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Newsletter 22.2.23

Dear All

It was good to see the everyone back at school on Monday- the children settled in very quickly with plenty of smiles. There was definitely a sense of spring in the air, which we probably need to savour while it lasts! The good weather certainly helped our new lunchtime arrangements, which started on Monday and is going very well. Nursery and Reception are eating in the hall, starting a little earlier at 11.45- this gives them a little more time and means that nursery are able to get an experience of the wider school. Wrens and Robins also start lunchtime earlier with time to play outside before lunch, including a return to football (Robins on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and Wrens on Tuesdays and Thursdays wether permitting). This gives them space outside before the older children come out to play. Swallows, Bitterns and Ravens have the same lunch hour, but come in to have their lunch earlier. It all amounted to a better flowing lunchtime, which the children seem very happy with.

Please note:

- Every day children in years 1 to 6 need two pairs of shoes: their spare shoes to change into at lunchtime, which are also probably their outdoor PE trainers; and the pair of shoes that they come to school in and wear indoors and on hard surfaces. The children will need the same shoes on PE days.
- If your child would like to play football, they will need to bring a pair of tracksuit trousers to change into. This includes on PE days, when they will not be allowed to play football in their PE kit, as it gets filthy.

Anti-Racism Week

This week (and part of next), is Anti-Racism Week at Gresham Village. This will include several special assemblies. We are starting by exploring what racism has looked like in the past in terms of state discrimination and some of the heroes of these times, including Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, Rosa Parks and Harriet Tubman. We will learn about laws in the UK that protect us against racism and discrimination in general; investigate what racism looks like today for children in primary schools; and how it feels to be the victim of racism. This will include a visit from Miles Elcock, the headteacher at Antingham and Southrepps, who will talk about his experiences of racism and how it makes him feel. We will also be launching our Anti-Racism Charter, which we will send home later in the week. We are approaching this important subject very sensitively and appropriately, but the message will be very clear that any racist or other discriminatory behaviour is not acceptable in our society and that at school, we will not ignore any behaviour aimed at excluding a child and help every child to know what to do if they come into contact with racism.

World Book Day, Thursday 2nd March

The teachers are getting very excited about World Book Day next Thursday. I know that they are putting

the final touches on their costumes and planning a great day for the children across the school. I do hope that everyone will join in with a costume of a favourite book character- this can be quite simple and does not need to cost any money. I am coming as Danny The Champion of the World's dad, so will be getting out my boiler suit, finding a few spanners and thinking of a way to carry a brace of pheasants without actually bringing a brace of pheasants! All this will cost a little bit of creativity and imagination, so please look at what you have got and what what you can create easily.

School council elections

We will be holding School and Class Council Elections on Monday 6th March. I am always very impressed by every child who wishes puts themselves forward for these positions, especially for School Council, as it does take a great deal of bravery and confidence. If your child would like to stand for election, please support them with this important decision, particularly if they are a Raven and want to stand for School Council Leader, as they will need help with writing and practicing a speech.

Car parking

I have received a complaint from a resident living near the parents' car park. Please can we all respect the rope that separates the school car park from the private land behind by not removing it or parking in front. Please can parents staying behind for a chat also respect neighbours privacy by not allowing their children to go behind the hedge and keeping any music in their cars to an acceptable volume.

Dates for the term

2.3.23	World Book Day, 2.3.23
6.3.23	School Council Elections
8.3.23	Derbyshire Residential Visit Parents' Meeting, 6pm
9.3.23	KS1 Spring Disco
16.3.23	KS2 Spring Disco
20.3.23	KS1 Celebration Assembly
21.3.23	KS2 Celebration Assembly
22.3.23	Ravens Spring Walk
22.3.23	Parents' Evening
23.3.23	Parents' Evening
24.3.23	Music Concert, 24.3.23
27.3.23	Spring attendance reports out to parents
30.3.23	Norfolk Steps Training for Parents, 2- 3pm. Details and booking form to be sent out shortly.
31.3.23	Interhouse cross country- Y2- Y6
31.3.23	End of spring term

Preloved Uniform

Claire Duxbury runs the 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:

<http://www.greshamvillage.co.uk/for-parents-carers/online-safety-and-useful-link>