

The Gorseley Weekly

A HUGE THANK YOU . . .

I'm delighted to be taking on the role of Associate Head of School and can't wait to lead this fantastic school into its next phase of development.

I began my journey at Gorseley Bank Primary School as a trainee teacher in September 2014, a couple of years later joining the middle leadership team and in 2020 joining the senior leadership team.

This school holds a very special place in my heart and I am incredibly grateful to have been given this opportunity. I'm fortunate to be supported by Lisa Woolley, Joe Maguire, and the amazing leadership team here at Gorseley Bank and together we will continue to put our efforts into ensuring that your children have the best possible experiences during their time with us.

Thank you for the positive response I've received over the last 2 weeks. I've thoroughly enjoyed working with the team in my new role and look forward to the year ahead.

I will be on the playground as much as possible each week so please feel free to come and say hello.

Faith Bell, Associate Head of School



PUPIL PARLIAMENT UPDATE

This week, schools across the country have been celebrating UK Parliament Week. To honour this event in our school some members of our Gorseley Bank Pupil Parliament spoke in assembly to update the whole school on what their groups is currently working on. We are very proud of the children who represented their group in assembly showing bravery and citizenship – two of our character traits! Seeing the Pupil Parliament members have a tangible impact on daily school life is something that the school community are very proud of and it was fantastic to see the children sharing this impact with the rest of the school today.

A summary of the updates that the children shared is as follows:

The Arts Council - working on a Laurus Trust schools Art competition

The Treasury - have visited CAFT and organised fundraising events including a stall at the Christmas fair

Ministry of Justice - Led anti-bullying week and are displaying posters with information of support around school

Department for Sport - Promoting and monitoring healthy snacks at break time

Department for Education - organised two author visits and introduced library tidy rules!

Department for Health and Care - Introduced 'wellbeing champions' to support around school at lunchtime

Department for the Environment - litter picking and protecting the school environment whilst understanding global issues related to climate change

Department for Digital Culture - creating e-safety guidance for parents and researching educational apps

Home Office - supporting with behaviour in corridors and collaborating with other Trust schools to develop



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

KEY STAGE 1 NATIVITY PERFORMANCES

Rehearsals are well underway for the legendary Gorsey Nativities! Our Reception performance will be at 9.30am on Wednesday 4th December - no ticket is required for this event but entrance is strictly limited to two adults per child due to capacity in the hall. The Key Stage 1 performance are split across 10-11th December and are ticketed to ensure equal numbers for each performance. You should have received notification of applying for tickets earlier this week. If you have not, please contact the school office.

KEY STAGE 2 CAROL SERVICE - 17TH DEC

We will be returning to the Wilmslow URC for our KS2 (Years 3-6) Carol Service on Tuesday 17th December. There will be performances at 2pm and 7pm. Both performances are ticketless but limited to two attendees per family. We would advise attendance at the afternoon performance if possible as the evening one is always very busy! Whilst the URC are very accommodating we do need to adhere to their guidance on capacity and please ask that you stick to the 2 attendees ONLY.

CAFT CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Children's Adventure Farm Trust have launched their Christmas Appeal and will be collecting new toys (unwrapped, for the value of approximately £10) and selection boxes. If you would like to support them in this way, please send items with your children via the Class Teacher by Monday 2nd December.

PTA CHRISTMAS MARKET DONATIONS

If you have any new/unopened gifts at home that are suitable for men, women or children and are happy to donate them, or would be happy to buy an extra gift when you are Christmas shopping, please put them in the PTA box at the entrance. These items should NOT be sent in via the Teachers.

Article 31

Every child has the right to play and relax by doing things like sports, music and drama



PARKING - PCSO UPDATE

We would like to remind all our parents of the recent article regarding inconsiderate and dangerous parking. We sought some further advice from the local police who feel that parking enforcement is now needed in the roads adjacent to school. We hope that this comes as welcome news to our neighbours who continually find cars blocking their driveways and to those parents who do the decent thing, park considerately and support the safety of all children attending Gorsey Bank. Please do not hesitate to continue to inform school (via admin@gorseybank.org.uk) if you have any further parking concerns that you wish to bring to our attention. We will be passing these on to the police in future.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

For those children who attend singing and piano lessons with Sally Melbourne, they will be taking part in an early Christmas concert the morning of Thursday 28th November. For further details, please refer to Sally's email.



THIS YEAR'S HOUSE POINTS SO FAR...

168



ALTIUS



MAGNUS

136

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CITIUS



FORTIUS

173

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 4th Dec - Reception Nativity (9.30am)
- 5th Dec - EY/KS1 Rex Cinema Visit
- 6th Dec - KS2 Rex Cinema Visit
- 10-11th Dec - Year 1-2 Nativity (9.30am)
- 13th Dec - PTA Christmas Fair
- 17th Dec - KS2 Carol Service (2pm and 7pm)
- 20th Dec - End of term
- 6th Jan - INSET Day
- 7th Jan - Children return