



# Newsletter

23rd September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a really busy week in school. We have been delighted to see how engaged the children are with their new topics. We were wowed by Faustas' knowledge of World War Two and the group of Year 6 children that came and shared their writing about their core text "Friend or Foe". It is wonderful to see what great role models the Year 6 children are being for the younger children.

We had our first new parent tour this week. It was great to show new families around the school. We were particularly impressed with how well Nursery and Reception children have settled despite only just starting school. If you have friends or family looking for a Reception or Nursery place for September 2023, please encourage them to come on one of the tours or to bring their children to the family fun day on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Booking details can be found [here](#).



## FOGGS Need You!

We need parents to volunteer to join "Friends of Goose Green". This group organises various events across the year to help fund projects in school such as our new school library.

Come along to one of the meetings next week to find out more:

- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 7pm via Zoom: FOGGS Open meeting online.
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 9am at school: FOGGS Open meeting in person at school.

## New Menu Launches Next Week

We are excited to announce that our new Autumn Lunch Menu launches next week. Children have a choice of delicious options each day. Remember that all meat served is halal. Please check the website for the new menus on Monday.

## AUTUMN MENU



## Pre Loved Uniform

Next Friday (30<sup>th</sup> September) is our first pre loved uniform event of the year. This is where second hand uniform that is in a good condition is available for parents to come and take free of charge. Thank you to all the parents who have donated uniform for this.



## Child Anxiety Parent talk

I am pleased to return to Goose Green after a few years away and was delighted to receive warm greetings from parents and children who still recognise me. For those who do not know me I am Miss Hopkins and I work with children in Year 4 and teach Year 1 on a Thursday and Friday. During my time away from Goose Green I trained as an Education Mental Health Practitioner at Kings College and worked within a children and adolescent mental health support team. Part of my role this year at Goose Green is to develop mental health provision, complementing the fantastic work which is already offered.

On **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October between 9am – 10am** I will be delivering a talk about child anxiety which will cover the following:

- What anxiety is and when it becomes a problem
- What anxiety looks like in children and how it can affect their lives
- Possible causes of childhood anxiety
- The link between thoughts, feelings and behaviours
- How anxiety is maintained and how we can begin to change this cycle
- Helpful strategies to support children experiencing anxiety

I will also explain in more detail the work I do and give information about the tailored one to one interventions that I am able to offer parents who may be struggling with a child experiencing anxiety. Please do come and join us on the 11<sup>th</sup> to find out more.

Miss Hopkins



Congratulations to our Learning Attribute Winners this week:

Molly – for **determination** – for working really hard in maths – even when she found it tricky.

Arthur – for **collaboration** – for making great choices and being a great role model for his classmates.

Nathan – for **courage** – for bouncing into Year 3 after missing the first part of the term.



Have a lovely weekend.

Louise Partridge and Cat Shuttleworth

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Please feel free to ask the office for a hard copy of the safeguarding policy if you would like to receive one.

Dates for your diary	
26 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 Transition Meeting
26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Phonics workshops for Reception parents
13 <sup>th</sup> October	International Evening
14 <sup>th</sup> October	School breaks up for half term
31 <sup>st</sup> October	New Term Starts
1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Parent Pupil progress meetings (Parent and Carer evenings)

## FOGGS Update 23/09/22

### FOGGS Autumn Term open meetings next week – all parents and carers are welcome

Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 7pm via Zoom	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 9am in person
Use this link to join the Zoom meeting <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9206914527?pwd=cFpPMzdUMHlVTUNiQU1NS1d1Q29hUT09">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9206914527?pwd=cFpPMzdUMHlVTUNiQU1NS1d1Q29hUT09</a> or use the following meeting details Meeting ID: 920 691 4527 Passcode: 473525	Meet in the new building in the playground, next to the bike shed. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits.

Please do join either meeting to review the last school year and find out what we have planned for this year, and – most importantly – to join in!

### Join FOGGS: we need new committee members and volunteers to coordinate specific events.

Without new people we will not be able to organise much loved and highly anticipated events in the school calendar or complete the library fundraising.

#### What is FOGGS

FOGGS (Friends of Goose Green School) is a group of parents and carers who work together to develop our school community, fundraise to meet the school's objectives and further our reputation and presence in the local community.



The FOGGS committee members work together to achieve these objectives. The key responsibilities for each role are:

- Chair: organises termly meetings; liaises with school, external bodies and sponsors to schedule and plan events, coordinates volunteers to make events happen.
- Treasurer: oversees the financial aspects of FOGGS, which includes preparing financial reports, checking bank statements, coordinating cash and card payment systems at events. For this role it would be helpful to feel comfortable using excel and/ or have a background in finance.
- Secretary: communicates on behalf of FOGGS with school, parents and carers and the local community; coordinates the Class Reps and WhatsApp groups; coordinates our social media activity.

Each of these roles require an average commitment of one to two hours a week, with more activity around key events.

#### Why should I get involved?

Joining the committee or volunteering to organise an event is a fun way to become more involved in school life, and to enhance the Goose Green School experience for all the children. You will also get to know other parents and carers and develop new skills.

#### How do I get involved?

You can contact FOGGS directly on [info@goosegreenpta.org](mailto:info@goosegreenpta.org) or leave a message at the office and we will call you back, or ask your Class Rep for more information.

If you are thinking about joining the committee, please feel free to contact us with any questions before the meetings.

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During each meeting we will simply ask who would like to join the committee and in what capacity. You do not need to be nominated by another parent/ carer. There will then be a vote to confirm new appointments.

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- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 8pm: Year 3 social for parents and carers.
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 9am at school: FOGGS Open meeting in person at school.
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October: Year 2 social for parents and carers.
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 5:30 to 7:30pm: International Evening.
  
- Other year groups' social events to be via confirmed via WhatsApp.