



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

26 February 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for attending parent consultation meetings before half term to celebrate your child's achievements and discuss next steps. If you were unable to attend please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time. I am proud of the children's resolve to maximise their learning and the progress they have been made so far this year. I know that with clear targets in mind, quality teaching and the support you provide they will continue to achieve well in the coming months.

### **Literacy Focus**

Children engaged enthusiastically in all the planned learning activities during our Literacy Week. Korky Paul's visit was a highlight and the children took advantage of their time with him by asking lots of questions about his reasons for being an illustrator and how to create lively characters. A huge thank you to our English leaders and PSA for arranging his visit and book signing event, which proved very popular with 94 books being sold!

We will be participating in World Book day on Thursday 7 March by inviting children to dress up as a book character and to bring in one of their favourite books to share. Please ensure no weapon based props come into school and that appropriate footwear is worn.

### **Cross country**

This year 34 children qualified to take part in the Southern Sussex Cross Country final at Windlesham School. I was overwhelmed by the sheer determination these children demonstrated as they ran in very challenging conditions, battling with not only strong winds but heavy rain on a very exposed course. Year 3&4 girls team won their group Year 3&4 boys team came a close 3<sup>rd</sup> against 8 other schools. Year 5&6 boys team came 4<sup>th</sup> out of 17 other schools. We also had two Year 5 girls who successfully competed as individuals in their race. Special mention goes to Hayden (Y4) Bella (Y3) who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in their races.

### **St Mary's Church Parish Priest**

I am pleased to announce that Reverend Keith Littlejohn has now taken up the role of Parish priest at St Mary's Church and he is keen to meet the school family in the coming weeks. I will be welcoming him to our school community by giving him a tour of the school and inviting him to take an active role in all we do at Goring. He will be an ex officio Governor and will be joining the School Leaders in improving outcomes for all children.

## Uniform

We often receive complimentary comments from visitors regarding the smart presentation of our children which reflects the consistent commitment to our uniform policy by so many parents. It has come to my attention however that a number of children are coming into school in trainers and coloured socks. Please can I ask that ALL children are provided with black school shoes (not boots or trainers) and the correct coloured socks (white for girls and grey for boys).

## Help needed!

As part of our plans to develop the reflection garden adjacent to the KS2 playground we need to move some soil to create a mound for an Easter garden area. If you are able to assist with this task please contact the school office as soon as possible

## Children's Society Candles

Thank you to everyone who returned their Children's Society Candles. As a school we raised an amazing £670.73

## Parking

We have again been contacted by local residents asking that parents/carers take care when dropping off and collecting children. A number of complaints have been made about cars blocking driveways, parking up on the pavement and speeding up to the school gates. We would ask that you take extreme care when driving near the school as children's safety is paramount.

## Sickness and Diarrhoea

Please ensure that if your child has been sick or had diarrhoea they do not come back to school until 48 hours after the last bout of illness.

Yours sincerely

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