

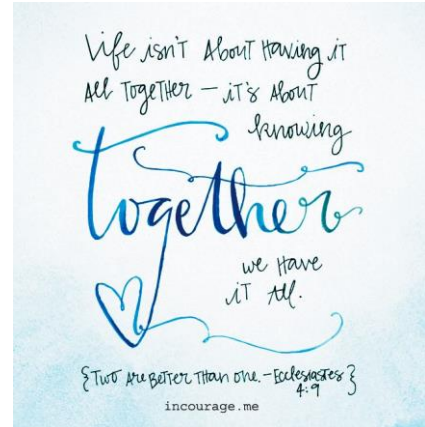


**Goring Church of England
(Aided) Primary School**
Faith, Love and Learning

17 May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

There is still one more week of learning before a well-deserved half-term break, but I wanted to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to you as a whole school community for the overwhelming kindness and concern directed towards Mrs Jee. We have kept in close contact with her throughout this half-term and passed on many messages, prayers and well-wishes. She is incredibly grateful knowing she can lean on her school family for support and we will continue to share positivity and be there for her.



I also wanted to recognise the compassion that has been shown by you all to our staff team, who have worked tirelessly to ensure as much consistency as possible for the children, in a time where there have needed to be changes in staffing and the leadership structure.

What has been happening?



Earlier this term, the PSA organised their annual disco - an extremely successful evening of dancing and music. From Early Years to Year 6, it was lovely to see so many happy children and creative dance moves! A huge thank you needs to go to the PSA team, including DJ Dick, for making this event happen.

On Thursdays this term, Year 5 visit Splashpoint Leisure Centre for swimming lessons. The aim of these sessions is to help our children to become more competent and confident swimming a distance of at least 25 metres, which is a National Curriculum requirement. We have had numerous positive comments from the local community about the behaviour and attitude of our children and we look forward to seeing how they progress as the term continues.

"Times Tables Rockstars" Festivals have been introduced each Monday for Years 2,3 and 4 to celebrate children's progress in learning their times tables. Children have been challenged to become more proficient recalling these at pace with weekly class and individual champions. The children have enjoyed celebrating their classmates and it has also helped our Year 4 children who will be completing their Multiplication Tables Check online after half-term.

As part of their geography studies this half-term, both Year 1 and Year 2 have participated in locality walks. Year 1 looked at gaining a better understanding of our local area and the coast. Year 2 focused on designing, creating and following different routes using map and compass directions to navigate. Later in the term, they will also be participating in a beach clean to help our local environment.



Puffin and Seagull classes visited Butser Ancient Farm in Hampshire two weeks ago, to consolidate their study of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings in history. They were shown round replica Anglo-Saxon and Viking houses, and experienced a range of activities including archaeological digging, rune carving, drop spinning and “clunching” – and if you're not sure what that is, you can ask a Year 4 child!

Year 6 children completed their SATs this week – they have worked with great dedication and focus, and the entire staff team working with them could not be prouder of how well they have coped. We also recognize that children at Goring are much “more than a score” – and Year 6 will bear this out when they challenge themselves to the sailing and other active opportunities available on the Cobnor residential next week.

Sport



Our Year 3 & 4 gymnastics squad showcased their incredibly strength, flexibility and coordination in an inter-school competition last week. They had trained hard over several weeks to prepare for their floor routine and vault and were an outstanding example of our school values in the way they performed. Huge thanks must also go to Mrs Oliver, who gave up her own time to coach the children prior to the competition.

We were very proud to see our Road to Eastbourne tennis squad compete against the strongest teams in Southern Sussex. They participated in a range of tennis skills before playing several paired matches. For some children this was their first experience of competitive tennis and they showed resilience and determination throughout.



Children from Year 5 and 6 also represented the school in this year's Worthing Schools' Quad-Kids competition. This is an athletics event where children compete in throwing, jumping, sprinting and long distance running. With nearly 100 children competing, it was incredible to see Willow and Isaac in Year 6 place as the 2nd place girl and 2nd place boy in the local area: a huge achievement!

Our thanks go to all the staff and parents who have enabled the children to participate in these extra-curricular events. I am sure I speak for everyone in our school community when I say we value your time and dedication in facilitating these experiences!

Trees for Streets Scheme

You may have noticed the beautiful maple tree which has been planted outside the school entrance. One of our parents, Mrs Bezencon's company sponsored the tree through Worthing Council's "trees for streets" scheme. Mrs. Bezencon and her daughter Minnie are keen to share the details of this scheme to encourage other individuals or businesses to take part in a similar way. Details can be found by following the link below.

<https://sponsor.treesforstreets.org/provider/worthing-borough-council>

Apparently the tree needs up to 50 litres of water a day! Minnie and her classmates are keeping busy looking after the tree while it establishes itself in its new home. We have spoken to the children about respecting nature by not swinging on it or picking the leaves, and would ask that you reiterate the same message.

