



6 October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you to the parents and carers who were able to attend the parent consultation meetings this week. It was really useful to be able to discuss how your child has settled in and to set targets for the next two terms. If you haven't already done so, please respond to the parent/carers questionnaire as this helps us to find out what you think we are doing well and if there are any improvements that can be made.

School Photographs - Friday 13 October

On this date, our school photographer will be in school to take individual and sibling photographs. Please remember to wear full school uniform. Children in Year R will have their photographs taken first in the hope they remain looking smart! Year 4 need to come in full school uniform and not PE kit on that day.

Hello Yellow - Tuesday 10 October

We are showing our support for young people's mental health on World Mental Health Day on Tuesday 10 October 2023. We will be joining thousands of people across the country wearing yellow to stand out and show up for young people's mental health this #HelloYellow. Children should wear their usual uniform items but may wear something yellow on the top half, maybe a top, hat, hair accessory etc

If you would like to make a donation to support this cause, please go to the Just Giving Page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/goatleesprimaryschool>

School Disco - Thursday 19 October

The Friends of Goat Lees will be holding their autumnal disco on Thursday 19 October. This will be from 3:30pm - 4:45pm for Year R, Year 1 and Year 2. As this is straight after school, children in these classes who are attending should bring party clothes into school in the morning in a labelled bag and the children will get changed at the end of the school day. They should then be collected from the school hall at 4.45pm. The Year 3/4/5/6 disco will take place from 5:00pm - 6:30pm. The Friends of Goat Lees will be selling tickets in the school playground next week. Please make a cash payment for this event as this is paid directly to the FoGL account.

FSM Supermarket Vouchers for the October break

For those who are eligible, these will be sent out during the LAST WEEK of term. Please ensure that you promptly download the FSM supermarket vouchers sent to you for the summer holiday (£60 per eligible child). Please be advised that there will be a time restriction in the future when unclaimed vouchers will be unassigned. For parents of children in Billy Class, please be aware these are for children eligible for Free School Meals (not Universal Free School Meals). If you are claiming certain benefits and think you may be eligible, please contact the school office where we can apply on your behalf.

Year 6 Residential Trip - June 2024

Please make sure the £30.00 deposit is paid on sQuid and permission slips have been returned to school by Friday 13 October. Thank you.

Flu Vaccinations

Please see the attached leaflet for information about the Flu vaccination programme for children that will take place in school this year. This is a nasal vaccine and is administered by the NHS School Immunisation Service. We ask that parents/carers go to: www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms, scroll down and click on the blue button labelled “Child Vaccination Form” to complete the form. The consent form can be translated into other languages using a clickable button at the bottom of the page.

Absence from School due to Illness

There is wide agreement among health and educational professionals that school attendance is vital to the life chances of children and young people. Being in school improves health, wellbeing and socialisation throughout the life course. The greatest benefits come from children and young people attending school regularly. Sometimes parents/carers are unsure whether a child should be in school or not and ask for advice regarding a range of conditions. Do use the link below as this can be helpful in knowing whether a child can attend school and what the incubation period is for certain ailments:

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Home Learning Help Hub

As part of our updated Home Learning Policy, we offer a 'Home Learning Help Hub' on **Monday and Thursday lunch times** to all pupils. This gives our children a chance to complete their home learning tasks, including written homework, Numbots, TTRockstars and Spelling Shed practice or reading, with a teacher in school. If you would like your child to attend this Help Hub, please speak to your child's class teacher or ask your child to speak to their teacher as this can be arranged as a regular event or on a week-by-week basis. Hopefully, this will help your child to complete these essential pieces of extra learning and practice.

Finally, we have attached useful additional information from Year 6 re composting, the NHS re protecting your child from flu and the Ashford Policing E-Newsletter. Happy Reading!

With kind regards

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