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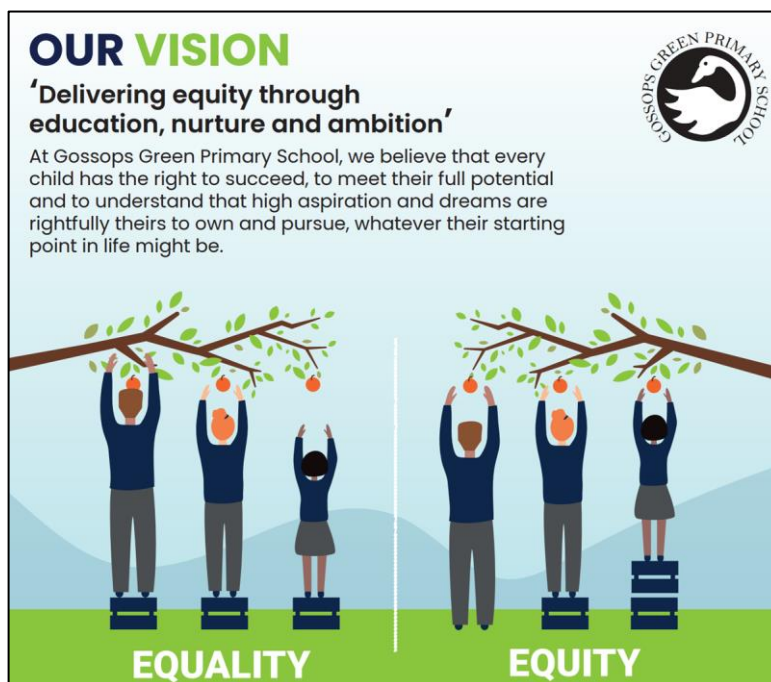
Gossops Green News

22nd September 2023

Our Vision and Values

When you visited the school for the Meet the Parent sessions, you may have seen our new Vision and Values artwork, which is displayed around the school and on our website. We have explained our vision to all of the children and explained what equity means and how we try and achieve this.

“Delivering equity through education, nurture and ambition”



OUR CORE VALUES

At Gossops Green Primary School, we develop and nurture our characters, talents and skills through our '3 Rs' of:



1. We **RESPECT** our school, our families, our local community and the wider world. We learn that self-respect helps us to be the best versions of ourselves.

2. We develop **RESILIENCE** to nurture strength of character and the ability to face challenges with determination and tenacity. We learn that the most important thing is not to give up but always try our best.

3. We are empowered with **RESPONSIBILITY** and commit with head, heart and hands to make a positive difference. We learn that we have a responsibility to make our world a better place.

We have also refreshed our core values and have introduced the 3 Rs:

Respect, Resilience, Responsibility

We feel that these accurately encapsulate what we try and achieve in school and hope that you can support us with these at home.

Walk Once a Week

We are delighted that we will be once again joining thousands of children across the UK in taking part in the Walk Once a Week (WOW) initiative. This pupil-led challenge enables children to self-report how they get to school every day. If they travel actively (walk/wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride) at least once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a free badge, which they can then wear to school with pride. It's that simple! For more information, visit www.livingstreets.org.uk/wowlaunch

What are the benefits of walking to school?

- Children feel happier and healthier
- They arrive to school refreshed and ready to learn
- Helps reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates

What if we can't walk to school?

Park and Stride to help your child earn their WOW badges. You can park your car or hop off public transport at least five minutes away from the school and walk the remaining journey.

What is a WOW badge?

There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2023 – July 2024. A new badge can be earned every month if you walk/wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride at least once a week.



The badges are made in Cornwall from recycled plastic material that was otherwise destined for landfill, including fridge trays, plastic plates and yoghurt pot off-cuts.

Let's swap those school runs for school walks.

Macmillan Cake Sale – Next Thursday

Next Thursday, 28th September, we will be holding our annual Cake Sale for Macmillan Cancer Support, after school. We will be selling cakes in three areas – Reception outside area, Key Stage 1 playground and Key Stage 2 playground. Last year we raised over £900 for this worthy cause.

For the sale to be a success, we need donations of homemade or bought cakes to be brought to school on the Wednesday or Thursday (please provide ingredients for homemade cakes in case of food allergies) as well as your custom on the day please.

