

Welcome back for another busy and exciting year at Gorse Hill Primary School and Nursery. We welcome new staff and children and we are so pleased that they have joined us.

Over the holiday we have had new play surfaces put down in the nursery and reception outdoor areas. Mr Tudgay has been super busy building and painting to make the areas look exciting and interesting for our young learners. The staff have been in preparing the learning environments so that the children are able to get down to learning quickly and have a lovely place to spend their day. Forest schools have been in and prepared the outdoor area for the Tuesday exploring sessions.

Our older children have settled into their new classrooms and I hope that you enjoyed meeting the teachers last Friday. We are planning many more opportunities for parents to come into school so watch out for the dates and in our newsletters, class pages on the website and outside board.

Please remember to use the school website where there is so much information and our aim for the year is to give you as much support and information as possible in many different formats, but the website should have all communication on it should you need a quick reference.

We are supporting different charities this year, continuing our Voices forum and for the first time we have invited you to a Dazzler assembly. So fill your diary and get involved.

Looking forward to meeting many more of you on many more occasions.

Debbie Marklove

September 2019 Newsletter



This [September 2019 Newsletter](#) is packed with useful information such as; forthcoming events, dates and times – please take the time to read it and remember to keep your copy handy! SCHOOP reminders will be sent – so please sign up for this. Our unique number for SCHOOP is **18533**. Happy reading.

Love reading?

We are looking for **volunteers** to read with pupils. Volunteers will need to go through the DBS procedure and commit to 1 to 2 hours per week reading with pupils. Please see school office for more information.

As part of our ongoing commitment to encourage pupils to read we are holding the following open sessions so parents can support and motivate their children at home. (see over page).

Reception Classes

Reception children have settled well into their new classes. Mrs Edwards and Miss Taylor are very pleased with how independent pupils are becoming.

A PLEA from your teachers – PLEASE bring in wellies on Monday – your child participates in Forest Schools and it gets VERY messy.

BOOK FAIR

Buy your books with us – The Book People are in school from:

30th Sept – 4th October.

3.20pm – 4.00pm

After School Activities

Our clubs have now started and run from 3.10pm – 4.15pm or 3.20pm – 4.15pm. Clubs are now closed for bookings.

If you haven't managed to book your child onto a club over the summer term please be reassured we will 'open' parentpay up again on 7th October – 11th October for you to book your child onto a club, which will start on Monday 4th November.

Tuesday 24 th September	Reception reading information for parents morning 9.00 - 9.45am
Wednesday 2 nd October	Year 1 reading information for parents morning 9.00 - 9.45am
Thursday 3 rd October	Year 2 reading information for parents morning 9.00 - 9.45am

Parents / Carers are welcome to

join us for:

Voices:

Thursday 26 September – 9am (Swindon SEND family voices will be joining us for this session).

Tuesday 8 October – 9am

Friday 15th November – 8.45am

Thursday 28th November – 9am

Friday 13th December – 9am

Dazzlers Assembly

Wednesday 20th November at 2.30pm for

Year R, Year 1 and Year 2.

Friday 22nd November at 9am for

Year 3 and Year 4

Friday 29th November at 9am for

Year 5 and Year 6

Year 4 - Braeside Presentation –

Wed 25th Sept at 3.30pm

Pupil Progress meetings will be happening this term.

Dates and times are provided below, letters will go out **Friday 20th September**. Please return your slip to the office promptly.

Date	Activity
7 th October	Y5 Parent meetings 1:15pm-4:30pm Y1 Parent meetings 9am-11:30am
8 th October	YR Parent meetings 8:45-11:30am
9 th October	Y3 Parent meetings 1:15pm-4:30pm
10 th October	Y4 Parent meetings 1:15pm-4:30pm Y2 Parent meetings 9am-11:30am
11 th October	Y6 Parent meetings 8:30am-11:30am Y2 Parent meetings 8:30am-11:30am
11 th October	Nursery Parent meetings 8:30-11:30 & 12:30-3pm
17 th October	Whole school Parent meetings 3:30pm-6:30pm

Welcome Letter to parents

Each teacher from nursery to Year 6 will have uploaded a welcome letter to the school website – take a look :

[:https://thewhitehorsefederation.org.uk/](https://thewhitehorsefederation.org.uk/)

A few gentle reminders to keep everyone safe ...

When collecting your children please ensure you do not take them from the class line and wait for the school teacher to hand them over to you.

Ball games and the outdoor equipment is not permitted before and after school.

Bikes and scooters must not be rode across the playground.

Please do not park along the access road at the back of the school. This is not necessary. It is not safe for the children who walk to school and unfair to neighbours who are regularly blocked in.

The disabled parking spaces are for **blue badge** holders only – please do not use these spaces.

All children are expected to wear their school uniform everyday. There are no exceptions including birthdays.

Supporting Charities



We are asking parents, carers and pupils to help us raise funds for the following two charities:

Jeans for Genes day – Friday 20th September – for a small donation children can wear their jeans into school on this day.

Macmillan cancer support – Friday 27th

September – we are asking parents and carers to donate cakes (please bring to school office on Thursday 26th September).

Then on Friday 27th September join us at 9.45am – 10.45am **for coffee and cake** – all donations will go towards Macmillan cancer support.

Thank you for your support.

Walking bus – Is available from 8am – please see school office for more information.

Friday childcare provision - available from 1pm – 2pm or 1pm – 3pm – please see school office for more information.



Please provide your child with a healthy lunchbox and remember we are a NUT FREE school.



LATENESS

How much time can you lose?

IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR

5 minutes late each day = 3
days off

Please arrive early

