

# Golcar Junior, Infants & Nursery School Newsletter 7.



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## School News



Welcome back to school and to 2024! It has been wonderful to see all our learners back in school this week - what a lot of lovely stories they have told us about the time you have all spent together. We look forward to a very short, but busy half term! There are only 5 weeks in both of the Spring half terms so we will very soon arrive at Easter!

We are busy learning about towns, cities, Ancient Greece, World War 2, Italy and winter to name just a few of our topics. We have had some amazing pieces of home learning in over the past term and look forward to your dojo posts and models etc coming in over the next term. If you are stuck for ideas of how to support learning from home, the easiest way is a museum visit, a non-fiction book or a web research session together. Anything to get children talking and asking questions about their topics is really welcomed. One of the best questions I remember from last term when the children were learning about geography was "what did they used to do for map making before google earth and satellites?" - what a great discussion and research question! What indeed did they do??? This question set the children off finding out about topography and how people measured and drew the land representations in maps. Encourage deeper thought by answering questions with questions and see if children can think deeper or use their own research skills to find out more...

Thank you for all your ongoing support.

Mrs Gallant

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### ***School start and finish times***

*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.***

### ***Birthday treats and sweets...***

*Can we please ask that birthday sweets and treats are not sent in to school from now on? We understand it is lovely for the children to celebrate their birthday with their friends but we are seeing increasing numbers of allergies, intolerances and dietary needs which makes it very difficult when handing out treats. Some children have to miss out on the treat and some children may take something which is not allowed on their diet or health plan. We hope you understand this decision and it may also help with the cost of living difficulties, not to mention the late night dash to the coop when we forget! Many thanks for your support and we will be telling the children this is the case from now on.*

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## **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



The after school clubs running this half term are set out below; -

KS1 Archery/ Fencing

KS1 Fun fitness

KS2 Boxing

KS2 Archery/ Fencing

These clubs will run until half term - the last week for the above clubs is week commencing 5th February 2024

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*Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Sports Hall Athletics at CVHS on Tuesday. Our school won against 10 schools - that is a brilliant achievement! We have now qualified for the next round!!! Watch this space...*

*A huge well done to our cross country team who ran at Leeds Road playing fields on Thursday, this included a Year 5 boys team/ Year 6 girls team and Year 6 boys team. The teams are still waiting on results for qualification. However, we do have results for our Year 4 individual runner, Eli Wood, who finished 3rd - well done!*

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## 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.*

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*Congratulation to Callum Harris in Panthers for achieving his bronze certificate in gymnastics for vaults and somersaults. Well done Callum we are very proud of your achievement!*

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## Music



Guitar is taking place on a Monday.

Choir will be taking place on a Wednesday.

**A reminder that music invoices for the Spring term are available on Parent Pay.**

## Date for your Diary



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

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- *26.01.2024 - KS1 - PTFA Movie Night - Trolls - Band Together*
  - *02.02.2024 - NSPCC Number Day*
  - *06.02.2024 - Safer Internet Day*
  - *09.02.2024 - Inset Day - school closed*
  - *12 - 16.02.2024 - School closed for half term*
  - *19.02.2024 - School reopens*
  - *28.02.2024 - Strictly Pennine Dance*
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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 will be holding our first movie night of the year on Friday 26th January, please see the below poster and ping sent separately today. Our first movie night is for Reception/ Year 1 and Year 2 children, we will be holding a movie night for KS2 a little later in the term

### **Dates for your diary: -**

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

Next PTFA meeting : Friday 26th January 2024

Thank you PTFA



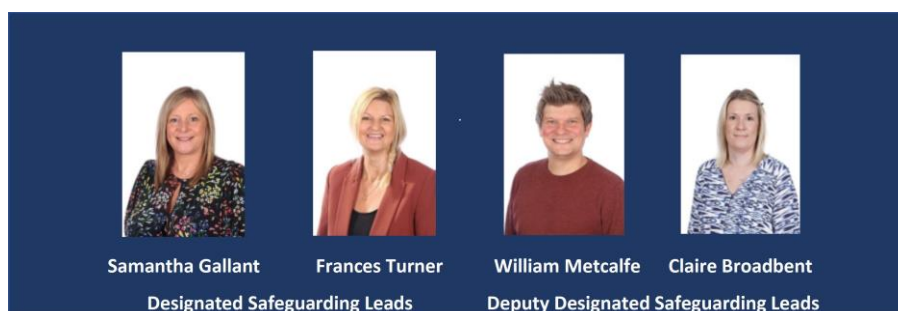


## OUR SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING LEADS

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 2024-2025

	School Closes (Last Day of School)	School re-opens 8.50am (First Day Back)
AUTUMN TERM 2024		Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September (Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September training day)
AUTUMN HALF-TERM 2024	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November
CHRISTMAS 2024	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December (Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December training day)	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January
SPRING HALF-TERM 2025	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February
EASTER 2025	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April
MAY DAY 2025	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May
SPRING BANK 2025	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May (Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May training day)	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
SUMMER 2025	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July (Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> & Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July training day)	

## Contact Us

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