Gorseybrigg Primary School and Nursery

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Dear families,

How lovely to see everyone after the holiday! September is my favourite month and it is always a pleasure to watch the children arriving shiny and ready for the year. They have been a pleasure this week, really trying hard and behaving beautifully.

To start the year off, I wanted to let you know about activities which are available this term.

Lunchtime Activities

Day	Activity	Who can come	Adult
Monday	Young Voices singing	Y4-Y6 who have signed up	Mrs Bradbury
Monday	Football	Y1-Y5 who have signed up	Soccer Eds
Tuesday	Reading and board games in the library	Everyone – just drop in!	Mrs MacLeod
Wednesday	Computing	KS2 - all welcome	Mrs Robson
Thursday	Multi-sports and games	Y1 and Y2 – just drop in	Mrs Christie
Lunchtimes with no rain!	Gardening	Everyone – just drop in	Mrs Kirkwood
Tuesday and Friday	Buddy lunchtime	Reception and Y6	Lunchtime staff
Every day	Fun with Opal play!	Everyone	Lunchtime staff

- After school **netball club** with Mrs Hormigo 3:30pm – 4:30pm Monday (Y2 and Y3) and Tuesday (Y4-Y6). Please contact the office if you would like to book a place.
- Whole class **flute lessons** start for Y5 on Monday 14th September. We still have a few places left for Y6 children who would like small group or individual lessons – let me know and I will put you in touch with the teacher.
- **Guitar lessons** start again on Wednesday 23rd September. If your child (Y1 or older) doesn't already have lessons and would like to, please let me know and I will put you in touch with the teacher.

Dates for your diary in September

- **Wednesday 14th – School photo day**

- **Friday 18th – PTFA AGM at 1:30**. All welcome.
- **Thursday 24th – Coffee and Chat with the headteacher 9am** (straight after drop-off). We will be talking about enrichment and extra-curricular activities. I would love to see you so I can share our plans and find out what you would like to see on offer for your children. I will be available at the end to talk about anything else you want to discuss.
- **Wednesday 30th – Phonics workshop for Reception and Y1 parents 5:30pm**

Attendance

Attendance at school matters! We want your children to benefit from all the fantastic learning, social and enrichment activities we have at Gorseybrigg. Our attendance target for all children is 96%

Illness

We understand that illness happens but please only keep your child off if they are too ill to cope with school or are within 48 hours of a stomach upset. They will generally be fine with us if they are just a little tired or under the weather and we will ring you if they are struggling.

Holiday

We cannot authorise holidays except in exceptional circumstances. We are obliged to refer families who take children on holiday/days out for five days or more during the school year, whether consecutive or not, and this may incur a fine.

Social and Emotional Needs

Please get in touch with your child's teacher if they are finding school stressful. We have lots of ways we can help and support.

Lost Property

One of our parents kindly sorts all the lost property for us. Un-named items go on a secondhand site for parents to purchase at a very low price. Please use this link to find them:
https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/441

I hope you have a lovely weekend and that your children have enjoyed their first week back.

Best wishes

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