

The Gorseley Weekly

INSTAGRAM

After a really successful trial last year in one of our other Trust schools, this year we will be moving away from our use of Twitter/X and instead making use of Instagram to share and celebrate what your children are doing in school.

Instagram will be used to post pictures and short videos of school life in Years 1-6 (Reception will continue to use Tapestry for this purpose) and we would love as many of you as possible to engage in this as a window into the school.

Each year group feed will be a closed account with the staff here only admitting followers who have both requested this in the app itself and submitted their own details via the online form which is being sent out via MCAS for an extra layer of security. Please allow a little time after the break for your account to be accepted.

Class Teachers are aware of the children who do not have permission to appear on social media but we would also encourage parents to check the permissions they currently have set on MCAS to ensure they are correct.

[Anyone new to this platform can find out more information here.](#)



THIS WEEK'S ASSEMBLY

Following on from last week's Wear Red Day and continuing our marking of Black History Month, in this week's assembly we discussed the importance of diversity in our committees through the Tom McLaughlin book *Along Came a Different*.



The children were brilliant at picking out the links to all six of our character traits (pictured below) including *integrity* in relation to how our actions and interactions reflect the kind of discussions we have on days like we had on Friday.

We are currently in the process of putting together a guidance document containing sections which summarise our curricular approach to teaching our pupils about diversity, how we as a school define racism and related terms, and also how we respond and react to the rare instances that may occur in school.

To help inform our work on this we would really appreciate the input of any parents willing to engage in this. This will take the form of an in person meeting at some point prior to the end of next term in which we will share the draft document and request thoughts and feedback on it.

If you would like to know more about this or would be happy to give up a little time to join us for this, please email me direct at joe.maguire@gorseybank.org.uk

**SHOW
RACISM
THE
RED
CARD**

DIWALI

As Diwali approaches, we would love to bring the spirit of the celebration into our school after half term. If you celebrate Diwali and would like to share this festival with the children, we warmly invite you to come into school and share your traditions.

Please let us know if you are interested in participating by emailing admin@gorseybank.org.uk FAO Mrs Rosell-Hughes. We look forward to celebrating together!



Bravery



Citizenship



Curiosity



Gratitude



Integrity



Kindness

THE GORSEY BANK MISSION STATEMENT:

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



CHRISTMAS MARKETS - HELP NEEDED!

Last year's Christmas Market was one of the highlights of the PTA calendar and planning has started on this year's event which will be after school on Friday 13th December.

Huge thanks to everyone who has already volunteered to support this event. We are still looking for a few more offers of support both for the event itself and particularly during the day to help with the set up.

If you think you (or someone you know!) might be able to help, please contact the PTA via the class reps on year group WhatsApp groups.

CURRENT SCHOOL VACANCIES

We currently have vacancies in school for a Learning Support Assistant (LSA), Midday Assistant and Kids Club Activity Leader.

All these roles, along with other jobs currently being advertised across other Trust schools, can be found on our recruitment site here: <https://www.eteach.com/careers/laurustrust#page-1>

DATES FOR THE DIARY

4th Nov - INSET Day

5th Nov - Start of term

31st Oct - Aspirations Week

11th Nov - Anti Bullying Week

12th Nov - Parent Council (5.45pm)

14th Nov - Individual photos

15th Nov - Open Morning for prospective parents

21st Nov - Treasury visit to CAFT

28th Nov - PTA Christmas Wreath Making

4th Dec - Reception Nativity (9.30am)

5th-6th Dec - Rex Cinema Visits (all pupils)

10-11th Dec - Year 1-2 Nativity (9.30am)*

13th Dec - PTA Christmas Markets (3.30pm)

17th Dec - KS2 Carol Service (2pm and 7pm)

20th Dec - End of term

6th Jan - INSET Day

7th Jan - Start of Spring Term

*ticketed due to capacity - further info to follow

CURRENT HOUSE POINT TOTALS

183



ALTIVS



MAGNUS

204

282



CITIUS



FORTIVS

197

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