

Golcar Junior, Infants & Nursery School Newsletter 4.



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School News



Thank you for coming along to parent's evening last night and we look forward to seeing more of you on Tuesday. All our teachers are commenting how positive it has been to meet with you. Your children are amazing and have settled in so well to their new classes. We are very much looking forward to new learning in all our topics ranging from studies about the world wars to looking into space travel and everything in between.

Just a reminder if we do happen to have severe winter weather in the next half term, we will always make any decisions as early as we possibly can and base them on how safe it is to get to school and how many staff can make it to school from the distances they travel. We will let you know by school ping as soon as we know.

We would like to say a huge thank you to our amazing PTFA who have planned their fundraising for the children all year. They are a super active bunch and do lots behind the scenes to organise events which not only help raise money, but also give children some wonderful childhood experiences that they will never forget. Thank you to all of you who support these events and help raise money so we can buy extra resources for our children.

Next week is national 'Anti-Bullying week' where schools get involved with activities and discussions to help children understand what bullying can be and how they can avoid and tackle this. This year's theme for the week is 'Make some noise about bullying'. There is a fantastic resource pack for parents with some great advice and activities for you to think about at home. The link is here [Anti-Bullying Week 2023 - Parent Pack FINAL.pdf \(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk\)](https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-parent-pack-final.pdf) and I will also send this out via school ping. We work with all children to ensure they know how to build and work in positive relationships and how they can tackle things when they might get difficult. It is important for all of us to help children build resilience and self-confidence so they can ask for help and feel confident to share with adults when they need support. We will continue to work with all the children across the year to help them to build the skills and attitudes so we can all enjoy the many benefits of having positive relationships.

One last reminder, can we also ask that everyone send children in PE uniform which is a plain, black jumper without a hood or a school jumper and sports style bottoms in dark colours. Please do not send children in any other coloured tops (we are getting a few who come with their green Golcar football tops which are not uniform colours). Many thanks.

National Road Safety Week W/c 20/11/2023

Please see the Ping from Mrs Gallant sent on the 6th November 2023 detailing the the project taking place for the duration of road safety week.

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

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.

Please do not contact your local GP for flu nasal spray appointments, if your child does not have the flu nasal spray in school but you still wish for your child to have it please contact Locala directly.

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



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

KS1 & KS2 Dodgeball

KS1 & KS2 Gymnastics

There are still places available on some of the clubs, please contact the school office if your child would like to join.

Little Bikers has returned for Autumn term 2 for our reception and Year 1 children. If you would like your child to attend this club please contact the school office for further details.

Year 6 News

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.**

If your child has any achievement, you would be happy for us to share and celebrate on our school newsletter, please let the school office know.

Music



Choir and Guitar afterschool clubs are starting from w/c 13.11.2023.

Guitar is taking place on a Monday.

Choir will be taking place on a Wednesday.

Date for your Diary



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

- 13-17.11.2023 - Anti-bullying week
- 14.11.2023 - Parents Evening
- 15.11.2023 - Festival of Peace at St Johns Church (Jaguars only)

- *17.11.2023 - Children in need day - bring a £1 and wear spots or your favourite outfit*
 - *26.11.2023 - Community Christmas Fayre*
 - *07.12.2023 - Year 3 Christmas Performance - details to follow*
 - *08.12.2023 - PTFA Christmas Fayre*
 - *13.12.2023 - Christmas Jumper Day (and lunch)*
 - *14.12.2023 - Year 2 Christmas Performance - details to follow*
 - *20.12.2023 - Christmas Party Day - details to follow*
 - *21.12.2023 - Last day of school*
 - *08.01.2023 - School reopens for the Spring Term*
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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



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

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 iatches 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 short

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

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

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:

Sunday 26th November - Community Christmas Fayre

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

Friday 8th December - PTFA Christmas Fayre

Have a fantastic year everyone!! PTFA

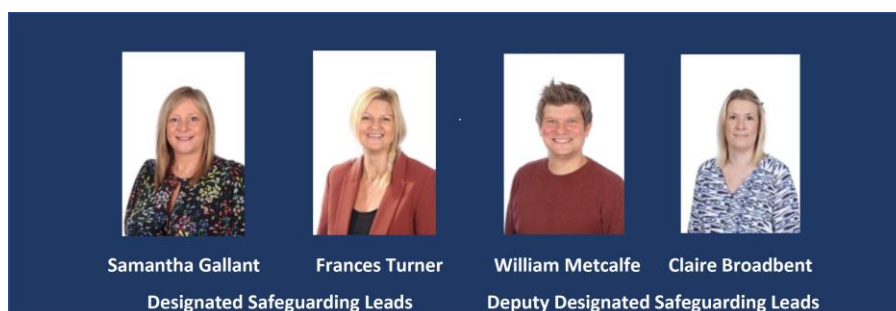


OUR SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING LEADS

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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