



Newsletter



Gilmorton Chandler C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As the academic year draws to a close, there are still a number of events due to take place...

This evening and tomorrow evening, our key stage two children will entertain us with performances of 'Porridge'. We are sure there will be tears of laughter and pride amongst the audiences! Children from Class F are the superb actors while Classes R, I and E make up the fantastic choir.



If you are attending any events between now and the end of term, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you that any photographs must be for personal/family use only and should not be shared on social media. In addition, mobile phones should be switched off or on silent – the performers have been practising long and hard to entertain you! Finally, we do not intend to practise a whole school evacuation during performances – should the fire alarm sound, please make your way out of the building to the artificially turfed playground, leaving staff to deal with the evacuation of the children in a calm, controlled manner. Thank you in advance in regards to all of the above.

End of year reports are due to be issued on Friday 7th July. The reports indicate how your child is achieving in terms of age related expectations in all subject areas. They also refer to behaviour and attitude for learning. Reports for children in Year 1 will include the results of phonics screening testing, Year 2's will include end of key stage one teacher assessments, Year 6's will include end of key stage two teacher assessments and SATs scaled scores. If you have any concerns about the contents of the report or wish to speak to your child's class teacher, time has been set aside during the afternoon of Wednesday 12th July to meet with teachers accordingly.

Our awards assemblies are due to take place on Wednesday 12th July. If you think your child is due to receive a certificate for 100% attendance, please feel free to attend the relevant assembly – Classes F, R, I & E at 10:20 a.m. and Classes N, D & S at 9:20 a.m.

The vast majority of children from Class F are due to visit their secondary schools on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th July. We wish them well. Children from all our other classes will spend some time with their teacher/s for next year on Tuesday.

Our final collective worship of the year will take place at All Saints' Church, Gilmorton on Friday 14th July at 2:30 p.m. It will be an opportunity to bless those moving on to pastures new and to give thanks for this academic year and all we have experienced. Parents, carers and families are most welcome to attend. In addition, help walking our younger children to and from church will be much appreciated.

Attendance over the academic year is as follows:

Class F – 97.9%

Class R – 96.5

Class I – 97.7%

Class E – 97.3%

Class N – 96.2%

Class D – 97.4%

Class S – 97.2%

Congratulations to Class F whose attendance exceeded all other classes. Well done to the 24 children who have attended school for 100% of the academic year – a superb achievement.

A huge thank you to those of you who attended, organised or helped out during our Family Fun Day. The day was superbly organised by FOGS (Friends of Gilmorton School) and we were very lucky with the weather. Your superb efforts helped us to raise £1700. We are hoping to use the funds for further resources to support trips, breaks and lunchtimes.

Please find overleaf the analysis of our recent parental survey – thank for taking the time to complete the questionnaire. 50 replies were received.

Finally, may we take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this year and to wish you a healthy, happy summer break.

School will reopen at 9:10 a.m. on Tuesday 29th August 2017.

Kind regards

Marie Sandford
Executive Headteacher

	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
My child enjoys school.	96%	4%	
My child is kept safe at school.	98%		2%
The school treats my child fairly and with respect.	96%		4%
My child knows who to talk to if they have a problem at school.	90%		10%
My child is making progress across the curriculum.	94%		6%
The school expects my child to work hard and do his / her best.	98%		2%
The school meets my child's particular needs.	94%	2%	4%
The school promotes its Christian character well.	100%		
There is a good range of activities including trips and visits for my child to take part in.	98%		2%
Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school.	100%		
I am kept informed of my child's progress (i.e. parents' meetings, reports, special educational needs (SEND) meetings).	96%		4%
I support my child with his / her homework activities.	98%		2%
I use the home-school diary regularly to give and to request information.	96%	4%	
I use the newsletter to keep informed of diary dates and significant news / events.	98%	2%	
I use the school website to keep informed of diary dates and significant news / events.	58%	42%	
I use social media to keep informed of significant news / events.	54%	46%	
If I have a concern about my child's needs it is listened to and, if necessary, acted upon.	96%		4%

Comments / questions about any of the above:

