



# Gorseybrigg Primary School and Nursery

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1<sup>st</sup> November 2017

Dear Parents

I hope you had an enjoyable half term and that the children feel refreshed to face a busy 7 week and 2 days half term, culminating in Christmas activities.

### Sunshine Awards 2017

Isla Barr (Y5) and Benjamin Barber (Y6) were presented with Sunshine Awards in recognition of their happy, sunny personalities.

### Shooting Stars 2017/18

Congratulations go to Harvey Richmond, Brooke Emmerson, Isla Barr, Emmie Gray and Scarlett Kent (all Y5) who were successful in the Shooting Stars selection this year.

### Parking

We wish to emphasise the following points for the safety of the children:

- Please adhere to the voluntary one-way system around Balmoral Crescent.
- **Do not park or drop off directly outside the school gates.**
- **Do not park or drop off on the zigzag lines outside the school gates.**
- **Do not park or drop off directly opposite the school gates.**
- Please park away from the school and walk a short distance if possible.
- Please be considerate to residents on Balmoral Crescent when parking.

### Parentmail

As you will be aware, our school subscribes to Parentmail, a school-to-home communication system. In order to ensure that the system runs smoothly and that we are able to contact all parents quickly and easily, we would like to ask all parents check that they receive regular emails from school. Please notify school of any changes to your email addresses.

### ParentPay

Before half term in an attempt to remove all cash and cheques from school we asked all parents to use our e-payment method to pay for **dinner money, trips, PTFA events etc.** This is now done online using ParentPay. We hope that everyone has now had an opportunity to log on and that parents will support the school by using this for all future payments.

### Charity Sponsor

We continue to support Sujeshselvam who is an 11 year old boy who lives in a Goodwill Children's Home in the Palani Hills. His mother died and his father is sick and unable to look after the children. Sujeshselvam is creative – he loves drawing, music and dance. We send £300 each year to support Sujesh. There will be a collection following the Y5/Y6 Carol Concert at the church which is divided equally between Sujesh and the church and the same children in school will take part in carol singing at Sainsburys to raise further money for this worthwhile cause. Thank you for your support.

P.T.O.

Giving Pride through Success

## Reminders and Diary Dates

**Bag2School** – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – morning collection.

Please send unwanted clothing etc.

### **Poppies**

Poppies will be available in school (donations please).

Please could all children wear a poppy on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November when school will hold a 2 minute silence at 11.00am. Thank you.

**Anti-Bullying Week** – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Theme: 'All different, All equal'

Please discuss bullying with your child (especially name-calling) and help to make sure we are informed if bullying is taking place. Friendships and all forms of bullying will be discussed during the week and children will be reminded to tell an adult if they feel bullied or see bullying taking place.

**Nursery Open Morning** – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 9.30 – 10.30 am

Please tell family and friends who may be interested.

**Cupcake Decorating Competition** – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Bring your decorated cupcakes into school for the catering team to judge. Prizes for all entries, the overall winner will receive baking equipment for their school (see next page for details).

**Parent Consultations** – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November (4-7pm) / Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November (3.30-6.30pm)

Please make sure you have an appointment.

**Children in Need** – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Please dress in spots as the theme is 'Spotacular'. Thank you.

**Swimming** – Year 4

This finishes on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 and starts on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 2018.

**PTFA Christmas Fayre** – after school Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 (no Sports Club that day)

More details to follow

'**The Snowman**' - Year 3 – Winding Wheel – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

**Non-Uniform – Food Bank Donation** – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017

This year we have decided to help those in need within our community and so are asking children if they would like to come in non-uniform, and rather than bring £1 to school we would like them to donate a tin of food or toiletries instead (a list will be sent out nearer the time of items Chesterfield Food Bank require). We hope you will support us.

### **Christmas Assemblies/Concert**

Y2	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30pm
Y3	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30pm
Y4	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30pm
Y1	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30pm
Y5/Y6	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	6.15 for 6.30pm at Dronfield Parish Church

### Foundation Stage Nativity

Reception Parents      Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December                      10.30am  
Nursery Parents        Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December                      10.30am

### Christmas Parties

Y3 and Y4                      Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December (pm)  
Y1 and Y2                      Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December (pm)  
Y5 and Y6                      Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December (pm)  
N and Rec                      Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December (am)

### Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Non-Uniform day

We hope all children in school will have a Christmas Dinner in school. If your child usually has sandwiches, but would like to have a Christmas Dinner, please pay online (via ParentPay) before Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. This is a non-uniform day.

### Break Up for Christmas

Nursery                      Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
School                        Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Nursery and School Re-Open – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018.

Yours sincerely



**Corinne Thornton**  
Headteacher



**THE GREAT**  
*School Meals*  
**BAKE OFF**

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