

Golcar Junior, Infants & Nursery School Newsletter 3.



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School News



Well, it is nearly half term already! We break up on Thursday 26th October and all our teachers have an INSET day on Friday. We will be working on our curriculum and continuing to develop all the learning experiences we give our children. We have another open day on Wednesday where new families can come and have a look at everything we do. If you know of any 2024 reception children -

please let them know they can book in for a visit. Have a great half term and stay safe during the bonfire and Halloween season everyone.

Macmillan coffee morning



Thank you so much for coming along to our coffee morning! It was lovely to see you all having a relaxing drink and cake with our resident pianist Ola playing such wonderful music for us all.

Our final count for the coffee morning was an amazing **£245.50**.

Please park and drive safely around our school

We ask that you take care on our roads around school as they are always busy and congested. Please watch your speed and take care when turning around and reversing. We often get complaints from our neighbours about blocking their driveways and turning around on their gardens so please double check where you turn and park and please do this safely and courteously. If you see anything which is unsafe you can use these two links to report it. The more that we report things, the more action we are likely to see from traffic wardens to signs and lines to help us stay safe.

Report a problem| Kirklees Council: - www.kirklees.gov.uk

Report nuisance/ obstructive parking/ West Yorkshire Police: - www.westyorkshire.police.uk

Open Day - Wednesday 25th October 2023



We will be holding our open day session to welcome parents and children into school who will be looking to join us in September 2024. Anyone who would like to attend our open day please contact the School Office on 652954 or email office@golcarjin.com to book a time slot.

Applications to Primary School (Reception) are open and will close on 15th January 2024 (for children born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020) - please apply through www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions

Flu Campaign - 2023-2024

Locala school immunisation team will be in school on **Tuesday 14th November 2023** to deliver the flu nasal spray vaccination to all children in year groups Reception to Year 6. **Please see the letter sent via Ping on the 8th September 2023 from Locala which includes the link you must complete to register your consent decision (whether this is to consent or not)**. The details for Locala are on the letter should you need to contact them, please send all queries regarding the nasal spray directly to Locala, rather than to school. Please complete the form as soon as possible.

Free School Meals

Please can we ask all families who qualify to apply for free school meals even if your child currently gets a free school meals in Reception and Key Stage 1. This application means that school gets funding called 'Pupil Premium' which benefits your child in school. We use it to pay for extra support and resources which help children to make good progress. We also use it to fund our support staff and our well-being/pastoral work. Often, families don't fill out the application as all children get free school meals until they are a Year 3. Can we ask that you fill out the form at <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/schools/free-school-meals.aspx> if you think you qualify. The form takes about 10 minutes to complete.

To qualify for free school meals:-

Apply for free school meals

Children and young people who live in Kirklees can apply for free school meals if they:-

attend full time at a local authority school or sixth form

are under 19 years of age

and their parents or carers receive one or more of the following:-

Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

Income support

Income Based Job Seekers Allowance

Income Related Employment and Support Allowance

Child Tax Credit, but are not entitled to a Working Tax Credit and your annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) is less than £16,190

Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

Sports News - After School Clubs



A reminder that the following after school clubs will have their final week next week: -

KS1 & KS2 Tchoukball

KS1 & KS2 Football

We have a new set of after school clubs coming available for the Autumn term 2, the clubs running after half term up until early December are: -

KS1 & KS2 Dodgeball

KS1 & KS2 Gymnastics

To secure a place on any of these clubs please go to parent pay where you will find all club details including dates and you will find the payment item to make payment.

Little Bikers will be returning for Autumn term 2 for our reception and Year 1 children, letters went home yesterday. If you would like your child to attend this club please return the slip along with cash payment to the school office, places are limited to 10.

Year 6 News

Applications to High School are open and will close on 31st October 2023 - please apply through www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions

Cliffe House Residential - we have now received all deposits for children attending our residential - thank you. The trip will be taking place from Monday 11th March 2024, returning on Wednesday 13th March 2024. **A quick reminder that the final balance must be cleared no later than Wednesday 31st January 2024.**

Achievements

Congratulations to Aoife McManus from our Squirrels class who has achieved her yellow with blue stripe belt at her mixed martial arts class, meaning she is only one away from her black belt for her age category - wow! Well done Aoife keep up the amazing work!



We are pleased to inform that Arabella Allan (Snowy owl) has passed her ducklings level two. Congratulation Arabella this is a wonderful achievement.



Music



Payment items for music lesson for the Autumn term are now available for payment on parent pay.

Date for your Diary



Here are the latest dates for your diary from School: -

- 20.10.2023 - PTFA Halloween disco (Year 1 - 6)
 - 25.10.2023 - Open day
 - 26.10.2023 - School finishes for half term
 - 27.10.2023 - Inset day school closed
 - 06.11.2023 - School reopens for Autumn term 2
 - 09.11.2023 - Parents Evening (Ping to follow)
 - 10.11.2023 - Panthers class visit to Huddersfield Sikh Gurdwara (see ping 19.10.2023)
 - 14.11.2023 - Parents Evening (Ping to follow)
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Reminders



SCHOOL START AND FINISH TIMES

School start time is **850am**

School finishes:

KS1: 325pm

KS2: 330pm

Please ensure children are dropped off and picked up from School on time.