- *We are very happy with the progress our child has made and pleased with the level of support and encouragement given by the teaching staff.*
- *Very happy with my child's school experience and the teaching at Gilmorton.*
- *For the vast majority of their school time, my children have been happy at Gilmorton Chandler – thank you.*
- *My child has been made to feel welcomed and has settled in to school life well. This has been through excellent teachers and support staff.*
- *I have been really happy with the school. It has given my child a fantastic start in a happy, nurturing environment. I am impressed with how the school promotes the church within the school. There is a really happy atmosphere – parents, staff and children are happy and work as a team. Thank you to everyone for their support.*
- *Overall we are very happy with our child's transfer to Gilmorton and very grateful for the warm welcome she has received from the teacher, staff and children.*
- *The newsletter is great – very informative and well put together.*
- *Class trips are plentiful and varied – children have loved them all. It's so easy now we have the online payment system.*
- *We are very happy with all aspects of the school.*
- *I know my children are well cared for at school.*
- *Like text communications to ensure aware of important events.*
- *Good revision lessons for SATs.*
- *We're very impressed with everything so far. Our child has settled really well and the staff and children have been fantastic at welcoming our child to the school.*
- *Would be fantastic to receive some initial feedback when child transfers to the school.*
- *Dress down days to be on newsletters.*
- *Concerns about unaccompanied children getting through the open gate at the end of the day.*
- *Only English and maths discussed at parent meetings therefore unsure of other progress across the curriculum.*
- *The school could be more active on social media to publicise and promote events more.*
- *Some lack of response to queries in the home-school diary.*
- *With increasing class sizes it is difficult to maintain the close interaction with the children – what will be the limit to*

class sizes as the village is expanding (**our planned admission number is 30 – any classes above this size are due to exceptions under the Admissions Code or successful independent appeals**).

- There are support classes for those who need extra help but not aware of similar for more able. Homework is sporadic and fairly basic. (**Challenge is available in all lessons for those able to access it and in addition enrichment opportunities are available for the most able as they move through Key Stage 2**).

Please complete these sentences:

Gilmorton Chandler Church of England Primary School is special because.....

- *Its Christian character and values.*
- *Inspirational teaching.*
- *Excellent staff who go the extra mile.*
- *Wonderful staff who really care about each child and try to get the best out of them.*
- *Staff work hard to make lessons interesting. Each child is treated equally.*
- *All staff are approachable.*
- *Every child really does matter. Children and adults show respect to one another, resulting in a nurturing, safe and happy environment in which to learn.*
- *High expectations of each child but with a lot of fun. Range of excellent experiences.*
- *A special school with a great community feel and solid core values.*
- *Its loving and nurturing atmosphere.*
- *It promotes learning and own faith in a holistic way.*
- *Children are happy, confident and relaxed.*
- *All children are valued.*
- *Every child is treated as an individual and staff know all the children.*
- *The inclusive, encouraging environment. The children in different years know each other and interact well.*
- *The friendliness and interactions between the different year groups.*
- *It instils excellent morals and manners from day one. It also gives the children confidence through assemblies and services.*
- *It provides a caring and supportive learning environment with unique outdoor facilities.*
- *Incredible outdoor space.*
- *It meets all of our child's needs as well as our own.*
- *The children's behaviour is outstanding (manners, tolerance, respect, welcoming).*
- *It feels like a large family. Teachers stay a long time and really care about the children.*
- *The school is amazing – it is the best!*
- *Everyone gets on.*
- *The office staff are welcoming and friendly.*
- *Mrs Sandford knows every child's name and has lunch with them when she can.*
- *The head is great, Mrs Sandford stands for no messing but has a very caring, nurturing side.*
- *The wonderful community feel.*
- *It promotes happiness in children and is a family friendly school; the teachers are caring and the assistants do an amazing job too.*
- *There is a good ethos and children appear to have positive values reinforced.*
- *Social and emotional needs are treated as importantly as educational ones.*

Something that could be improved is....

- *Lots of 'can't think of anything, keep up the good work'!*
- *Online payment system for school dinners (**unfortunately this is not possible at present. We are exploring other alternatives**).*
- *It would be good to know how concepts e.g. maths are taught so we can assist at home.*
- *Other methods of updating parents on progress in addition to parents' evenings.*
- *Parking at school – a designated crossing in the village.*
- *Gate safety.*
- *More information on how has FOGS money been spent?*
- *More evenly spaced progress meetings.*
- *As much notice as possible re trips, events etc.*
- *Update reading books.*
- *More of Mrs Sandford's presence to keep behaviour standards up.*
- *Transition of children joining the school – planned review.*
- *More after school clubs especially for younger children.*
- *More sporting opportunities.*
- *More varied homework and more regular reading assessments.*
- *French lessons.*
- *After school clubs in maths and English and workshops for parents to support their children.*
- *Clean the artificial play surface.*

