



**Goring Church of England  
(Aided) Primary School**  
Faith, Love and Learning

12 November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Remembrance Day**

It was a moving time yesterday when the whole school gathered outside to remember those who have given their lives or serve our country currently. The children had discussed the meaning of remembrance day before assembling and stood respectfully, reflecting on what they had shared. Two Y6 children laid a poppy wreath, the Last Post was played by Mr Chilton (parent) and the children sang 'We will remember them'.

### **Covid reminders**

When should my child self-isolate or not attend school?

- All children **MUST** attend school unless they are unwell
- Children under 18 do not need to self- isolate or miss school if a member of their household or a contact has Covid – instead they should take a PCR test and continue to come to school unless they have Covid symptoms or have a positive LFT.
- If your child develops Covid symptoms they should stay at home and take a PCR test **NOT** a Lateral Flow Test
- If your child develops symptoms at school they will be isolated and sent home immediately and a PCR test should be undertaken
- If your child's PCR result is positive they must stay at home for the required period. The rest of the household does not need to self –isolate if they are under 18 or double vaccinated but they should all book a PCR

### **Anti-bullying week**

As a school, next week we will be celebrating anti-bullying week and children are encouraged to wear odd socks on Monday 15 November as a way of expressing their uniqueness. We will be promoting the message that all children should be themselves free of bullying. Please see the attached information and take time in the next few days to discuss with your child/ren what this message might mean.

### **Christmas Events**

We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas together later this term while maintaining the safety of our school community. With the rising numbers of Covid cases in our area, which are now above the national average it is crucial we continue to risk assess any planned events and ensure we are minimising the potential for transmission. This will result in a change in attendance arrangements which I understand may cause some disappointment, however as always safety remains my key priority given the current situation and I would ask for your ongoing understanding and support. Please be aware that all arrangements will be subject to the need to respond to Covid levels at the time and may as a result have to be cancelled at short notice. It is recommended that any-one attending performances takes a Lateral flow test on the day prior to entering the school site. Masks should be worn at all the following events please.

### Nativity Performances

Reception, Year 1 & 2 children will perform the Nativity in the school hall, six times over 3 days in two different groups. Parents will be invited to attend an allocated performance in which their child will participate (see table below). To ensure that a maximum of 60 parents only attend each performance, parents will receive two named tickets for their allocated performance. Please ensure child care arrangements are made for pre-school siblings. It will not be possible to adjust ticket allocation or performance date attendance this year unfortunately.

The Nativity will be filmed and DVDs order forms will be distributed with tickets in due course.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Performance date &amp; time</b>
Robin	Tuesday 7 December 9.30
Finch	Tuesday 7 December 1.30
Woodpecker	Wednesday 8 December 9.30
Starling	Wednesday 8 December 1.30
Magpie	Thursday 9 December 9.30
Owl	Thursday 9 December 1.30

### Carol Service

Year 3-6 will be participating in two carol services at St Mary's Church on Wednesday 15 December. As this service will be led by Year 4 children and attendance will be limited to their parents only this year. Two named tickets will be distributed to each Year 4 family in due course. It will not be possible to adjust ticket allocation or attendance time unfortunately.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>
Seagull	Wednesday 15 December 9.15
Puffin	Wednesday 15 December 10.45

## **E- Safety**

Useful information on how to help check your child safe online has been uploaded to the school website and I would encourage you to regularly visit this page as it will be refreshed with new information each half term.

<https://www.goring.w-sussex.sch.uk/home/e-safety>

Yours sincerely

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **WOOHOO... MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER IS ODD SOCKS DAY!**

### **WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?**

**Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week!** To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. Andy Day (Cbeebies/cbbc) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are supporting the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, **One Kind Word**.

### **WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?**

The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.

