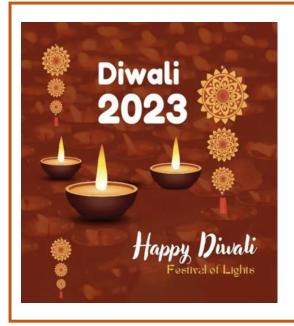


Gossops Green News



10th November 2023



Happy Diwali to all of our families who will be celebrating on Sunday 12th November.

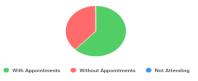
Parents' Evening

Thank you to those parents who have booked an appointment for our Parents' Evenings on Monday 20^{th} and Wednesday 22^{nd} November and Thursday 16^{th} November for 5AH & Bluebell. These are really important meetings and we would urge all parents to book an appointment.

At the moment, **38% of parents** still need to book so, if you haven't already, please logon to our School Cloud System -

gossopsgreen.schoolcloud.co.uk/

and follow the instructions for how to book an appointment, which can be found at the end of this newsletter. If you are unable to attend either day, please log onto the system and let the teacher know so that we know not to send you reminders.



A reminder that, this term, parent meetings will be in person at school.

Seesaw

Following parental feedback, we have reviewed how we use Seesaw in school. As explained in the previous newsletter, we are having difficulty with important messages being missed due to the messaging feature on Seesaw. Therefore, we will be turning off the messaging feature of the app from today. Please be assured that you will still be able to see posts from your child's teachers (and photos for Reception). Reception parents will also receive a QR code tonight, which will allow you to upload photos from home as before. Going forward, teachers can still be contacted in the following ways: – through a note in the Home-School diary, through emailing the office or through speaking to them directly at the end of the school day. Please also remember to email absence@gossopsgreen.org.uk to report your child's absence. Thank you for your support.



Children in Need

We are delighted to be taking part in Children in Need this year on Friday 17th November.

Children will be allowed to wear any of the below items of clothing on the 17th, for a £1 donation towards the charity:

- Pudsey Bear clothing
- Clothes with spots
- Non uniform



Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all who supported the poppy appeal; we'll let you know how much was raised when the local organisers have counted the very heavy contents of the collection pots!



Please ensure your child is wearing sensible footwear.

Office messages

If you have a message for your child during the school day, please call before 2:30pm as messages after this time may not get to them.



Scooters

We have had concerned parents and local residents inform us that some children are riding their scooters to and from school on the roads. These are obviously very busy at the start and end of the school day and we would hate for there to be an accident. If your child does ride their scooter to school, please can you talk to them about keeping themselves safe.



Photos

Unfortunately, there was an issue with our school photo delivery. Braiswick
Photography are on the case and photos will be sent home as soon as possible. Sorry for any inconvenience.



INSET days

A reminder that school is closed to pupils on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th November. The next newsletter will therefore be on Friday 1st December.



Club Cancelled

Unfortunately, we are having to cancel Miss Scovell's Invasion Games Club on Monday 13th November due to staff absence. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.



Trainee Teachers

We are delighted to be welcoming nine Trainee Teachers from the University of Brighton to Gossops Green. They will be working in classes across the school from next week.



Coats

Please can all children bring a warm, **NAMED**, waterproof coat to school every day. We do go outside for break and lunch in light rain and despite the cold.



Reading Ambassadors



Congratulations to our Yr4 and Yr5 Reading Ambassadors! Each class in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 now have a Reading Ambassador who will encourage the children to read for pleasure by supporting them with reading with younger children and ensuring their reading areas look inviting.

4TM and 3FM Concerts

Parents of children in 4TM are invited to attend their children's Cornet Concert at 11:15am on Thursday 7th December.

Parents of children in 3FM are invited to attend their child's Violin Concert at 11am on Friday 1st December.

The children have been working hard in their music lessons so we hope that you can join us. No tickets are necessary; just come to the front office.

Mental Health Ambassadors



Gossops Green is leading the way as one of the first primary schools in West Sussex to work alongside the local Mental Health Support Team in empowering our own Year 5 pupils to support the mental wellbeing of their peers every lunchtime. A specially trained group of children are at hand to listen, be a friendly face and to offer suggestions and advice to make lunchtimes a positive experience for all children. They work under the mentorship of our Learning Mentors in our Nurture Team and are another example of our innovative and inclusive approach to children's mental and emotional wellbeing at Gossops Green.

Free School Meal HAF provision

If your child receives means tested free school meals (Pupil Premium), they will, once again be entitled to free HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) clubs over the Christmas Holiday. We will send out more information about how to book these FREE places in the next couple of weeks to all relevant families. If you think that your children might be eligible for free school meals, please do ask at the office for more information or check our Pupil Premium page on our website Free School Meals and Pupil Premium | Gossops Green **Primary School**

Breakfast Club and Cygnet Crew Bookings

Our Cygnet Crew is in high demand and we are finding that it is often full. Please try and book early to avoid disappointment.



Christmas Show Tickets

The children are busy rehearsing for Christmas with EYFS, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4 all putting on performances. As EYFS and Year 1 performances are by class, no tickets are necessary; friends and family just need to arrive at the office on the day and time of the show. As Year 3 and Year 4 performances are as a year group, however, we do need to restrict numbers due to fire regulations so each child will be allocated 2 tickets across the two performances. Parents / Carers will be able to request tickets for their preferred performance; full details will be sent out next week. Young children and babies will be able to sit on laps and will not require their own ticket but buggies and prams will need to stay outside of the hall.