Premises Officer Vacancy

We are looking for a committed, hardworking and skilled team player to take on the role of Premises Officer at our very happy and friendly school. The post is for 25 hours per week, worked over 5 days for 52 weeks of the year with 23 days holiday. The hours will need to be worked as a split shift 7-9am and 3-6pm Monday to Friday and include unlocking in the morning and securing the premises at the end of the day.

Starting salary: West Sussex County Council Grade 4 (£23,500) /Grade 5 (£24,294) pro-rata dependant on experience. The successful candidate will need to complete a pre-employment health check as well as a DBS Enhanced Disclosure. Any offer made will be conditional on all the pre-employment checks being completed satisfactorily. If you or anyone you know might be interested in this opportunity, please speak to the School Office staff as soon as possible.

We would like to wish you all a happy and safe half term break

Yours sincerely

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UNIFORM POLICY

Reviewed 2022

Reception Children

Winter:

Girls

Navy blue tunic, skirt or trousers/culottes

*School cardigan or jumper (navy blue with red stripe)

White polo shirt

White socks or navy tights

Sensible black shoes (not trainers, boots or high heeled shoes)

Boys

Grey trousers

*School jumper (navy blue with red stripe)

White polo shirt

Grey socks

Sensible black shoes (not trainers or boots)

Summer:

Girls

Red and white check summer dress

White socks

Sensible black shoes (not trainers or high heeled shoes please)

Boys

Grey shorts

*Red polo shirt with school logo

Grey socks

Sensible black shoes (not trainers/fabric shoes)

Years 1 - 6

Winter:

Girls

Navy blue tunic, skirt or trousers/culottes

*School cardigan or jumper (navy blue with red stripe)

White blouse

*School tie

White socks or navy tights

Sensible black shoes (not trainers, boots or high heeled shoes please)

Boys

Grey trousers

*School jumper (navy blue with red stripe)

White shirt

*School tie

Grey socks

Sensible black shoes (not trainers or boots)

Summer:

Girls

Y1&2 Red and white check summer dress

Y3-6 Red and white check summer dress or navy skirt/culottes and a *red polo shirt with school logo

White socks

Sensible black shoes (not trainers or high heeled shoes please)

Boys

Grey shorts

*Red polo shirt with school logo

Grey socks

Sensible black shoes (not trainers/fabric shoes)

* Purchased from the school supplies

All children will require a PE t-shirt in their house colours and a pair of navy shorts. Plain navy tracksuit bottoms and a navy fleece may also be worn in winter months.

Hair which is longer than shoulder length must be tied back. No extreme hair styles, these include unnatural colour, shaved lines or patterns, distinct changes in length in the hair (changes should be graduated) No beaded braiding

No makeup or jewelry will be worn, other than a single set of ear studs which will be covered with tape during PE lessons.

All nails will be free from nail varnish Parents should contact the Headteacher in writing should they wish consideration to be given to adaptations based on need.

Good quality second hand uniform is available via the Parent Support Association

Diary Dates 2023-24

SUMMER TERM	
Monday 20 – 24 May	Y6 Cobnor residential
Monday 27 -31 May	HALF TERM
Monday 3 June	Y2 WWT Arundel trip
Friday 7 June	Y3 Camping
Monday 10 June	Y1 & 2 Phonics screening week
Wednesday 12 June	3.30-4.30 Y6 Fiver Challenge
Thursday 13 June	Y2 Legacy games TBC 3.30-4.30 Y6 Fiver Challenge
Monday 17 June	1.15 KS1 Sports day
Tuesday 18 June	9.15 KS2 Sports day
Wednesday 19 June	12-4pm KS2 Legacy games TBC
Friday 21 June	INSET day
Monday 24 June	1.15 KS1 Reserve Sports day
Tuesday 25 June	9.15 KS2 Reserve sports day
Thursday 27 June	Y6 Diocesan leavers service – Chichester Cathedral 6pm 2025 Cobnor current Year 5 parent zoom meeting
Friday 28 June	PSA Summer Festival time
Wednesday 3 July	Transfer morning/day 5-7pm Open evening
Thursday 4 July	The Big Sing – West Park
Friday 5 July	EYFS Woodland trip
Wednesday 10 July	Y6 production to parents details to follow
Thursday 11 July	Y6 production to parents details to follow
Friday 12 July	Reports out to parents
Thursday 18 July	6pm Leavers service and party
Monday 22 July	INSET day
Tuesday 23 July	INSET day
Wednesday 24 July – Monday 2 September	SUMMER HOLIDAY

Dates are subject to change. Parents will be notified if changes are necessary.