

The Gorseley Weekly

WELCOME BACK!

A very warm welcome back to all members of the Gorseley family. I hope you all had fantastic summer breaks and that you and your children have been looking forward to the start of a new academic year.

It's been brilliant seeing the children return to school so enthusiastically and settling in to their new classrooms this week. I'd like to say a particular well done to all those pupils (including of course our new Reception cohort) who have joined us for the first time this week.

Our main school development priorities for 24-25 remain a focus on an ambitious curriculum, Inclusion, pupil wellbeing and staff development. I will be focusing on each of our four priorities in more detail over the next few weeks in the Weekly.

At the start of October you will have the chance to sit down with your child's new Class Teacher at our first Parents' Evenings of the year to discuss how they have settled in. If you would like to speak to us prior to then you are of course very welcome to do so on the playground or to arrange a call or meeting by contacting the school office at admin@gorseybank.org.uk or on 01625 468040.

I hope your child has had a really enjoyable first week back and has settled in well with their new Class Teacher.

PTA LAUNCH EVENT

After another brilliant year of fundraising in 23-24, our amazing PTA will be kicking off the new year with their annual launch event which will be taking place on Wednesday 11th September at Hickory's from 6.30-7.30pm.

Opportunities to support the work of the PTA over the year are many and varied depending on the time you are able to contribute so if you just want to hear about how you can get involved (as well as escaping the house for a midweek drink!) then please join us for this event. This is a particularly great way for new Reception parents to get involved in the amazing Gorseley community we're all so proud of!

THE GORSEY BANK MISSION STATEMENT:

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



A FEW START OF YEAR REMINDERS

UNIFORM

Full uniform guidance can be found on our website here. It is important that all children are in full uniform all the time (including correct footwear and specific PE kits) and we ask for your support in ensuring this is the case. If there are exceptional reasons why on any given day your child may not be fully equipped, please let us know.

Please also note the following direct quote from our policy with regards to jewellery: *'NO jewellery of any kind may be worn by any pupil in school AT ANY TIME with the exception that studs may be worn for a period of six weeks after ear piercing'*. Equally, any hair accessories worn should be navy and ideally no larger than needed!

BOOK BAGS

All infants (Reception - Year 2) should be using the school book bags rather than larger backpacks due to limited space for these in classrooms. Bags should not be enhanced by any array of weird and wonderful keyrings.

SNACKS

Children in Key Stage 2 are welcome to bring in snacks for morning break. These can be fruit or vegetable or anything bread based. This does not include packets of crisps or any sugary bars.

WATER BOTTLES

Water bottles should ideally be the school bottles in the colour of your child's house. These can be bought through the school office for £2.50 (cash only). In any case, children should not have a metallic bottle or an oversized one as they do not fit in the specific, regular sized holders used in the classrooms during the day.

SEPT 2025 RECEPTION APPLICATIONS

We may still be welcoming our new Reception pupils into the Gorsey family for this year but applications are already open for our 2025 cohort!

If you or anyone you know has a child who will be of Reception age next academic year they can apply for a place with us through the [Cheshire East admissions website which can be accessed here.](#)

For anyone new to the school community, we run weekly school tours which take place on a Monday at 9.30 led by a member of the Senior Leadership Team and we also have our first Open Morning of the year taking place on Friday 4th October. Both of these can be booked via our website or by calling the school office on 01625 468040.

PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE AN ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL - UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD NUTS, OR ANY PRODUCT CONTAINING NUTS, BE BROUGHT ON TO SCHOOL PREMISES.

ATTENDANCE

Full attendance at school is critical not only for your child's academic success but also for the personal and social development.

Over the summer, new government guidance came into force regarding fines for term time absences. Fines are typically issued by the Local Authority if a child has an unauthorised absence for 5 days or more. The first time a family incurs a fine it could be up to £160 per parent per child, a second will be at least this figure and any further instances could result in a criminal conviction.

There are exceptional circumstances in which short term time absences can be authorised but even these should of course be kept to a minimum. Should you need to request an absence, this must be submitted in writing to admin@gorseybank.org.uk

DATES FOR THE DIARY

11th Sept - PTA Launch Event (Hickory's, 6.30pm)

25th Sept - PTA AGM

1st Oct (6pm) - New Reception Curriculum Evening

4th October - Open Morning for prospective parents

9th-10th Oct - Parents' Evenings

17th Oct - PTA Discos

25th Oct - Last day of term

4th Nov - INSET Day

5th Nov - Start of term

12th Nov - Parent Council Meeting

5th-6th Dec - Rex Christmas Cinema Visits