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February Newsletter

Dear All

Over the past week, we have several received visitors from other schools, who have come and see various aspects of what we do at Gresham Village. Last week, Rosemary Kett, an educational consultant visited with colleagues from two schools near Norwich, who were interested in developing their Early Years provision. Both left with plenty of ideas and Rosemary, who knows us from several visits before the pandemic, described the setting as 'quite exceptional' with children so engaged and happy. And yesterday, we were visited by a local junior school, who wanted to see how we teach mathematics in Key Stage 2; they were very impressed with what they saw, particularly with how hard the children worked and the independence they witnessed, and have gone away with a plan to implement the White Rose Mathematics scheme that we have used for some time. It is a useful health check when other schools want to learn from the practice that we have built up and good to see that we have built a good reputation across the county.

I hope that you will be able to come to Parents' Forum next Wednesday at 2.15pm. It will be an opportunity for you to raise any issues of your own and for the school governors to ask you about your views of how you would like to see the school develop over the next five years. In addition, I will be giving a short presentation to show you the plans for the building work that will take place over the next couple of years and our plans for a major curriculum change in Key Stages 1 and 2.

Take care everybody

Marc Goodliffe

Emergency Closure Plan

It is the first day of February, so we have made contingencies for any late winter bad weather. We will always try to keep school open, but that very much depends on the state of the roads, particularly in the approach to Gresham, which over the past few years has been affected by significant snow drifts. We aim to make a decision about closure as early as we can. We will let you know of a closure by Parentmail. We will also post the closure on the [Norfolk Schools Emergency Closure page](#).

Dates for the term

2.2.23	Reception open afternoon, 2.15-3pm	Please see Tapestry for details.
3.2.23	Deadline for Derbyshire residential deposit.	Ravens.

6.2.23	Bikeability Week	Ravens.
7.2.23	Nursery open afternoon, 2.15-3pm	Please see Tapestry for details.
7.2.23	KS1 Birthday and dance assembly, 2.30pm	Special dance assembly for parents of Wrens and Robins, including any missed January and February birthdays.
8.2.23	Parents' Forum, 2.15pm	An opportunity for parents to have a voice in how school works and our vision for the future. Details in main newsletter.
8.2.23	Children's emotional health and wellbeing working party meeting, 3.15pm	Staff, parents and governors working together to implement our Emotional Health and Wellbeing Policy. Details in main newsletter.
9.2.23	Nursery open afternoon, 2.15-3pm	Please see Tapestry for details.
9.2.23	KS2 Birthday and dance assembly, 2.40pm	Special dance assembly for parents of Swallows and Ravens. We will be celebrating February birthdays for KS2 children.
13-17.2.23	School closed for half term	
20-24.2.23	Anti-racism and Discrimination Week	
22.2.23	School Council Elections	
2.3.23	World Book Day	A whole school celebration of books and reading. Please start thinking about your costumes!
8.3.23	Derbyshire Residential Visit Parents' Meeting, 6pm	A meeting with Ravens' parents to talk through the visit and to address any questions.
9.3.23	KS1 Spring Disco, 3- 4pm.	
16.3.23	KS2 Spring Disco, 3.15- 4.15pm	
20.3.23	KS1 Celebration Assembly, 2.40pm	
21.3.23	KS2 Celebration Assembly, 2.45pm	
22.3.23	Ravens' Spring Walk	This will be our first practice walk for our Derbyshire trip.
22/23.3.23	Parents' Evenings	
24.3.23	Music Concert	Our whole school music concert in the Village Hall, 1.30pm.
27.3.23	Pupil termly attendance reports out	

31.3.23	Inter-house cross country- Y2- Y6	An event for years 2 to 6 on the Village Park. Please wear sports kit.
31.3.23	Last day of Spring Term	Return to school on 17.4.23

Preloved Uniform

Claire Duxbury has organised a preloved uniform shop for Gresham Village families. Her aims are to promote sustainability by reusing good quality uniform and to reduce costs for parents, both of which, I know, are high in everyone's thoughts at the moment. She has set up a Facebook page (Gresham Village Preloved Uniform Shop). Please contact her through Facebook, if you wish to buy items or have any good quality items you wish to donate.

Safeguarding

At Gresham Village School and Nursery, our first priority is always the safety of the children. Central to this is to remain true to our school ethos- we have an open and transparent culture in which we encourage every member of our school community to share their views and we put the welfare of the children at the centre of everything we do. For full information about our safeguarding arrangements, please see the safeguarding page on our website. If you have any concerns about a child or adult, please speak to Marc Goodliffe (Headteacher and Lead Designated Professional for Safeguarding) or Debbie Coombs (Deputy Designated Professional for Safeguarding), in person or by telephone on 01263 577349.

Anti-racism and Discrimination Statement

Gresham Village School and Nursery does not tolerate discrimination in any form and is committed to ensuring that all pupils develop a tolerant and inclusive view of the world and to addressing discrimination in a consistent and rigorous way whenever it occurs.

Cromer Foodbank

If you would like to access this service, please contact me and I will arrange for the Foodbank to contact you. They are able to offer a 5 week package.

Support for Families: Just One Norfolk

Just One Norfolk is a website provided by the NHS to support families in a multitude of ways. It provides advice about common issues that we have as parents or with our children- illnesses, sleep, emotional health, staying safe and additional needs to name but a few. The website also points parents to services that can help and it is very surprising how many services are available and how they can help.

Support for Families: Online Safety

As adults, we can quickly get out of touch and not understand the risks that our children are potentially exposed to. Often we rely on trusting our children's judgement, but on occasions, children can get out of their depth and into real danger, so it is important that we know about what they are doing and how we can mitigate the risks. Often the answer is as simple as knowing about the settings that the app should be set to in order to protect your child from predators or having a conversation about what to do if things 'don't seem right'.

Net Aware have produced this guide to Tiktok: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/tiktok/>

We have an Online Safety page on the school website, which has links to Parent Info, CEOP online safety and Thinkyouknow, all websites full of information about how to keep children safe online. The link to the school web page is:

