



Newsletter
Thursday 14th November 2024
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Dear Families,

1. Staffing Updates

As you have no doubt spotted, Mrs Jenny Parker is expecting a baby early in the New Year. We are very pleased to have appointed Miss Samantha Dawson to be the new Year 4 Chestnut Class teacher while Mrs Parker is on maternity leave. Miss Dawson will be spending several days in school during December to get to know the children and to ensure a smooth transition.

Mrs Emma Kidd has taken up a new temporary role in school until the end of this academic year as a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant in Upper Key Stage 2. Mrs Kidd will be supporting small groups and tutoring individual children so they make the best progress possible. We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Charlotte Harridance as the new Year 2 Teaching Assistant and she is a great addition to the Key Stage 1 team. Mrs Kidd won't be disappearing from the Infants altogether because she will be popping back each week to put her Forest School training to good use with Year 1 and Year 2. We will send you more details soon.

We were very sad to say "goodbye" to Mrs Michelle Roscoe at the end of last term, but are also thrilled that Miss Hannah Jackson is coming back to Gamesley as the new Teaching Assistant in Orchard Apples Class. Miss Jackson will join the Orchard team on Monday 2nd December.

We are also very pleased to let you know that we have appointed several new members to our midday team: Miss Rebecca Fletcher and Miss Tracey McNeill who are currently on relief will be taking up full time positions from the beginning of December along with Mrs Sarah Baker and Miss Lauren Joyce. Mrs Louise Fox, Miss Lauren Pfitzner and Mr Daryl Straw will be joining the midday team on a relief basis.

2. Parent Pay and Arbor – Primary School Only

From Monday 18th November, Parent Pay will no longer be operational and all payments will be made via the Arbor site.

A separate letter with more details will be emailed to everyone tomorrow.

Please note: Nursery payments will continue to be made on the Parent Pay App until further notice.

3. Parent Governor Vacancy

We still have a vacancy for a parent representative on our Board of Governors.

Our governors are a very friendly and supportive group who meet together six times each year from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. They are also welcome to visit the school during the working day and to spend time with school leaders and class teachers to find out more about how the school operates. If you would be interested in joining us, please pop into school for a chat to find out more about the role.

4. Family Dinner Days



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We love welcoming families into school each Friday to eat with their children. Please can I encourage as many of you as possible to book a school dinner as this is a great way of supporting our (award winning!) kitchen team. If there is nothing on the menu that you can eat; it is fine to bring a simple packed lunch to eat instead but no McDonalds / chip shop meals / Greggs etc. please.

5. Family Learning

By now your children in Years 1 to 6 should have brought home this term's Family Learning leaflets. After feedback from you, we have decided we will no longer be awarding prizes but instead will create longer lasting displays of the children's work in their classrooms when they return their home learning on Monday. Do pop in and chat to your child's teacher if we can help with any resources for craft activities and you are also welcome to book out your child's Chromebook to use for research at home. Acorns and Conkers children will bring their home learning leaflets by the end of this week.

6. Stars of the Week and Curriculum Stars:

Congratulations to the last two week's stars:

Conkers	Kind	Jorgie is always kind and caring to everyone n Conkers Class
Acorns	Kind	Reenie always has kind words and kind behaviour for everyone in Acorns Class.
Silver Birch	Resilient	Tilly loves a challenge and approaches every new task with a "can do" attitude.
Willow	Resilient	Riley has shown great resilience this week when he was faced with a very tricky writing task.
Holly	Democratic	Adchu understands the importance of listening to the views of others and responding in a fair and appropriate way.
Chestnut	Democratic	We were all very impressed by Thomas' heartfelt speech in this week's School Council hustings, and also by the gracious way he congratulated and applauded the other candidates.
Elm	Democratic	Alex gave such a great speech, congratulated the successful candidate and thanked everyone who voted for him.
Oak	Democratic	Amber understands that everyone's voice should be heard and taken into account.
Orchard	Kind	Freddie shares all his toys with his friends – even the animals!

Conkers	Brave	Scarlett is always willing to give everything a go!
Acorns	Brave	Lolah is always ready to try new experiences and does not give up, even when the learning is tricky.
Silver Birch	Creative	George shows great imagination in his written work and has some amazing ideas.



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Willow	Creative	Vogue has made such a super start at Gamesley and has already produced some lovely, creative work.
Holly	Individual Liberty	Aria has a mature understanding that everyone has the right to express their opinions safely.
Chestnut	Individual Liberty	Emma has a really well-developed sense of other people's right to be themselves and to express their views.
Elm	Individual Liberty	Archie values everyone's points of view and is respectful when people disagree with him
Oak	Individual Liberty	Tommie treats everyone with respect and understands that it is OK for people to hold different viewpoints to him,
Orchard	Brave	Erin comes into school so confidently each morning and joins in with everything that is on offer in Apples Class.

