

Golcar Junior, Infants & Nursery School Newsletter 6.



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School News



We are enjoying our busy and festive season here at Golcar JIN school. We loved seeing our Year 3 and 4 children perform in church this week and look forward to Y2 and Early Years performing for us next week. The Christmas singing was such a joy to hear and it really makes us all very proud of our children.

I would like to thank our PTFA for organising lots of fundraising activities during the Christmas period. They all work tirelessly to help our children get some wonderful experiences. They are

always looking for people to help and we thank you if you can dedicate some time and energy to helping our children get extra resources from the PTFA. Watch this space as the PTFA are currently researching some extra experiences for the children and we will let you know what these might be as soon as we can.

Christmas jumper day and party day are also coming up over the next few weeks so keep an eye on class dojo and there are reminders here in the newsletter.

We have a few people leaving us and joining us over the Christmas break. We say sad goodbyes to Gillian Beever, Helen Bisson and Zoe Whitaker. Gillian has worked with us as a Senior Educational Teaching Assistant for 21 years and has done so much for all of our children. Helen has worked with us as class teacher in early years for 13 years and she has taught many of our children in early years. Zoe has worked with us for 2 years and has worked hard for all our families and children who have SEND and she has also been our maths leader in school. We wish them all the very best in their next venture and say a huge thank you. We welcome a new teacher into Year 1 called Claire Swinden and we also welcome three new Educational Teaching Assistants called Georgia Barraclough, Hannah Dack and Shazana Kauser. Mrs Hughes, our Year 6 teacher, will be taking over the SEND role and Miss Whitehead, our Year 5 teacher, will be teaching in Year 2. Both of these teachers work part time hours and are increasing their time in school.

We are finding that an increasing number of children are arriving late for school in a morning, **can we please remind parents that school starts at 08.50am.**

We are also finding that an increasing number of children are being picked up late after school on a daily basis, please note that there are after school clubs available if you feel you cannot collect your child in time for school finishes - these are HOOTs and J's.

Can we please remind parents that school finishes at 3.25pm for Early Years/ Year 1 & Year 2.

Can we please remind parents that school finishes at 3.30pm for Year 3/ 4/ 5/ 6.

We thank all of you for all your support during 2023 and wish you all a very merry Christmas with your family and friends. We hope 2024 brings you lots of happiness and joy.

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Feel free to contact me for any help with finding out what's going on in your area.

Community groups including craft, sports and coffee mornings, advice with health and debt, food shares, youth activities and one-off events.



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 Spring Term 1, the clubs running after Christmas up until February half term: -

KS1 Archery/ Fencing

KS1 Fun fitness

KS2 Boxing

KS2 Archery/ Fencing

Places are limited to 30 per club, if you would like your child to join any of the above clubs please make payment on parent pay.

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.**

Achievements

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.

Congratulation to Isla Sommerville from our Owls class and Jessie Cornelly from our Kingfishers class who have both passed their very first ballet and tap exam from their Saturday morning class at Starlighter Academy. This is a brilliant achievement Isla and Jessie well done!



Music



Guitar is taking place on a Monday.

Choir will be taking place on a Wednesday.

Music invoices for the Spring term are now available on Parent Pay

Date for your Diary



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

- *13.12.2023 - Nursery & Reception children - Singing and Story Performance - tickets going home 08.12.2023*
 - *13.12.2023 - Christmas Jumper Day*
 - *13.12.2023 - Christmas Lunch day (see Ping dated 17.11.2023)*
 - *14.12.2023 - Year 2 Christmas Performance - tickets going home 01.12.2023*
 - *20.12.2023 - Christmas Party Day*
 - *21.12.2023 - Last day of school*
 - *22.12.2023 - Teacher training day - school closed*
 - *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



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 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



We would like to thank everyone who came to the Community Christmas Market it was a massive success! We raised over £500 which will go directly back to school to help support your child's education!

Thank you to all the volunteers who all gave their time and those who donated bottles, jumpers and prizes etc. We couldn't do it without you!

Looking forward to seeing everyone this evening at the Christmas Fayre. 3:45 onwards

Dates for your diary: -

Next event: KS1 Movie Night - Friday 26th January 2024

Next PTFA meeting : Friday 26th January 2024

Thank you 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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