



GODSTONE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all managed to have a restful Easter break and are re-energised for the start of the Summer Term. We have lots of exciting learning planned for the children this term alongside school trips and events. Some of the events to look forward to this half term are:

- Godstone Goes Global on Friday 22nd April
- Reading Mornings on Friday 29th April and Friday 27th May
- Maths Morning on Friday 13th May
- Night Owls Visit on Wednesday 18th May
- HRH The Queen's Platinum Jubilee week commencing 23rd May week
- School Disco on Friday 27th May

SATs

Year 2 and Year 6 are due to complete their end of key stage SATs tests this half term. All of the staff are really proud of all of the children's achievements this academic year but as I am sure you will all appreciate, this is a time that can present the children with additional anxieties. The school will do everything in our power to alleviate as much of this pressure as possible but we are here if you would like any additional support. Please find a timetable for the SATs tests below:

- Wednesday 4th May – Year 2 – Maths: Arithmetic
- Thursday 5th May – Year 2 – Maths: Reasoning
- Monday 9th May – Year 6 – Spelling
- Monday 9th May – Year 6 – Punctuation and Grammar
- Monday 9th May – Year 2 – Reading: Paper 1
- Tuesday 10th May – Year 6 – Reading
- Tuesday 10th May – Year 2 – Spelling
- Tuesday 10th May – Year 2 – Punctuation and Grammar
- Wednesday 11th May – Year 6 – Maths: Arithmetic
- Wednesday 11th May – Year 6 – Maths: Reasoning 1
- Wednesday 11th May – Year 2 – Reading: Paper 2
- Thursday 12th May – Year 6 – Maths: Reasoning 2

For the time being, we would strongly advise that you don't share this timetable with the children as it could lead to further anxieties. We would recommend the following strategies to support your child:

- Lots of sleep the night before each test
- Light revision (daily 10-15 minute blocks) in the lead up to each test
- Offer lots of positive praise and encouragement
- A healthy and hearty breakfast before each test



Inspirational Learning for Life



Census Day

Thursday 19th May is Census Day! Please ensure that your child is in school on this day so that they are registered on the school's system. There may be a lunch menu change on this day to entice the children to have one of our delicious school lunches as this affects our funding.

COVID-19

Please find the updated government guidance on COVID-19 and remote learning below:

New COVID-19 symptoms

Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) in children and adults can include:

- a high temperature or shivering (chills) – a high temperature means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- shortness of breath
- feeling tired or exhausted
- an aching body
- a headache
- a sore throat
- a blocked or runny nose
- loss of appetite
- diarrhoea
- feeling sick or being sick

If you've tested positive for COVID-19

Parents, staff and children should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people following a positive COVID-19 test. An adult who tests positive for COVID-19 should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for **5 days** and avoid meeting people at higher risk from COVID-19 for **10 days**. Children who test positive for COVID-19 should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for **3 days**. If children are well and do not have a temperature after 3 days, there's a much lower risk that they will pass on COVID-19 to others. All isolation periods start from the day after the positive COVID-19 test.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, and a high temperature or do not feel well enough to go to work or do your normal activities

Parents, staff and children should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. You should avoid meeting people who are at a higher risk from COVID-19. You can resume your normal activities if you do not have a high temperature and you feel well enough to do so.

Reduce the spread of COVID-19

There are simple things you can do in your daily life that will help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory infections and protect those at highest risk. Things you can choose to do are:

- Get vaccinated.
- Let fresh air in if meeting others indoors.
- Practise good hygiene:
 - wash your hands
 - cover your coughs and sneezes
 - clean your surroundings frequently
- Wear a face covering or a face mask.

Remote Learning

Our priority is always to deliver high-quality face-to-face education to all children. Remote education will only ever be considered as a short-term measure and as a last resort for children who are **well** but unable to attend school in person. If children are not attending school due to COVID-19 they will not receive remote learning as standard because we would consider them to be **unwell**.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "N. J. Usher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "N".

Mr Nick Usher

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