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Dear Families,

1. Mrs McEwan

We are very sad to announce that Mrs Andrea McEwan will be leaving Gamesley Primary School on Friday to take up an exciting new position supporting the central Trust team. Andrea will be missed very much by everyone at Gamesley but we are pleased that we will still see her in her role at the Trust.

I am sure you will all join me in thanking Andrea for her years of dedicated service at Gamesley and wishing her every happiness in her new role.

2. Nuts and Allergies

Just a reminder that we are trying very hard to be a nut free school as we have a child here who has an extremely serious, indeed life-threatening, allergy. Please do not send any food into school which contains or may contain nuts or sesame.

If your child has eaten nuts for breakfast, please ensure they wash their hands and clean their teeth before they come into school.

Thank you everyone.

3. "Bookmark" Reading Charity

As you may have seen on our Facebook page, we are very pleased that the Bookmark charity is working closely with our school to support all our children in developing a love of books. They have donated over £2000 worth of books to school and soon we will be welcoming a team of reading volunteers into school, funded by Bookmark.

They have also given us a year's free subscription to their "Story Corner" magazine for all children in reception class upwards, and tomorrow your child will be bringing their first copy home to share with you. We hope you will enjoy reading the stories and completing the activities with your child.

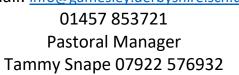
4. Stars of the Week and Curriculum Stars:

Congratulations to our values stars from the last couple of weeks who are:

Nursery Conkers	Patient	Layla is so good at sharing and waiting her turn.
	Curious	Elsie is interested in everything we do and cannot wait to start
		learning each morning.
Reception Acorns	Patient	Dilly is trying hard to be patient and wait her turn.
	Curious	Arlo asks some great questions and loves to find out more about
		the world around him.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Patient	Alfred never rushes his learning. He takes his time and makes
		sure he produces the best work possible.
	Curious	Oliver is a very curious and interested learner.



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Patient	Riley has been patient and calm when facing challenges in his learning.
Curious	Harlow loves to learn and asks lots of questions to find out more.
Motivated	Harrison has worked so hard in our English lessons this week and
	shared some great ideas with the rest of the class.
Grateful	Isabelle is so grateful for any adult support and always thanks us
	for our input.
Motivated	Eliza's motivation and enthusiasm is infectious – everyone around
	her wants to do well too!
Grateful	Harrison is such a contented and grateful child who makes the
	most of every learning opportunity.
Motivated	Riley is giving 100% to all his learning and making great
	contributions in every lesson.
Grateful	Millie thanks adults and children for their help and support.
Motivated	Annabella always applies herself and is motivated to do the best
	she can.
Grateful	When Mia was offered the opportunity to access some extra
	tuition at school, she embraced it fully and is working
	exceptionally hard.
Patient	Freya is so good at waiting her turn and sharing with others.
Curious	Freddie loves to explore all the activities in Orchard Apples Class.
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Our recent Curriculum Stars are:

Nursery Conkers	Dylan has loved listening to stories this week in Conkers Class.
	Fatima loves looking at books and listening to stories.
	Great subitising from Isaiah this week. (Subitising is the ability to look at a small
Reception	set of objects and instantly know how many there are without counting them.)
Acorns	Dee Dee is an enthusiastic reader who loves books and always works hard in her
	phonics lessons.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Llando is now a Rekenrek expert and is using it very well to support him in his
	maths lessons.
	Leo is working so hard in his phonics lessons.
Year 2 Willow	We are so impressed with how hard Vogue is working in her phonics lessons and
	by the great progress she is making.
	Ruby is using her maths vocabulary so well to explain her thinking to her
	classmates.
Year 3	Charlie is demonstrating great commitment to his learning by remembering to
Holly	read at home every day.



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	Delilah has been working very hard in our maths lessons this week and has
	mastered some tricky concepts.
	Thomas always works hard in our maths lessons and he shows super resilience
Year 4	when faced with a tricky problem to solve.
Chestnut	Isaac is working so hard to improve his reading and is developing super fluency
	and understanding.
Year 5 Elm	Marshall is a thoughtful reader who is always able to discuss what he has read.
	Natasha never forgets to read at home and is developing a great love of books.
Year 6 Oak	Finley is putting 100% into his reading both in guided lessons in school and by
	practising regularly at home.
	Eva is such a talented mathematician who embraces challenge.

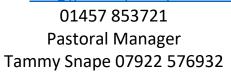
Our most recent "Respectful, Resilient and Ready" behaviour stars were Matilda who is always ready to help anyone on Silver Birch Class and Riley who is hardworking and enthusiastic in every lesson.

Dates for your Diaries

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 24 th February	School opens for Spring Term 2			
Monday 24 th February	Year 4 Chestnut and Year 5 Elm Classes at Young Voices			
Thursday 27 th February	Year 3 Holly and Year 6 Oak Classes trips to Ashton Central Mosque			
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			
Monday 17 th March	Parent Teacher Meetings this week.			
Friday 21st March	Orchard Cherries Family Dinner Day 11.50am			
Wednesday 26 th March	Year 1 Silver Birch and Year 2 Willow Manchester Bus Tour trip			
Friday 28 th March	Orchard Apples Family Dinner Day 11.50am			
Thursday 3 rd April	Easter Disco for Years 1 to 6: 4.00pm to 5.00pm			
Thursday 5 April	Class parties during the school day for Orchard, Nursery and Reception.			
Friday 4 th April	School closes for Easter holiday			
	HOLIDAY			
Tuesday 22 nd April	School opens for Summer Term 1			
Wednesday 30 th April	Nursery Conkers trip to Pony Patch, Glossop			
Thursday 1 st May	Reception Acorns trip to Pony Patch, Glossop			
Friday 2 nd May	Year 6 Oak Class Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm			



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Monday 5 th 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 2 nd 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 3 rd July	Year 1 Silver Birch and Year 2 Willow Classes trip to Portland Basin			
Friday 4 th July	Orchard Cherries Family Dinner Day 11.50am			
Monday 7 th July	Conkers and Acorns trip to Formby Beach			
Friday 11 th July	Orchard Apples Family Dinner Day 11.50am			
Thursday 17th July	Leavers Disco for Years 1 to 6: 4.00pm to 5.00pm			
Thursday 17 th July	Class parties during the school day for Orchard, Nursery and Reception.			
Friday 18 th July	School closes for summer holiday			
Monday 21 st July	Staff in school: training day			
Tuesday 22 nd July	Staff in school: training day			

Kindest Regards,

Deborah Meredith