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Reminders

Scooters and bikes can be left in the appropriate shelters during the school day. Please note that these are left at your own risk, so we do recommend the use of a bike lock.



Gossops Green News

Gossops Green News is now only produced fortnightly.

Remember to book your child's disco place on Arbor – a letter with full details was sent out earlier this week.



Meet the Teacher Powerpoints

Please find attached to this newsletter the Meet the Teacher Powerpoint for your child's year group, full of key messages about how you can support your child at school.

Annuals and magazines

We would like to refresh our reading corners and offer the children a wide range of texts to encourage their love of reading.



If you have any old children's magazines, comics or annuals at home, in good condition, that you would be willing to donate, we would love to have them. Please pass them to the office or to your child's teacher.

Adults picking up

Please remember to inform the school, ideally through a note in your child's home-school diary, if your child is being picked up by someone different. If this is a last-minute change, please phone the office before 2:30pm. This includes children in KS2.



Friday cards

KS2 children may bring in Football/Pokemon cards on Friday to play with at break and lunchtime.



Please be aware that these cards are brought in at your **own risk. We take no responsibility for them if they are lost or misplaced.** We urge children not to bring in too many and certainly not valuable ones.

Apply online at:
westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

Is your child due to transfer to secondary school in September 2024?

Apply online!
It's simple, convenient and time-saving. If your application is received after the deadline, your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from **Monday 4 September 2023**. If you would like further advice or information, phone: 03330 142 903.

Deadline: Tuesday 31 October 2023

Free internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries.



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Pupil Premium

The Pupil Premium Grant is an amount of money that schools are given to support children from lower income families. Parents can apply for this money by registering their children for free school meals, if they receive any of the following:

- [Universal Credit](#)
- [Income Support](#)
- Income-based [Jobseeker's Allowance](#)
- Income-related [Employment and Support Allowance](#)
- Support under [Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999](#)
- The guaranteed element of state [Pension Credit](#)
- [Child Tax Credit](#)
- [Working Tax Credit](#)



Please do apply if you think that you are eligible, even if you do not want the free school meals, as you will also receive a free school sweatshirt or cardigan, funding for music lessons and can apply for subsidies for school trips. Please speak to the office or Mrs Bullen, our Pupil Premium leader, for more information or help.

Instrument Lessons

If your child is interested in starting to learn an instrument this year, we currently have spaces on the following instruments:

Brass (cornet, trumpet, trombone), Flute, Clarinet, Violin, Guitar and Ukulele.

These lessons are taught by West Sussex Music teachers and take place during the school day. They do incur an additional cost but is help available with this for children who receive Pupil Premium funding.

Mr Whitcher is also doing some FREE Brass taster sessions for children in Year 4 upwards. If your child is interested in learning a Brass instrument and would like a FREE taster, please put a note in the school diary and Mrs Underwood will be in contact.

Please click on the following links to apply: [Music lessons - West Sussex Music](#) [Help with costs – WS Music](#)



Harvest Donations

On the week of the 2nd October, we will be collecting harvest donations for Free Shop Crawley. If you would like to contribute, please send non-perishable items, such as pasta, rice, cereal, tins of soup, tinned fruit, crisps, biscuits, pasta sauce, gravy, toilet roll or toiletries, into school with your child.

Please see their poster on the next page to get a sense of the amazing work that they do.

Thank you for your support.



Dates for your Diary



Friday 29 th September	Year 6 Junior Citizen (in school time)
Monday 2 nd October	Kingfisher Class Harvest Performance to parents; 9:15-9:45am
Tuesday 3 rd October	Robin Class Harvest Performance to parents; 9:15-9:45am
Wednesday 4 th October	Woodpecker Class Harvest Performance to parents; 9:15-9:45am
Thursday 5 th October	Census Day – all KS1 and EYFS children signed up for a hot school meal on this day
Thursday 5 th October	Individual and sibling school photographs
Tuesday 10 th October	Reception parents visit the classroom event; 2:30 – 3pm
Wednesday 11 th October	Flu vaccinations in school
Wednesday 11 th October	KS1 Autumn Disco (after school)
Thursday 19 th October	Reception 6-weeks in meeting for Reception parents 9-10am
Thursday 19 th October	KS2 Autumn Discos (after school)
21 st – 29 th October	Half Term

Community Opportunities

THE FREE SHOP OFFER

— PROVIDING DAILY ESSENTIALS —

DAILY ESSENTIALS

We offer 6 months' support of weekly shops to our customers so that everyone can access daily essentials.

