

Gourdon Primary School Newsletter



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This newsletter and all future letters will be posted on our school website along with a calendar of events which will be updated each month. As always, I endeavour to keep you all up to date with what's happening and share relevant information as soon as possible.

Please contact the school with any questions or queries you might have about any of the items in our newsletter.

Miss A Wells (Head Teacher)

VISIBLE LEARNING

Our Visible Learning (VL) team are asking our school to focus on Tilly Teamwork. We are thinking about how we work together, take turns and include everybody.

The VL team will also be completing walk throughs in the classes to find out what Tilly Teamwork looks like for all our pupils.

We are also focussing on Growth Mindset linked to our Eco learning and what feedback looks like. We aim to share via See Saw what Tilly Teamwork looks like, sounds like and feels like at school.



COVID RISK ASSESSMENT UPDATE

As previously shared with families, as of Monday 7th March, we are no longer required to have staggered drop off at the start of the school day.

All pupil should come to school for 09:15 and not before and will be able to walk into school at the main door for P3 to P7 pupils and the infant door for P1 to P2 pupils. Parents are still asked not to congregate in the school grounds and only access the playground to drop off or collect pupils.

Thank you to everyone who continues to be vigilant and not send pupils to school when they display Covid symptoms. I also wish to thank my staff for continuing to do everything they can to make our school as safe as possible.

CELEBRATION

Special congratulations to the following staff who recently completed their First Aid training: Miss Wells, Mrs Rees, Mrs Anderson, Ms Christie, Ms McDonald, Mrs Morris and Mr Davidson.

PE DAYS

P1/2 and P5/6/7s will have PE on a Tuesday.

P3/4 will have PE on a Wednesday.



RED NOSE DAY—FRIDAY 18th MARCH



Our Prefects will be organising a fun day for our pupils on Friday 18th March. Pupils and staff are invited to dress as they please and bring in a suggested donation of £1 which will go to the charity.

P7—S1 TRANSITION



A number of events are taking place this month to support P7 transition. Emails have already been sent home to P7 families sharing information for a virtual 'Introduction to Mackie' and how to sign up for evening sessions at Mackie.

Please contact the school if you require further details.

STAFFING

Mrs Russon remains absent and so Mrs MacFarlane and Miss Wells continue to plan and teach the class. Mrs Rattray continues to take classes for NCCT and deliver P.E. this term.



TAG



Our parent group TAG are organising a Bunny Drive on Thursday 24th March from 6.30pm to 8pm at the Gourdon Public Hall. Letters have already been sent home with the link to sign up to help out at the event and/or buy tickets. Tickets are available from the school office. Any raffle prizes can also be dropped off at the school office from now until the 24th March.

UNCRC

Our 'Right of the Month' is: **Article 16: Every child has the right to privacy.**

The law must protect children's privacy, family, home, communications and reputation (or good name) from any attack.

At Gourdon Primary this looks like everyone speaking and using their name respectfully, respecting our school and personal belongings, respecting our personal trays in the classroom, using 'THINK' before we speak and keeping our ICT log in details or passwords private.

What else can you do to show you know and understand this right?

<https://www.unicef.org/media/60981/file/convention-rights-child-text-child-friendly-version.pdf>



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Thursday 10th March—P7 Celebration Meeting

Tuesday 15th March and Wednesday 23rd March—'Introduction to Mackie' Teams Meeting

Friday 18th March—Red Nose Day—Dress as you Please

Thursday 24th March—Bunny Drive

Friday 1st April—Term 3 Ends

Monday 18th April—Term 4 Begins

Friday 22nd April—Euro Quiz

Monday 25th April—Reports Shared with Parents

Monday 2nd May—Parent Consultation Week

Friday 6th May—Dress as you Please Sweetie Day

Thursday 12th May—School Photographs

Saturday 14th May—May Fayre

Saturday 28th May—P5/6/7 Enterprise Car Wash Fundraiser

Thursday 2nd June—May Day Holiday

Friday 3rd June—Queen's Platinum Jubilee Holiday

Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd June—P7s Transition Days at Mackie Academy

28th, 30th June and 1st July - P7 Celebration Days

Friday 1st July—End of Term 4