



## Newsletter

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### **School Website**

Our school website includes lots of information about all aspects of life at Gamesley Primary School. Do visit your children's "Class Pages" to find out more about what they are learning this year and please let us know if there is any additional information you would like to see on there.

<https://gamesleyprimaryschool.com/class-pages>

### **Morning Snacks**

Just a reminder that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are offered a free piece of fruit each morning and that children in Years 3 to 6 can buy a fruity snack for just 20p each day. Children are also welcome to bring a portion of fresh fruit from home to eat at morning break times.

### **School Fence**

As I am sure you agree, keeping the children safe in school is an absolute priority. Please can I remind family and friends that they should not try to approach children or staff through the school fence during the school day. It is very distracting and sometimes worrying to staff on duty when they spot children talking to adults who they may not recognise.

If you need to get a message to us please ring the school, text or ring our Pastoral Manager Tammy Snape, call into the front office or send us a Dojo and we will respond as quickly as possible. Thankyou

### **PE kits**

I reminded the children in assembly on Friday of our expectations around PE kits. Football strips and "fashion" wear are not allowed in PE lessons or sports clubs. If children do not have suitable kits in school for lessons, they will still be expected to take part in the lesson in an adapted way which ensures their safety.

### **Parent Questionnaire**

Thankyou to everyone who completed the questionnaire last week. It is very helpful to us to know your views and we will take every comment on board when we plan future developments in school.

I will also be sending a more detailed report on the questionnaire outcomes before the half term holiday, but in the meantime wanted to respond to the concerns raised by a few parents in response to question 4 which related to bullying in school and how well the school has dealt with it.

Our firm intent is that we take every reported incidence of bullying seriously; and indeed, fallouts and arguments which we know can also make children very unhappy. The children know they can talk to Mrs Snape or me about anything that is worrying them or they can post a note in the worry box in the hall which we check daily. We will always meet with children who report bullying or friendship issues, give them time and space to talk to us, support them in being assertive and telling the perpetrator to stop and keeping in touch daily to check in with them until they feel confident to manage without adult support. We let parents of both victims and perpetrators of bullying know what is happening and consequences are put in place for any unkind behaviour.

We also aim to give all children the confidence to stand up for themselves and to seek help when this does not work. The system we use is outlined below and this is on display in classrooms and available in paper copy for children to pick up from the school hall:

What should you do if someone is behaving in a way that is upsetting you?
Politely and firmly ask them to stop. For example: <b><i>“Please stop chasing me. I don’t like it and I want you to stop doing it.”</i></b>
<b>If this does not work and you are outside then you should....</b>
Tell a grown up on duty.
<b>If this does not work then you should....</b>
Tell your class teacher when you get back into class, but if you are worried and cannot wait, go straight inside and find a member of staff.
<b>If you still feel worried when you get home, then you should...</b>
Tell a grown up at home and ask them to call or email school straightaway.

Copies of our “child friendly” bullying policy are also available for children to pick up from the hall and the School Council is currently working on updating this.

### How to respond to bullying behaviour

#### DO...

- Tell someone and get help straight away.
- Try to stay calm
- Support one another



#### DON'T....

- Lose your temper
- Become aggressive or nasty
- Keep it to yourself
- Get involved in other people's

### Our Rights...

- To be safe
- To be happy
- To be heard
- To have a good education

### Our Responsibilities

- To try our best
- To listen and be polite
- To be honest
- To look after one another
- To treat others as we want to be treated ourselves

### How our school responds to bullying...

- We take bullying seriously
- We listen to everyone involved and offer support

## Gamesley Primary Child Friendly



This policy was developed by the School Council in September 2020

### What is bullying?

In our school, we have agreed that bullying is when someone is unkind, on purpose more



than once...

### Bullying is not...

- One single incident
- Fighting (although this is banned in our school!)

### Bullying includes:

- people calling you names
- making things up to get you into trouble
- hitting, pinching, biting, pushing and shoving
- taking things away from you
- damaging your belongings
- stealing your money
- taking your friends away from you or leaving you out
- posting insulting messages or rumours in person or online
- threats and intimidation
- making silent or abusive phone calls
- sending you offensive texts or messages

### How to deal with bullying at school

If you are being bullied at school, tell a friend, tell a teacher and tell your parents.

