



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

14 June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

We have been blessed with sunshine and smiling faces at the start of our final half-term of this academic year. Thank you to all those who have contributed a piece towards our Poems, Prayers and Pictures Book to raise money for Leukaemia Care. We have extended the deadline for submissions to Monday at 9am. We continue to keep Mrs Jee firmly in our minds as she continues with her treatment. She remains positive and is being supported by her family and those closest to her.



There has been so much that has happened over the past couple of weeks both in and out of school, and I wanted to take this opportunity to celebrate the children, staff and our wider community.

Music Certificates

We are currently looking to renew our school's music display to celebrate those children who are learning a musical instrument, both in and out of school. If your child achieved a recent grade and they have a certificate they would like to be celebrated, we ask that you bring this into the school office by Friday 28th June so that we can photocopy it and add it to our celebration of musical talent.

What has been happening?

When our school became a through primary school in 2015, we spoke to the community about what we wanted our children to experience throughout their time at Goring. One was to learn to sail; a test of resilience, teamwork, patience and courage. Our Year 6 students rose to every challenge throughout their week at Cobnor Sailing Centre. They sailed, kayaked, cycled and problem-solved! Each child was a credit to the school and helped to make memories which we hope will stay with them forever. A huge thank you must go to Mrs Jones, Miss Jones, Mrs Vachhani, Mrs Macara and Miss Weare for making this week happen. We are already looking forward to taking our Year 5 children next year.





Year 2 have been busy at the start of this term and have already been on two trips out of school. On our first day back, they visited Arundel Wetlands Centre to discover more about the different creatures that inhabit a wetland and what makes a wetland such a unique place to be. One of the highlights was pond dipping and uncovering some unusual animals that live just under the surface of the water.

As well as this, Year 2 participated in this year's 'Little Big Sing' event. This was a wonderful event that saw children from across many local schools come together for an afternoon of singing, led by a specialist singing leader. The children joined in with singing 'Down Under the Sea' and 'Butterfly', as well as performing our own school song – 'Brighter Day Tomorrow'. The children enjoyed showcasing their musical talent and we are grateful to Miss Leach for organising this opportunity.

Year 3 children camped on the school field last Friday night. After a day of bushcraft activities and a hearty supper of sausage and chips, they enjoyed a sing song and then spent the night under canvas. Particular thanks must go to Miss Ash, Mrs Finlay and Mrs Grigg, who organised the event, and the team of school staff, parents and carers who helped strike the tents so efficiently on Saturday morning.

We received a record number of submissions for Walk to School week this year, with some extremely creative ways of getting to school, including playing musical instruments, turning cartwheels and walking backwards! Winning entries will be drawn from the submissions next week and the lucky prize winners will be informed by Mrs Grigg, and will then be able to choose their prize of equipment to help them stay active!



Eco-School Information

The eco-committee, headed by Mr Daniel, have been busy helping the school work towards our 'Green Flag' award. The school is running a recycling programme specifically for crisp packets. Already, we have collected over 3000 bags, preventing them going into landfill and allowing them to be processed and used again.

Amaya, in Year 5, has also written the following information about the school's plan to install bat boxes in our outside areas.

'To help the environment, we are going to install bat boxes to encourage different animals to visit our school. This will be great for bats as it will give them a safe and protected home. It might also encourage birds too and that will be lovely for children and adults to see.'

Eco-Facts

Did you know that in landfill a crisp packet will take over 70 years to fully decompose?

The average bat eats 3000 small insects – including midges and mosquitos – each night?



Summer Festival and Non-Uniform Day



We are looking forward to a busy next few weeks with Sports Days, leavers' events and our PSA Summer Festival. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us in these events, celebrating the different aspects of school life at Goring. Information regarding the PSA events was sent out separately on 5th June. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that next Thursday 20th June, is a non-uniform day in exchange for bringing in items for hampers.

Transition

This half term, staff will be supporting the children with their forthcoming transition to new classes and also for some, to secondary schools. Due to the strengths and needs identified in the current Year 3 classes, only the current Reception classes will be mixed. Letters for these children will be sent home at the end of this week; please ensure these are returned promptly.

All parents will be notified of their child's new class teacher on Monday 1st July, prior to the transition day on Wednesday 3rd July. Children who find transition challenging will receive extra support and opportunities to familiarize themselves with new classrooms and staff.

Yours sincerely

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UNIFORM POLICY

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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 'holiday' hair accessories/styles e.g. beaded hair-wraps.

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 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
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.