

# Gresham Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

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### Whole school attendance

Attendance for this week will be published in the next newsletter after half term.

### Highest attending class

Attendance for this week will be published in the next newsletter after half term.

### Upcoming dates/events:

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET day – School closed
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	School reopens at 8:55am Year 4 – swimming
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Tempest taking individual photos of the children
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Halloween themed lunch Halloween cake sale Year 5/6 football match after school (away) Year 6 school sleepover
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Year 6 trip to The National Army Museum

**Mufti Day:** Once again, our wonderful Gresham community has gone above and beyond for the school. Thank you so much for all of your donations of paper (including the 27 reams that arrived via a Tesco online delivery). As you will know, the school runs on a very tight budget and days like this really help to ensure that we have a good supply of paper for the next half term.

**Welcome:** In addition to our new Reception class intake, we have had many new children join Gresham over the last couple of weeks. We'd like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new families to the school and look forward to working alongside you over the coming years.

**Tempest:** Individual photos will be taken by Tempest on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October. This includes photos of siblings.

**Parents' Evenings:** The autumn parents' evenings will take place just after half term. The first is on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November and the second on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November. We will be asking you to book a slot to see your child's teacher via the ParentMail PMX system. This will go live during the first week back, and we will inform you of a confirmed date/time when we return to school.

**Gardening Day:** This took place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October and had a great turn out. We have continued to improve our outside areas for the children and jobs included painting and making a bog garden. Of course, this work does not happen without lots of organisation involved and a huge thank you to Sarah Cusworth and Mrs Pope for their continued help and support with the outside areas. The children definitely enjoy using them and days like this will ensure they continue to do so as the year progresses and for many years to come.

**Aldi Vouchers:** If you are out shopping at Aldi over half term, please remember to save any stickers you may earn that are currently being given out. As a school, we would like to raise 300 stickers by 18<sup>th</sup> November. These stickers mean that we are put into a draw to win £20,000 and sports kit for the school.

**House Points:** Year 6 have been trialing a new house point system since our return to school in September. We will be introducing this to all children after term. Children will still be awarded house points in the same way and there will be weekly and termly winners of the house point cup.

However, there will not be an additional house point system for individual children. When children are given a house point, it will be given for a specific reason. These four reasons are: kindness, respect, achievement and effort. Children's house point totals will be collected and counted each week, and they can earn certificates, badges, stickers etc. by continuing to earn as many as they can.

We feel this offers an additional incentive to children to receive recognition for themselves as individuals, in addition to earning house points for their own house team.

**Parent Rep Meeting:** Ms Steele met with the new class reps this morning which was very useful. Minutes of the meeting were recorded and will be available on our school website shortly under the parent information tab.

**Siblings for September 2020 intake:** Please let the school office know if you have a child starting school next September.

**School Donations:** Please could we take this opportunity to remind all of our parents/carers about our school fund. Ideally, we are asking for a donation of £50.00 per child for this academic year. If you are able to make a contribution, you can do so via Parent Pay. Thank you so much for all of your generous donations so far. At the time of writing, we have received £1206.90.

**Palace for Life Foundation:** Girls only football courses are being run over half term at two different venues, which are as follows:

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at Bishop Justus Church of England School, Magpie Hall Lane, Bromley, Kent, BR2 8HZ

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October at Hawthorns School, Pendell Court, Bletchingley, Surrey, RH1 4QJ

For more information, please visit [www.palaceforlife.org](http://www.palaceforlife.org)

**Thank you for taking the time to read our weekly newsletter. We hope you have a lovely, restful half term break. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 8:55am.**