COFFEE MORNINGS

Our fortnightly coffee mornings are open to everyone, whether you are one of our customers or not. There is delicious home made cakes, posh coffee and tea made in a teapot! We also invite other agencies to this so that if you need help it is all at your finger tips.

FORM FILLING CLINICS

We understand how hard it is to navigate the world of forms whether that be CVs or benefits. Just let us know what you need help with and we will do our best to get the right person to help you.

CLANGERS WELLBEING

Look after your wellbeing in our CLANGERS groups. CLANGERS is a series of weekly sessions exploring simple activities that will help to keep you and your family happy and healthy.

STILL METHOD

If anxiety impacts your everyday life, the STILL Method programme uses a step-by-step approach to help understand and manage anxiety, improve low self-esteem and gain resilience.

EXERCISE OPPORTUNITIES

We know how hard it is to be active when finances are tight but it is important for your wellbeing to release those endorphins. We offer a range of exercise opportunities.

BESPOKE WORKSHOPS

As we get to know our customers, different needs arise and if we can't signpost you, we will do our best to offer solutions with our own bespoke workshops.

Contact us on 0786907133 or learning@freeshopcrawley.com For more information charity number 1193224



Make Friends

The perfect way
for girls aged 5-11
to get involved
with football



LOVE



TIME AND DATE

Every Friday 4PM-5PM (8-11 years)

LOCATION

Broadfield 3G Winfield Way, Crawley, RH11 9RX - Pitch 1

NEXT STEPS

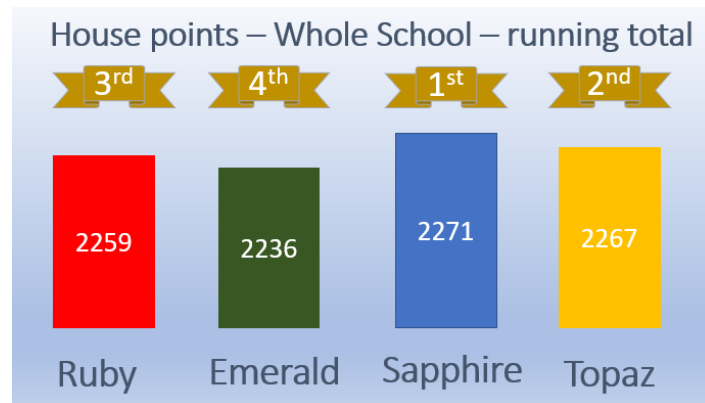
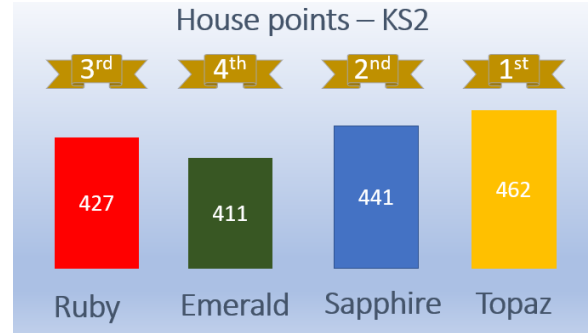
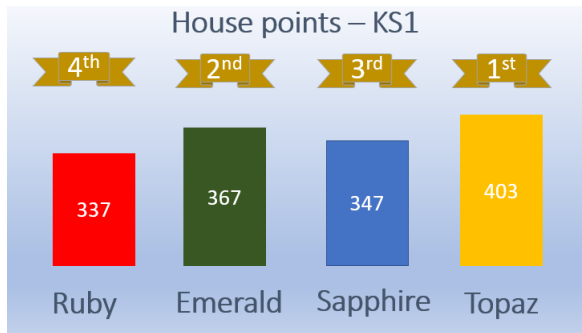
Head to thefa.com/weetabixwildcats to book on to a session, or for more info contact us via: Coach Richard PM 07985 447778



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