We will use the results of the survey to contribute to our strategic school development planning. Thank you once again for your continued support.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 5 th July 7 pm	KS2 Performance 'Porridge'
Thursday 6 th July	Half of Class I (Year 4) farm visit
Thursday 6 th July	Years 5 & 6 Rounder's Tournament at Lutterworth College
Thursday 6 th July	Last Class I (Year 4) Wider Opportunities music session – instruments to be returned to school after this session
Thursday 6 th July 7pm	KS2 Performance 'Porridge'
Friday 7 th July	Half of Class I (Year 4) farm visit
Friday 7 th July	Reports distributed to parents
Monday 10 th July	Class F (Year 6) Secondary School visits
Tuesday 11 th July	Class F (Year 6) Secondary School visits
Wednesday 12 th July 9.20am	Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1 Awards assemblies in the school hall
Wednesday 12 th July 10.20am	Key Stage 2 Awards assemblies in the school hall
Wednesday 12 th July 2 pm – 5 pm	Progress Meetings with class teachers
Thursday 13 th July 9.15 am	Class F (Year 6) Leavers assembly in the school hall
Thursday 13 th July 10.30 am	Sports Day
Thursday 13 th July	Last session of after school dance club
Thursday 13 th July	Class F (Year 6) Leavers Disco at Walton Village Hall
Friday 14 th July 2.30 pm	End of Year Church Assembly at All Saints' Church, Gilmorton
Friday 14 th July 3.30 pm	School closes for the summer break
Tuesday 29 th August 9.10 am	School re-opens for the autumn term

End of Year Service - Friday 14th July 2017

Please note, there is a change to the time of the previously published end of year church service. This service will now take place at Gilmorton Chandler All Saints' Church at 2.30 pm. We hope that many of you can join us for this service.

Academic Year 2017 - 2018 School Term Dates

Autumn Term

School Opens	Tuesday 29 th August 2017
Mid Term Break	Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th October 2017
School Closes	Wednesday 20 th December 2017

Spring Term

School Opens	Tuesday 9 th January 2018
Mid Term Break	Monday 12 th - Friday 16 th February 2018
School Closes	Friday 23 rd March 2018

Summer Term

School Opens	Monday 9 th April 2018
May Day	Monday 7 th May 2018
Mid Term Break	Monday 28 th May - Friday 1 st June 2018
School Closes	Friday 13 th July 2018



ASHBY MAGNA STREET FAIR

**COME TO THE FAIR ON
FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2017
6-9PM**

**LOTS OF STALLS - JEWELLERY, CARDS, BEAUTY
PRODUCTS, CRAFTS
AND MUCH MORE**

**TOMBOLAS, CHILDREN'S RIDES AND GAMES, CAKES,
BOOKS AND TOYS
REFRESHMENTS, BBQ, BAR AND RAFFLE**

**COME AND JOIN US FOR AN ENJOYABLE
EVENING OF FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY**

Support us this term and you can



Gilmorton
Chandler
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WIN

one of four

Kindle e-readers

- A **GUARANTEED** cash prize to one of our supporters every week!
- Match all 6 numbers and win **£25,000!**
- Tickets only cost **£1 per week!**
- Support our school and win prizes - **WIN WIN!**
- Joining is easy, it only takes a minute!



To Start Supporting, visit
www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk
and search for: Gilmorton Chandler

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

School Meals

As we approach the end of the academic year it is necessary for all outstanding dinner money accounts to be paid in full. We would be grateful if arrangements can be made to pay any outstanding school meals account no later than Friday 7th July 2017, please make cheques payable to 'Leicestershire County Council'. If you are unsure whether you owe lunch monies, please do not hesitate to check with the school office. Thank you

Reminder School Uniform

As many of you may be purchasing new items of uniform during the holiday period, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our uniform policy:

- Sweatshirt, fleece or cardigan with school logo
- Blue polo shirt or short sleeved shirt/blouse
- Grey skirt, shorts or trousers
- Black or brown shoes suitable for outdoor and playground wear
- Girls may wear **blue/white** check dresses
- Sandals may be worn during warmer weather

Below are the menus for the week commencing Monday 10th July 2017

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Organic beef bolognaise with spaghetti Garlic bread Peas Sweetcorn	Roast gammon served with pineapple Gravy Crispy roast potatoes Seasonal vegetables of the day	Homemade cheese & tomato pizza Pasta spirals in a tomato sauce Homemade creamy coleslaw Broccoli florets	Farm assured pork sausages Gravy Creamy mashed potatoes Medley of seasonal vegetables	Crispy Battered Fish Chips Baked beans Peas
	Vegetarian meatballs in homemade tomato sauce Pasta spirals Peas Sweetcorn	Quorn tikka masala Savoury rice Seasonal vegetables of the day	Vegetable lasagne Jacket potato Homemade creamy coleslaw Broccoli florets	Cheese pinwheel Pasta spirals in a tomato sauce Medley of seasonal vegetables	Quorn Dippers Chips Baked beans Peas
	Garlic bread	Farmhouse wedge	Focaccia bread	Pumpkin seeded slice	
	Melting moments Apple cake served with custard sauce	Berry waffles Banana flapjack	Strawberry fool Chocolate brownie	Blueberry muffin Peach crumble served with custard sauce	Seaside shortbread Ice-cream with a fruit coulis
Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Available Daily					