Our curriculum award winners of the last two weeks are:

Conkers	Darcie loves books especially her favourite: "Room on the Brom"!
Acorns	Lilah is developing a great understanding of number, subitising and comparing quantities.
Silver Birch	Alfie listens beautifully in our story time sessions and loves to join in with refrains.
Willow	Pawa always demonstrates fantastic learning behaviour.
Holly	We have been so impressed with Isabelle's maths learning this week. She has been confidently completing addition questions with exchange.
Chestnut	Annabelle has been using every spare minute to learn her times tables this week – what an amazing attitude!
Elm	Sofia loves our guided reading lessons and becomes completely engrossed in the texts.
Oak	Jax is such a good mathematician, but he also always looks for a challenge and isn't afraid of experiencing some "cognitive wobble"!

Conkers	Freya loves books and listening to stories.
Acorns	Alfie reads every single night at home and is developing a real love of books.
Silver Birch	Alfred loves reading and makes links and finds common themes between the books we read in class.
Willow	Hunter is working so hard in our maths lessons and is making great progress.
Holly	Cody loves his maths lessons and is always ready to challenge himself.
Chestnut	Logan listens so carefully in our guided reading lessons and asks lots of interesting questions.
Elm	Olivia is working very hard indeed and making great progress in maths.
Oak	Dolcie always reads at home and is also making great progress in reading lessons in school.



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Our last two week's "Respectful, Resilient and Ready" behaviour stars were Mia who was chosen for being such a kind, hardworking and responsible member of our school community and Flo who makes sure that everyone in Chestnut Class is looked after and has the support they need with their learning.

Dates for your Diaries

Monday 11 th November	Parent Teacher meetings this week.
Friday 15 th November	Year 1 Silver Birch Class Family Dinner Day: 12.10pm
Monday 11 th November	Year 1 to 6 Family Learning project work brought back into school.
Thursday 19 th November	Mini First Aid sessions for Year 2 Willow, Year 4 Chestnut and Year 6 Oak classes.
Friday 22 nd November	Reception Acorns Class Family Dinner Day: 12.00
Monday 25 th to Wednesday 27 th November	Year 5 Elm Class day trips to Whitehall Centre
Friday 29 th November	School based swimming lessons end for this year.
Monday 2 nd December	Conkers and Acorns homework brought back into school today.
Thursday 5 th December	Year 3 Holly and Year 4 Chestnut Classes trip to Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester.
Friday 6 th December	Orchard Cherry Class Family Dinner Day 12.00
Wednesday 11 th December	Year 1 and 2 Nativity Play 2.00pm and 6.00pm
Thursday 12 th December	Whole School Pantomime Day: The Emperors New Clothes
Friday 13 th December	Orchard Apples Class Family Dinner Day 12.00
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Disco for Years 1 to 6: 4.00pm to 5.00pm Class parties during the school day for Orchard, Nursery and Reception.
Friday 20 th December	School closes for Christmas holiday
HOLIDAY	
Monday 6th January	School opens for Spring Term 1
Friday 17 th January	Year 6 Oak Class Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Friday 24 th January	Year 5 Elm Class Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Friday 31 st January	Year 4 Chestnut Class Family Dinner Day 12.30pm
Friday 7 th February	Year 3 Holly Class Family Dinner Day 12.30pm
Friday 14 th February	School closes for half term holiday
HOLIDAY	
Monday 24th February	School opens for spring term 2
Monday 24 th February	Year 4 Chestnut and Year 5 Elm Classes at Young Voices
Thursday 27	Year 3 Holly and Year 6 Oak Classes trips to Ashton Central Mosque



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Friday 28 th February	Year 2 Willow Class Family Dinner Day: 12.15pm
Friday 7 th March	Year 1 Silver Birch Class Family Dinner Day: 12.10pm
Friday 14 th March	Reception Acorns Class Family Dinner Day: 12.00
Thursday 3 rd April	Easter Disco for Years 1 to 6: 4.00pm to 5.00pm Class parties during the school day for Orchard, Nursery and Reception.
Friday 4 th April	School closes for Easter holiday
HOLIDAY	
Tuesday 22nd April	School opens for summer term 1
Friday 2 nd May	Year 6 Oak Class Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Monday 5th May	School closed: Bank Holiday Monday
Friday 9 th May	Year 5 Elm Class Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Friday 16 th May	Year 4 Chestnut Class Family Dinner Day 12.30pm
Thursday 22 nd May	School closes for half term holiday
HOLIDAY	
Monday 2nd June	School opens for summer term 2
Friday 6 th June	Year 3 Holly Class Family Dinner Day 12.30pm
Friday 13 th June	Year 2 Willow Class Family Dinner Day: 12.15pm
Friday 20 th June	Year 1 Silver Birch Class Family Dinner Day: 12.10pm
Friday 27 th June	Reception Acorns Class Family Dinner Day: 12.00
Thursday 17 th July	Leavers Disco for Years 1 to 6: 4.00pm to 5.00pm Class parties during the school day for Orchard, Nursery and Reception.
Friday 18 th July	School closes for summer holiday
Monday 21st July	Staff in school: training day
Tuesday 22nd July	Staff in school: training day

Kindest Regards,

Deborah Meredith