Dates for your Diary

Following parental feedback, this is now colour-coded to hopefully make dates easier to see. The colours are:

Black - whole school event

Green - EYFS and Key Stage 1 event

Blue - Lower Key Stage 2 event (Years 3 and 4)

Red – Upper Key Stage 2 event (Years 5 and 6)



Tuesday 14 th November	5:15pm – 6:15pm Reception 2024 Prospective Parents' Tour
Thursday 16 th November	3.20pm – 7pm Bluebell Parents' Evening (in School)
Thursday 16 th November	3.30pm – 7pm 5AH Parents' Evening (in School)
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need – non-school uniform day for £1 donation
Monday 20 th November	3:30pm – 7pm Parents' Evening (in School)
Wednesday 22 nd November	3:30pm – 7pm Parents' Evening (in School)
Thursday 23 rd November	INSET – school closed to pupils
Friday 24 th November	INSET – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 29 th November	Reports sent home via Arbor
Friday 1st December	11am – 3FM Violin concert to parents
Monday 4th December	9:15am Cherry Class Nativity Performance
Monday 4th December	2pm Year 1 Lavender Class Christmas Performance
Tuesday 5th December	9:15am Holly Class Nativity Performance
Tuesday 5th December	2pm Year 1 Bluebell Class Christmas Performance
Tuesday 5th December	3:45pm Choir performance to parents
Wednesday 6th December	9:15am Willow Class Nativity Performance
Wednesday 6th December	2pm Year 1 Sunflower Class Christmas Performance
Thursday 7 th December	11:15am 4TM Cornet Concert to Parents
Tuesday 12 th December	Christmas Dress Up Day and Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 13 th December	9:15am and 2:15pm Year 3 Christmas Concert
Thursday 14 th December	9:15am and 2:15pm Year 4 Christmas Concert
Friday 15 th December	Last Day of Term
16 th – 31 st December	Christmas Holidays
Monday 1 st January 2024	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 2 nd January 2024	Spring Term Starts



Do you have a young person in your family aged between 0-25 who has a disability? Sign up now to:

- Help influence services and plan events
- Receive regular eNewsletters with local events, activities and information
- Access discounts on local and national attractions
- Find out about free specialist library resources

westsussex.gov.uk/disabilityregister





West Sussex Libraries SEND Resources

Your local library has more than books. Including:

- Sensory Stories
- Understand me the communication library
- Story Magic and other activities
- Specialist books and resources to support children and young people with a range of needs including, autism, dyslexia, visual and hearing impairment.

Find out more:

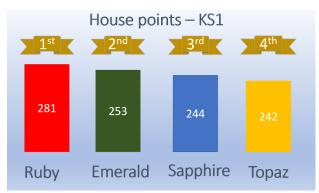
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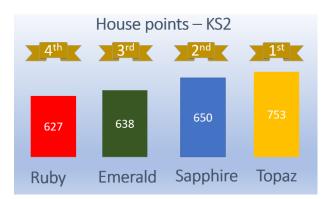




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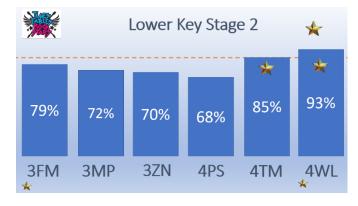


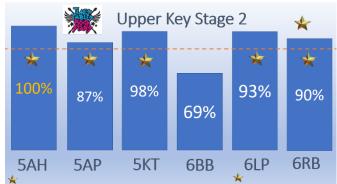




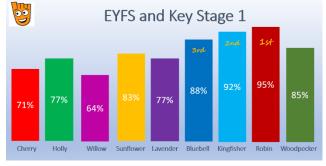
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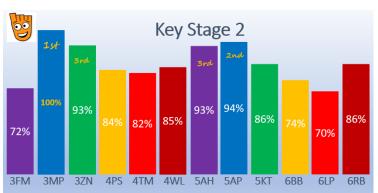






Walk Once a Week





Parents' Guide for Booking Parent Evening Appointments

Browse to https://gossopsgreen.schoolcloud.co.uk/



Step 1: Login

Fill out the details on the page then click the *Log In* button. Please note that you will need to be listed as the primary carer with the school in order to access the system. A confirmation of your appointments will be sent to the email address you provide.



Step 2: Select Parents' Evening

Click on the date you wish to book.

Unable to make all of the dates listed? Click I'm unable to attend.



Step 3: Select Booking Mode

Choose *Automatic* if you'd like the system to suggest the shortest possible appointment schedule based on the times you're available to attend. To pick the times to book with each teacher, choose *Manual*. Then press *Next*. We recommend choosing the automatic booking mode when browsing on a mobile device.



Step 4: Choose Teachers

If you chose the automatic booking mode, drag the sliders at the top of the screen to indicate the earliest and latest you can attend. Select the teachers you'd like to book appointments with. A green tick indicates they're selected. To de-select, click on their name.



Step 5a (Automatic): Book Appointments

If you chose the automatic booking mode, you'll see provisional appointments which are held for 2 minutes. To keep them, choose Accept at the bottom left.

If it wasn't possible to book every selected teacher during the times you are able to attend, you can either adjust the teachers you wish to meet with and try again, or switch to manual booking mode (Step 5b).



Step 5b (Manual): Book Appointments

Click any of the green cells to make an appointment. Blue cells signify where you already have an appointment. Grey cells are unavailable. To change an appointment, delete the original by hovering over the blue box and clicking *Delete*. Then choose an alternate time. Once you're finished booking all appointments, at the top of the page in the alert box, press *click here* to finish the booking process.