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The Gorsey 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.



🎄✨ OUR CHRISTMAS MARKETS ARE HAVING A SHAKE UP! ✨🎄

We're so excited to announce a brand-new festive format for this year's Christmas celebrations! 🎅

Instead of our usual after-school fair, we're bringing the magic of Christmas into school with two special Children's Christmas Markets, giving every child the chance to enjoy a festive afternoon with their classmates. ❤️

📅 SAVE THE DATES! 🎄 Friday 4th December | 1:30–3:00pm | EYFS & Key Stage 1 | 🎄 Friday 11th December | 1:30–3:00pm | Key Stage 2

🎁 The PTA are delighted to announce that for this year only we will be covering the full cost of this event - this will be a FREE event to attend for every child. There will be games to enjoy, treats to take home, prizes to be won and some surprises to look forward to on the day! All of this will be at zero cost to you!

We know how busy (and expensive!) December can be, so we've made things as easy as possible for parents this year. There will be NO requests for teddy, chocolate or bottle donations and no need to send children in with spending money or loose change.

🎅 Children are invited to come in non-uniform / festive dress-down on the day of their market and the make your own Christmas Cracker homework will be coming out shortly to keep our long-standing Gorsey tradition going 🎄

🎁 EXTRA FESTIVE FUN – THE £7 GIFT STALL & RAFFLE | Our popular Gift Stall will be returning and information on this will be sent separately. Also back by popular demand is our raffle - further details will follow on how to donate to a year group hamper after the big success of the summer hampers!

📲 BOOKING & PAYMENT | Payment links for both the Raffle tickets and Gift Stall gifts will follow shortly, along with the booking deadline for the latter so we can get everything organised in time. There will also be an optional donation section if anyone would like to make a donation to the PTA either before or after the event.

The above is optional and everything else at the event itself is FREE of charge!

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For anyone that is able to volunteer to help set up the event, be on a stall during the event or help clear away after the event please get in touch with Sarah Parlane on 07391 631407 to confirm which Friday/s you can attend along with times you are free to help. Volunteers will be allocated on a first come, first served basis - this will be a fantastic event to help with so get in touch soon to secure your spot!
Thank you, as always, for supporting our PTA and helping us make Christmas magical for the children. We can't wait! 🎄✨

The Gorsey Bank PTA Team 💚

DATES FOR THE DIARY

23rd Nov - School Tour

24th November - Reception hearing and vision screening

30th Nov - School Tour

30th Nov - Reception Nativity Dress Rehearsal to Y6

2nd Dec - Reception Nativity

3rd Dec - Sally's Christmas Concert

4th Dec - KS1 Christmas Market

9th Dec - Y3 / Y4 Rex Cinema Visit (AM)

9th Dec - Y5 / Y6 Rex Cinema Visit (PM)

10th Dec - KS1 Nativity

11th Dec - KS1 Nativity

11th Dec - KS2 Christmas Market

14th Dec - KS2 Carol Service Dress Rehearsal

15th Dec - KS1 Christmas Party

15th Dec - KS2 Carol Service 2pm

15th Dec - KS2 Carol Service 7pm

16th Dec - Christmas Lunch





PSHE UPDATES

Following discussions at our recent Parent Council meeting, parents told us that they would like more information about what their children are learning in PSHE so that key messages can be reinforced at home.

In response to this feedback, teachers will share a weekly update on Instagram outlining the PSHE learning taking place in each year group.













LAST WEEK'S HOUSE POINTS

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289	268

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ILLUSTRATOR WORKSHOP

Last week, children in Years 3 to 5 took part in an exciting online workshop with comic book author and illustrator Thiago de Moraes. During the session, the children explored how to create their own comic characters, developing imaginative ideas for their character's appearance, name, home and even an evil villain for them to battle.

The workshop encouraged creativity, storytelling and drawing skills, and the children thoroughly enjoyed bringing their ideas to life. It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm and imagination as they learned from a professional author and illustrator.