

# The Gorseys Weekly

## THE GORSEY BANK MISSION STATEMENT

*To nurture lifelong learners who are confident and ready to embrace the challenges and opportunities of the outside world.*



### ANOTHER AWESOME AUTHOR!



Local children's author Lisa J Allen visited school this week for an inspiring and creative day with Year 5 and 6. The visit began with an assembly, where Lisa spoke about her journey as an author, encouraged pupils to believe they could be authors too and answered lots of thoughtful questions.

After the assembly, Lisa signed copies of her books before leading imaginative workshops with each class. During the sessions, pupils used their creativity to design their own characters and explore storytelling ideas.

Lisa is the author of the *Undercover Angel* series, a comedy fantasy adventure for ages 9-12. The story follows trainee angel Phoebe Speedwell as she tackles a top-secret mission in the human world, juggling magic, mystery and the challenges of tween life!



### DISCO DROP OFF AND COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

Last week we shared information around the new collection arrangements for our discos. Although the drop off and collection logistics have changed, **the timings for next week's disco have remained the same** as they have been previously. Here is a reminder below:

#### EYFS & KS1 – Collection (4:15pm Finish)

Children in EYFS and KS1 will continue to be collected *as usual* from the playground when the disco finishes at **4:15pm**.

#### KS2 Drop-Off and Collection

##### Drop-Off (6.30pm)

- KS2 children will now be dropped off in the playground. The **front gate will be open** to allow access to the playground.
- Please note: **the back gate will be locked**.
- A member of staff will register all children in their classrooms before accompanying them down to the hall.

##### Collection (7.30pm)

- At the end of the disco, KS2 children will be taken back to their classrooms. Parents and carers can then collect them safely from the playground.

#### New KS2 Disco Time (from Summer Term)

Beginning in the summer term, the timings for the KS1 disco will remain the same but the KS2 disco will be earlier.

**The timings for future discos will be:**

KS1 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

KS2 - 5pm - 6pm



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

6th February - 4LvS Swimming (1.30 - 3pm)

9th February - Y3 Rob Biddulph visit

12th February - KS1 Disco (3.15 - 4.15pm)

12th February - KS2 Disco (6.30 - 7.30pm)

13th February - 4LvS Swimming (1.30 - 3pm)

13th February - Y4 Assembly (9.30am)

13th February - HALF TERM

23rd February - Children return to school

26th/27th February - Bikeability

27th February - 4LvS Swimming (1.30 - 3pm)

5th March - World Book Day

6th March - Y2 Fire of London Workshop

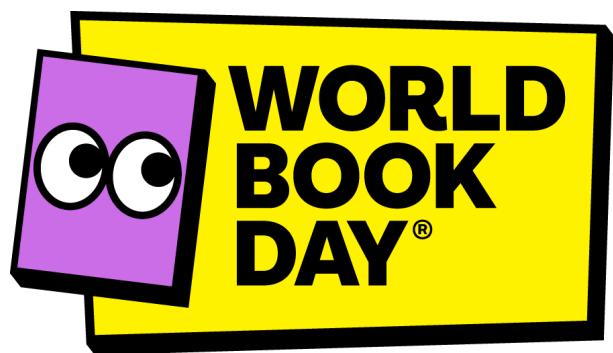
6th March - PTA quiz night (time tbc)

## MYSTERY READERS WANTED!

As World Book Day is fast approaching, we are in the midst of planning lots of exciting things to inspire our children's love for reading.

On the week of World Book Day, we would like to invite as many 'mystery readers' into our classrooms to share the excitement of reading.

If you are available at 2.30pm any day of the week beginning Monday 1st March, and would like to come in to your child's class to read a story or a chapter or two, please email [admin@gorseybark.org.uk](mailto:admin@gorseybark.org.uk) with the subject Mystery Reader. This offer is extended to wider family members too, grandparents, aunts, uncles etc!



## DIGITAL SAFETY

We are hearing far more about the use of iMessage group chats and other online platforms where unkind or inappropriate behaviour is taking place between pupils outside of school hours.

While much of children's online communication is positive, we are concerned about the impact that unkind messages, exclusion from group chats and negative online interactions can have on pupils' wellbeing and relationships in school.

We kindly ask that you remain aware of your child's online activity, including messages they are sending and receiving.

## THIS WEEK'S HOUSE POINTS SO FAR...

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ALTIUS MAGNUS  
CITIUS FORTIUS

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## ROAD SAFETY

Thank you to everyone who has adhered to the new car parking system! This has made the car park much safer for our children and community.

We would like to remind parents to park considerately on the neighbouring roads. Unfortunately, we continue to see vehicles parked too close to junctions and driveways causing obstructions. Please be reminded that inconsiderate parking may be in breach of **Highway Code Rule 243** which states:

*Do not stop opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space.*

We fully understand that drop-off and pick-up times can be busy and that many families rely on cars however, it is essential that all members of our community park safely, legally and respectfully ensuring junctions and residents' driveways remain clear at all times.



PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE AN ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL - UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD NUTS, OR ANY PRODUCT CONTAINING NUTS, BE BROUGHT ON TO SCHOOL PREMISES.