



Gosden House School

GOSDEN UPDATES

15 September 2020

Cindy's Message

I'm sure you will agree, this has been the oddest start to the Autumn term ever. We came back full of excitement, eager to get our teeth stuck right into learning. And, we have! Sadly though, the testing debacle has seen a number of pupils and staff having to remain at home due to the lack of testing. I know that this is incredibly frustrating. To reassure you a tiny bit, Surrey are working to urgently prioritise local testing for school staff and pupils. Our county and regional leaders are advocating stridently on our behalf.

At Gosden we are putting together a learning offer for those having to learn from home. Credit to the teaching team, at the busiest time of the school year they are managing twice the planning load while managing all the demands of Life in a Bubble.

You may know that I have a county role in addition to my day job, and I am struck once again by the positivity and resilience of the Gosden community. So again, may I thank you for supporting the children and staff to facilitate a great start to the school year. As long as we keep working together for the benefit of our wonderful children then we'll succeed in giving them the best learning experiences and opportunities. And between having tantrums at the mighty decision makers, I'm sure we'll continue to have a fantastic time too - because that's what we do at Gosden.





WEBSITE NEWS

We are very pleased to let you know that our new website is up and running.

- The site is a simple, easy to navigate version of our old site.
- For current parents and carers there is a Current Parent Resources section, which includes all the relevant information you would normally need, plus a new "being developed" section. This tab will hold key learning resources for you to use at home with your child. This will be class and Key Stage specific and we will let you know once this is up and running.
- The key update for the site is a new online Google diary. Key dates for parents/carers will be put straight into this diary and it is where you should look in the first instance to find out about key events at Gosden.
- Currently we only have some key important dates in the diary: such as term dates (there is also a PDF version of term dates in the Current Parents tab), parents evenings (November and March), Focus Weeks etc. Details of all events will be sent to you in due course.
- Please also understand that during these changing times, diary dates are all subject to change.
- When things get back to more of a normal school routine and visits and trips are once again allowed, we will add these also.
- A new payment system for Parents/Carers linked to ParentPay will be loaded to the website soon and we will communicate separately about this when it is ready.
- All Newsletters and update pages will be sitting in the Newsletter section of the website under Current Parent Resources but will be sent to you as usual in link form.

If you have any queries regarding the new site - please contact direct - Anna Chapman - on achapman@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk

Here is the link:

[Gosden House Website](#)

REMINDER POSTER MADE BY HAWKINGS CLASS

Hawkings Class made a poster together this week asking parents, students and staff to think about the importance of wearing reusable masks, so we can all do our bit and be more environmentally friendly.



