

# The Gorseley Weekly

## SCHOOL GAMES PLATINUM AWARD!

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Platinum Mark Award! The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success with the highest level of the award.



The last few years have seen amazing successes in a range of sports at both local and county level as well as some phenomenal individual achievements at national level and beyond! The award also however celebrates our commitment to ensuring an inclusive approach to sport and we are equally proud of the work the team do to encourage enjoyment and participation for all pupils as part of a healthy lifestyle.

I would like to thank all pupils and staff who have contributed to achieving this award with a special thanks of course to the inimitable Mrs Austin for her tireless work and passion in driving this over many years.

## AUTHOR VISITS

As you will know, our culture of reading for pleasure is central to so much we do and there are few things that enhance this more than meeting a real author in person!

Over the last few terms we've had a series of inspiring visits from the likes of Tom Percival, Jess Butterworth and Onjali Q Rauf.

This year we hope once again to provide the children with a termly author visit but in order to fund these we do need to ask for a £4 donation per child from parents. This has been loaded up to all MCAS accounts. Last year nearly every family contributed and we are hugely grateful to you for helping to enable these fantastic events.



## HOUSE CAPTAINS

This week we crowned our first House Captains of the year who will now form the Home Office group of our Pupil Parliament.

All pupils in Year 6 were eligible to stand for nomination for which they were required to deliver an election speech in front of the other members of their House from across the school. This takes a lot of courage for the children and we are incredibly proud of all of them who stood and gave such a great account of themselves. From next week we will be starting the selection for this years Pupil Parliament groups. More on this to follow...



## WELCOME TO LAURUS!



Last week we officially welcomed two new primary schools to the Laurus Trust - Hazel Grove Primary in Stockport and Crown Street Primary in central Manchester which is being led by Heleyna Thompson who many of you will know. We're delighted to have them as new partners and look forward to sharing news of exciting collaborative projects in the future!



## DOGS ON SITE

We would remind all parents that as much as many of us love them, no dogs are allowed in school site. In addition, the only place dogs may be tied up and left unattended is at the rear of the school site well away from the path. **Under no circumstances can dogs be left unattended at the front of school**

## REMINDERS & UPDATES

### WEBSITE

All year group pages have been updated with this years content and the current Curriculum Bookshelves the children will be enjoying this term. The 'Useful information' section at the bottom of each page also includes a welcome overview to the year groups and age specific reading recommendations.

### TERM DATES 25-26

We hope to have these published and on the school website in the next couple of weeks so watch this space!

### REAR ENTRANCE UPDATE

Due to the back gate being closed, we would like to alleviate some of the congestion in the mornings on the playground and the footpaths. We will be extending the opening times for children to come into school by a further 5 minutes on a short term basis. Therefore, school doors will be open from 8.45 - 8.55am. We are currently awaiting the outcome of the annual tree survey, which took place this week, and we hope to have a further update for you soon.



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

## 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 tour 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 in 01625 468040.

## CHILDREN WALKING HOME

If your child is currently in Year 5 or Year 6, they are now able to walk home on their own with written permission from parents. Please email our admin team if you would like to give consent for this.

Please note that children are not permitted to take younger siblings home who must still be accompanied by an adult.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

22nd Dec - End of term