

Weekly Newsletter

Gosford Park Primary School

11th October

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All parents and carers MUST pre order lunches through your school grid account.

If you go into debt on the account then your child will only be able to have a jacket potato, if you do not pre order then your child will only be able to have a jacket potato.

What a wonderful week we've had in school.

We have hosted Year 4, Year 2, Year 6 and Reception's parents and carers information sessions after school. Thank you to all of the families who attended these, and for those who were unable to, the content has been shared on your class dojo.

During these meetings our IT technician, Mr Adams and Miss Stewart our Deputy Head are on hand to help with Class Dojo sign ups and support using the schoolgrid website to order lunches- both of these adults are on the school gates every day and are more than happy to help.

Next week, we have the Year 3 parents and carers session on Monday, Year 5 on Wednesday and Year 1 on Thursday. We look forward to seeing you there!

Makaton Sign of the Week



Hello



Good

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This Week's Weekly Attendance:

1st: 6 Whitefriars 97.9% (5 Dojos each)
2nd: 6 Greyfriars 97.7% (3 Dojos each)
3rd: 1 Humber 97% (1 Dojo Each)

Things we need for our Mud Kitchen- donations needed!

We would love donations of items that you use in your kitchen, as long as it is not glass or porcelain and is left in the donation stations next to the Year 1,4,6 gate side of the school.

Please!

Dinner Time Discussions:

Our PSHE question of the week is;
How can we protect our planet? (It's recycling week!)

Timestable Rockstars

This week's winners are: 4 Sherbourne!
10 Dojo's each!

Housepoints

North house win this week!



ClassDojo

Tidy Champions:
3 Westwood



Gosford's Greatest

N Gosford: Yalini and Kudirath

R Swanswell: Damisi and Jachike

R Memorial: Sivaamsi and Jamaal

1 Humber: Annika and Akalya

1 Jaguar: Bhavik and Shanaah

2 Whittle: Osman and Ana

2 Cash's: Penelope and Sophia

3 Westwood: Flavio and Anna

3 Baginton: Elfie and Evelyn

4 Coffantre: Fenhan and Ruby

4 Sherbourne: Lionel and Thinuli

5 Phoenix: Rania and Fayzan

5 Dunlop: Divya and David

6 Whitefriars: Emily and Jewell

6 Greyfriars: Angela and Tyrell

Gosford's Greatest Grown Up

Each week staff nominate someone (or occasionally a few people) who have gone over and above for our Gosford Park Community.

Ms Preston, our new French teacher has Gosford Greatest Grown up this week. Her impact already on the teaching of French in school is really exciting and we are so pleased she's joined our family.



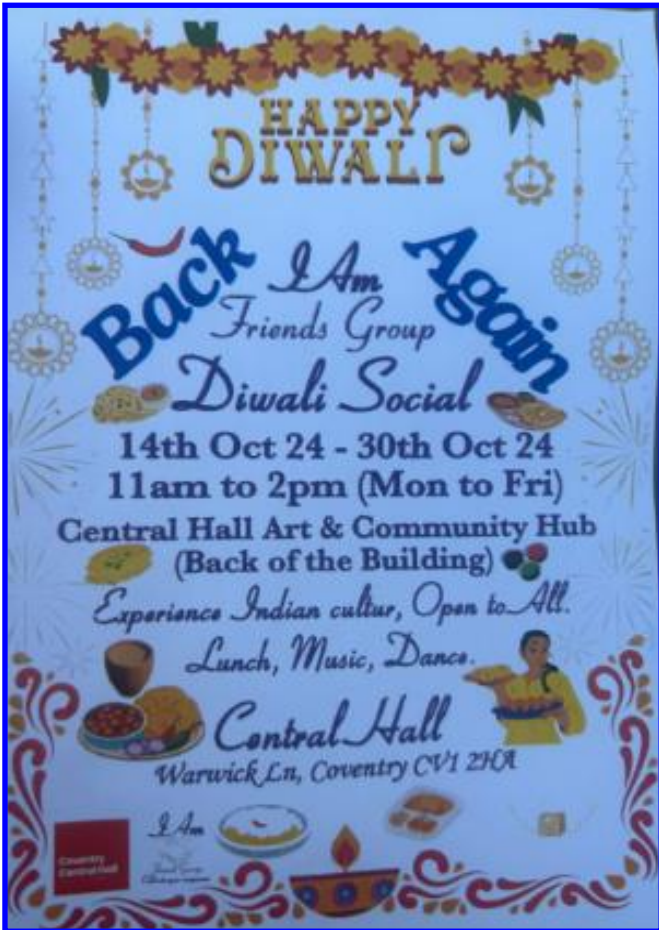
**Parent Governor
Vacancy**

If you would be interested in joining our Governing Body we would be very interested to talk to you!

If you would like more information, please contact dtoulson@gosfordpark.coventry.sch.uk

Celebrations Outside of School-

Please email enquiries@gosfordpark.coventry.sch.uk with your celebrations outside of school!



Asda Rewards- Money for our PTA- Can you join on the rewards app?

Cashpot for Schools is our most popular way to support primary schools across the UK.

Every time you shop with Asda Rewards from 1st September to 30th November, we will donate 1% of your total spend to a primary school of your choice. Asda will pop £1 into your school's Cashpot. The more people who opt in, the more your school's Cashpot will grow.

Even more, Asda will get your school started with a further £50. To redeem this, make sure to opt in and remind your school to sign up with PTA.

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Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.

Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started.

Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.

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School Road Safety Poster Competition

Children from Coventry primary schools are invited to participate in our road safety competition to design a road safety sign on either an A4 sheet of paper or a paper plate.

Age Categories

1 Reception and Years 1-2

The school's will then be asked to submit their top 5 (from each age group) to a central competition for judging by 22 October 2024.

2 Years 3 & 4

The winners being announced 20th November 2024 (during National Road Safety Week) .

3 Years 5 & 6

The aim of the competition is to raise awareness of road safety around primary schools and get children talking about road safety.

Full entry details and criteria about the competition can be obtained from the Motor Transport Warrant Officer 159 Regt RLC

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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.

2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children a suitable distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.

3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000 °C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.

5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.

6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.

7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.

8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.

9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.

10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20–30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.



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Dates For Your Diary

October 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
14 Recycle Week EcoTeam meeting Year 3 parent and child meeting 3:15 in 3B (until approx. 3:50)	15 Swimming Yr6	16 Thank you cleaner day! Year 5 parent and child meeting 3:15 in 5D (until approx. 3:50)	17 Year 1 parent and child meeting 3:15 in 1J (until approx. 3:50)	18 Gosford's Greatest
21 Head Pupil and House Captain Elections	22 Swimming Yr6	23	24 Gosford's Greatest Secondary Application Deadline 31.10 PTA Disco afterschool Yr3/4-3:15-3:45 Yr5/6 4:00-4:30	25 Teacher Training Day- School closed
28 Half Term	29 Half Term	30 Half Term	31 Half Term	1 Half Term

November 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4 School open after half term Reception Parents Maths Meeting Hall 2:00	5 Year 1 Parents Maths Meeting Hall 2:00	6 Year 2 Parents Maths Meeting Hall 2:00	7	8 Reception and Year 6 Heights and Weight check- school nursing team

Training Days 2024-25- School will be closed for children
2nd June 2025, 21st July 2025