PING!

The majority of our communication to parents is through PING, please ensure you have PING set up on your mobile phone/ lap top to ensure you receive all important messages from school.

FORGET ME NOT CHARITY

Supporting the charity, we continue to have our donation wheelie bin outside the school office. If you have any unwanted or second hand clothes (adult or children), shoes, bags, hats, belts, toys, books, CDs, bric-a-brac etc, please put donations in a sealed bag and then place in our household size wheelie bin.

FANTASTIC FRIDAYS

If your child would like a meal on Fantastic Friday and are in KS1 they just need to select a meal on a Friday on meal selector. If your child would like a meal on Fantastic Friday and are in KS2 just top up your parent pay account and then they can select a meal on meal selector on a Friday.

MOBILE PHONES

Year 5 & 6 children – you must complete a mobile phone consent form for your child to bring a mobile phone into school – please ask School office.

School Uniform Expectations



Swimming

Boys should wear fitted trunks and girls should wear a one-piece costume

Swimming Cap

Towel

Waterproof bag

General Appearances/ Personal Items

No make-up, nail varnish or visible temporary tattoos.

Avoid hair colours for children

Stud earrings only which must be removed for swimming and PE as staff are unable to remove these for pupils.

Long hair must be tied back.

No i-watches such as apple watches or similar or any watch which has the capability to search the internet, or take photos, or record on.

Uniform

Royal blue sweatshirt (no hoodies) or cardigan (school logo uniform is available for Bridge School Wear).

Dark Grey or Black Trousers, Shorts, Skirt or Pinafore dress

White shirt or polo shirt

Socks/ Tights - Plain white, grey, black or blue

Footwear – plain black sensible shoes/ No open toed summer sandals or flip flops

PE Kit

Blue, Black, Dark Grey or White Shorts/ Tracksuit bottoms

White T shirt or polo shirt

Socks - Plain white, grey, black or blue

Footwear – plain black trainers for PE only

Update from the PTFA



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We still urgently need volunteers to help us with events. You do not have to commit to a full evening or attend meetings. Any help, whether it's an hour of hanging bunting, manning a stall or tidying up, is greatly appreciated! If you would like your name and number adding to the WhatsApp group or further information please email ptfa@golcarjin.com for more information.

COMING SOON...

Stay tuned for the PTFA calendar for 2023/2024 and Christmas fairs.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friday 20th October - Halloween disco (yr1-6)

Tuesday 7th November - PTFA meeting, 8pm, Golcar British Legion

Tuesday 5th December - PTFA meeting, 8pm, Golcar British Legion

Have a fantastic year everyone!! PTFA

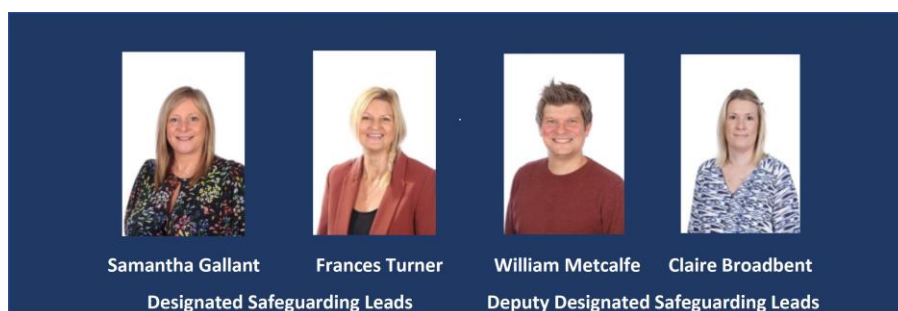


OUR SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING LEADS

You can speak to any of these members of staff if you are worried about the safety of any pupil in school.

You can speak to any of these members of staff if you are a pupil and you are worried about your own safety.

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE AT GOLCAR JI&N SCHOOL



School Calendar Academic Year 2023-2024

	School Closes (Last Day of School)	School re-opens 8.50am (First Day Back)
AUTUMN TERM 2023		Tuesday 5 th September (Monday 4 th Sept training day)
AUTUMN HALF-TERM 2023	Thursday 26 th October (Friday 27 th October training day)	Monday 6 th November
CHRISTMAS 2023	Thursday 21 st December (Friday 22 nd December training day)	Monday 8 th January
SPRING HALF-TERM 2024	Thursday 8 th February (Friday 9 th February training day)	Monday 19 th February
EASTER 2024	Friday 22 nd March	Monday 8 th April
MAY DAY 2024	Friday 3 rd May	Tuesday 7 th May
SPRING BANK 2024	Friday 24 th May	Monday 3 rd June
SUMMER 2024	Friday 19 th July (Monday 22 nd July training day)	

Bank Holidays

August Bank Holiday	Monday 28 th August 2023	Good Friday	Friday 29 th March 2024
Christmas	Monday 25 th December 2023	Easter Monday	Monday 1 st April 2024
Christmas	Tuesday 26 th December 2023	May Day	Monday 6 th May 2024
New Years Day	Monday 1 st January 2024	Spring Bank	Monday 27 th May 2024

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