



# GODSTONE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all managed to have a restful half term break. We have really enjoyed welcoming the children back to school today and are looking forward to an exciting half term ahead of us. Please find an update of the upcoming events that we have planned and an overview of the school logistics below:

## Maths and Reading Mornings

Maths and reading mornings will resume this half term with parents once again welcome to join us to share reading and maths activities with your child in their class. Whilst there is no obligation to wear a face covering, we strongly recommend that visitors to the school site do so to stop the spread of COVID-19. Parents who wish to join their child will be granted access to the school via the school office at 9am. There has been a slight scheduling change to our maths and reading mornings this half term; they will now take place on:

- Friday 4th March - Maths morning - 9am-9.30am
- Friday 11th March - Reading morning - 9am-9.30am
- Friday 25th March - Maths morning - 9am-9.30am

## Professor Bubbleworks Workshop

We have booked a Science workshop for the children to enjoy on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February**. Professor Bubbleworks offers an immersive, hands-on experience for the children to engage with. Parents do not need to prepare their children for the workshop. The timetable for the workshops are:

- 9:40am - 10:20am – Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 workshop (Year 2 being collected at 10:30am for swimming)
- 10:30am - 11:10am – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 workshop

## Able Maths Day

Some of our talented Year 5 and Year 6 children will be representing our school at this year's Able Maths Day at Salfords Primary School on **Tuesday 1st March**. The Able Maths Day is a fun and educational experience where the children are encouraged to work together as investigators to solve interesting and meaningful problems which stretches and challenges the children in an enjoyable way.

## World Book Day

World Book Day is scheduled to take place on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. This day provides the children with the chance to celebrate, discuss and learn about a range of wonderful stories. The children will be given the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character for World Book Day. Should your child have a copy of the book from which their character has been chosen, they are welcome to bring it into school to share with the other children. At the end of the day, there will be a whole school assembly, where the children will get to see each other's costumes.



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## Parents Evening

The school office will send details of how to book your spring term parents evening sessions in the coming couple of weeks. Parents' evenings are taking place on the following dates and times:

- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March - 3.30pm-6pm - Year 2 and Year 6
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March - 3.30pm-6pm - Year N, Year R, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March - 1.30pm-6pm – All classes

## Class Assemblies

This half term, Year 2 and Reception will be sharing their class assemblies. Parents are welcome to join us and whilst there is no obligation to wear a face covering, we strongly recommend that visitors to the school site do so to limit the spread of COVID-19. The assemblies are taking place on the following dates and times:

- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2 Assembly at 2.45pm
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Reception Class Assembly at 2.45pm

## Comic Relief

Comic Relief is scheduled to take place on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March**. We are really excited to support this amazing charity again this year. Further details of how the whole school community can get involved will follow shortly.

## Night Owls Visit

We have booked the Night Owls team to visit us on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May**. The Night Owls team visited us a couple of years ago and offer an engaging display for the children to enjoy with a variety of owls. The timetable for the day is:

## Queen's Jubilee

We will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in a few months' time. This is an exciting opportunity to celebrate and bring the whole community together. The school have been invited to join a wider celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on the Village Green with the Parish. Further details regarding both events will be shared in the coming weeks.

## COVID-19 Update

Parents, staff and children will need to self-isolate immediately following a positive COVID-19 test. NHS Test and Trace will work with any person who tests positive for COVID-19 to identify close contacts and give advice on isolation periods. A person who tests positive for COVID-19 will be required to self-isolate for 10 days. However, they may be able to end their self-isolation period early if they take a lateral flow device (LFD) test on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> day of self-isolation and these tests return negative results, and they do not have a high temperature. Then a person may end their period of self-isolation after the second negative test result on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of self-isolation.

Any person who is identified as a close contact in school will be identified by NHS Test and Trace as schools are no longer expected to undertake contact tracing. NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case and/or their parent to identify close contacts. Adults who are fully vaccinated (2 doses of an approved vaccine) and all children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years who are identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 will need to take an LFD test every day for 7 days and continue to attend school as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms. Children under 5 years are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part in daily testing of close contacts, however they should limit their contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19, and arrange to take a PCR test as soon as possible.

### **Pupil wellbeing and support**

Some pupils may be experiencing a variety of emotions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, such as anxiety, stress or low mood. I have listed a range of resources that may support your child or others with the ongoing pandemic:

- [MindEd](#) - a free educational resource on children and young people's mental health
- [Every Mind Matters](#) - an online tool and email journey to support everyone in taking action to look after their mental health and wellbeing
- [Bereavement UK](#) and the [Childhood Bereavement Network](#) - information and resources to support bereaved pupils, schools and staff
- The [DfE blog](#) - includes [mental health resources](#) for children, parents, carers and school staff
- [Young Minds](#) - information on COVID-19 and mental health
- [Think Ninja](#) - a free app for 10 to 18 year olds to help build resilience and stay well
- [Every Mind Matters](#) - building resilience and supporting good mental health in young people aged 10 to 16

Get free, confidential support at any time by:

- texting SHOUT to 85258
- calling Childline on 0800 1111
- calling the Mix on 0808 808 4994

Yours sincerely,



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