September

Individual photographs: 8th October

House Day: 15th October

Harvest Assembly: 23rd October

Parents' Evening: 24th October

Mrs Gibson's class assembly: 20th November

Flu jabs: 26th November

Mr Dean's class assembly: 27th November

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.

Email Addresses

To enable us to save time and paper, we will be sending the vast majority of our communication via email after October half term. If you have not yet given us your email address, please send it in to the office as paper copies will no longer be given. If you do not have internet access and would struggle without a paper copy of letters, please let the office know.

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 Lawler (Harvest): 23rd October

Mrs Gibson: 20th November

Mr Dean: 27th November

EYFS/KS1 Nativity: 10th December

Miss Ireland: 29th January

Mrs Pennington: 5th February

Miss Tolley: 18th March

Y3/4 Easter: 1st April

Mrs Gilbert/Mrs Nicolaidis: 6th May

Mrs Moat: 20th May

Mr Jepson: 17th June

Mr Keen: 24th June

Open Evening for new parents-September 2020 starters

We will be holding an Open Evening on 17th October for parents who have children starting school in September 2020. 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.