Below are the menus for the week commencing Monday 27th August 2017

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Pork & apple burger Jacket potato Homemade creamy coleslaw Baked beans	Roasted chicken with sage & onion stuffing Gravy Parsley potatoes Medley of seasonal vegetables	Organic beef cottage pie New potatoes Green beans Sweetcorn	Roast pork served with apple sauce Gravy Mashed potatoes Seasonal vegetables of the day	Fish fingers Chips Baked beans Peas
	Macaroni cheese Herby wedges Homemade creamy coleslaw Salad bar selection	Quorn fajitas Savoury rice Medley of seasonal vegetables	Homemade margherita pizza Pasta spirals in a homemade tomato sauce Green beans Sweetcorn	Vegetarian shepherd's pie Gravy New potatoes Seasonal vegetables of the day	Vegetarian sausage Chips Baked beans Peas
	Soft rolls	Sliced poppy bread	Herby bread	Wholemeal slice	Rustic farmhouse bread
	Golden krispie cake Steamed pear sponge served with vanilla sauce	Carrot cake Cheese & biscuits with grapes	Fresh fruit salad Flapjack	Crunchy chocolate biscuit Steamed syrup sponge served with custard sauce	Lemon iced bun Assorted ice-creams
Fruit & Yoghurt are available daily					

LCC SCHOOL FOOD SUPPORT DRINKS TARIFF

Calypso Aqua Cup Juice 185ml 31p Drinkfit Flavoured Milk 200ml 40p. Pure Fruit Juice 31p.

We would be grateful if parents **would not include any kind of nuts (including Nutella) or fresh raspberries/strawberries** in packed lunches.

Below are the menus for the week commencing Monday 4th September 2017

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Organic beef bolognaise with spaghetti Garlic bread Peas Sweetcorn	Roast gammon served with pineapple Gravy Crispy roast potatoes Seasonal vegetables of the day	Homemade cheese & tomato pizza Pasta spirals in a tomato sauce Homemade creamy coleslaw Broccoli florets	Farm assured pork sausages Gravy Creamy mashed potatoes Medley of seasonal vegetables	BBQ chicken strips Chips Baked beans Peas
	Vegetarian meatballs in homemade tomato sauce Pasta spirals Peas Sweetcorn	Quorn tikka masala Savoury rice Seasonal vegetables of the day	Vegetable lasagne Jacket potato Homemade creamy coleslaw Broccoli florets	Cheese pinwheel Pasta spirals in a tomato sauce Medley of seasonal vegetables	Vegetable moussaka Chips Peas Salad bar selection
	Garlic bread	Farmhouse wedge	Focaccia bread	Pumpkin seeded slice	Cheese & onion topped bread
	Melting moments Apple cake served with custard sauce	Berry waffles Banana flapjack	Strawberry fool Chocolate brownie	Blueberry muffin Peach crumble served with custard sauce	Feather iced lemon sponge Ice-cream with a fruit coulis
Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Available Daily					

Below are the menus for the week commencing Monday 11th September 2017

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Pizza topped with red pepper Pasta in a homemade tasty tomato sauce Peas Sweetcorn	Roast turkey served with sage & onion stuffing Gravy Parsley potatoes Seasonal vegetables of the day	Chicken ham & leek pie Gravy Mashed potatoes Green beans Cauliflower	Organic pork meatballs in a homemade tomato sauce Savoury rice Sweetcorn nibbles Broccoli florets	Battered fish & lemon wedge Chips Baked beans Peas
	Vegetarian filled tortilla baskets Cous cous Peas Sweetcorn	Cheese & potato pie Jacket wedges Seasonal vegetables of the day	Quorn sweet & sour Savoury rice Green beans Cauliflower florets	Cheese flan Duchess potatoes Sweetcorn nibbles Salad bar selection	Quorn dippers Chips Baked beans Peas
	Mexican sliced bread	Wholemeal bread	Onion flat bread	Farmhouse wedge	Soft finger roll
	Chocolate & beetroot slice Pineapple upside down pudding served with custard sauce	Festival shortcake Oatie fruit cookie	Catherine wheel biscuits Rice pudding with a fruit coulis	Lemon drizzle cake Apple crumble served with custard sauce	Cherry shortbread Assorted ice-creams
Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Available Daily					

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