It can be hard to do this so if you don't feel you can do it in person it might be easier to write a note to your parents explaining how you feel.

Perhaps confide in someone outside the immediate family, like a grandparent, aunt, uncle or cousin and ask them to help you tell your parents what's going on.



The questionnaire is anonymous but if you are one of the parents who responded that you did not feel school had dealt with a bullying incident effectively, please do feel free to get in touch with me directly. I would really like to meet you and see what we can learn to ensure all our children and their families feel safe in school.

Thankyou

### Stars of the Week

Congratulations to last "Values" week's stars who are:

Acorns	Curious	Harlow loves to find new things to do in our classroom.
Birch	Curious	Aria is asking so many great questions about our science project.
Willow	Curious	Reggie asks lots of interesting questions to find out more about the world.
Holly	Grateful	Isla always appreciates any help she receives in her lessons.
Chestnut	Grateful	Mia gives everything a "good go" before asking for help, but she is also grateful for any support with her learning.
Elm	Grateful	Aaliyah shows gratitude for so many aspects of her life, not only help with her learning but also her friends, family and the opportunities school offers.
Ash	Grateful	Mark is always grateful for any help he receives.
Oak	Grateful	Tayla demonstrates her gratitude for her education by putting 100% effort into every lesson.

In our last assembly we celebrated maths across school and our maths stars were:

Acorns	Amira always listens carefully and joins in every maths activity with enthusiasm.
Birch	Isabelle has a fantastic attitude in our maths lessons.
Willow	Mia always uses our “stem sentences” to answer questions fully.
Holly	Blake shows great resilience when tackling tricky maths questions.
Chestnut	Riley has a super attitude towards his maths learning and never gives up.
Elm	Kieran is always focused, hard working and determined in his maths lessons
Ash	Jacob participates fully in maths lessons and he gives fantastic explanations of his thinking.
Oak	Lacie has developed real confidence in our maths lessons and is participating and giving great answers.

Kindest regards,

*Deborah Meredith*

<b>Dates for your Diary</b>	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Year 1 and Year 3 closed today due to teacher strike action
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 23	Year 5 Young Voices concert
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 23	Year 2 Flower arranging workshop in school
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 23	Year 3 visit to Poole’s Cavern in Buxton
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 23	Year 4 Family Dinner Day: 12.30
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 23	Year 3 Family Dinner Day: 12.30
W/B Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb 23	Parent Teacher meetings this week – No clubs this week
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb 23	Year 4 field trip to Manor Park – Group A
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb 23	Year 4 field trip to Manor Park – Group Bo
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 23</b>	<b>School closes for Spring half term holiday</b>
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 23</b>	<b>School Opens for Spring Term 2</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 23	Year 2 Family Dinner Day: 12.15
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 23	Year 1 Family Dinner Day: 12.15
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 23	Reception Family Dinner Day: 12.00
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 23	Acorns and Orchard trip to Hartley’s Garden Centre and Pony Patch
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 23	Year 5 First Aid Training in school
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 23	Year 2 trip to St. Anne’s
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 23	Year 1 Bus Tour of Manchester
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 23</b>	<b>School closes for Easter holiday</b>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 23</b>	<b>School Opens for Summer Term 1</b>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 23	Year 6 visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelters

Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 23	Acorns and Orchard trip to Peak Wildlife Park
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 23	Year 3 visit to Heaton Park Synagogue
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 23</b>	<b>School closed – Bank Holiday</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 23	Year 5 Ancient Greece workshop in school
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 23</b>	<b>School closed – Coronation Weekend</b>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 23	Year 6 SATS week
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 23	Year 4 Ancient Egypt workshop in school
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 23	Class Photographs
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 23</b>	<b>School closes for Summer Half Term holiday</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 23</b>	<b>School Opens for Summer Term 2</b>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 23	Year 6 residential trip to Kingswood Centre in Penistone.
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 23	Reception Acorns trip to Formby Beach
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 23	Year 4 “Come and Play with the Halle” concert in Manchester
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 23	Year 2 trip to Skipton Castle
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 23	Year 3 trip to “Crocky Trail”
July (tbc)	Year 5 trip to Alton Towers
July (tbc)	Year 1 Canal Boat Trip
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 23</b>	<b>School Closes for Summer Holiday</b>