



Newsletter

Gilmorton Chandler C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

WELCOME

Welcome to the start of the new school year. We hope you all enjoyed a relaxing, refreshing and safe summer break. We would like to extend a particular welcome to those children and families new to Gilmorton Chandler School.

Our school newsletter will continue to be issued on the first working Wednesday of each month – it contains a wealth of information about what is happening in school, menus, reply slips for a variety of enrichment experiences and opportunities for feedback. If you would prefer to receive our newsletter via email, please forward your email address to the school office.

Alternatively, a copy of the latest newsletter is available on our school website www.gilmortonchandler.leics.sch.uk

Our other key communication document is the home / school diary. Please see the guidance notes at the beginning of your child's diary. It is particularly important to note any changes in end of day routines for your child.

We make much use of our text messaging service too and you can also follow us on both twitter (@GCPS_LE17) and Facebook.

We are aware that social media is a useful tool that many parents use to communicate. However, you must be aware that postings are considered in law to be accessible to the general public and you could be subject to the laws of defamation, malicious communication and improper use of the communications network for any offensive or false allegations against the school or its employees. If you have any concerns with any aspect of your child's education and learning you should always contact your child's class teacher or a member of the school leadership team in the first instance.

Today we include (overleaf) a list of known dates for the term ahead and a reminder of our routines and expectations here at Gilmorton Chandler.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



The Diocesan theme for this half term is 'the big story of the Bible'. We will also be preparing for our Harvest festival which will take place at All Saints' Church, Gilmorton on Friday 30th September at 9:15 a.m. Further information will be issued nearer the time.

Class F (Mrs Simons) will lead our first class assembly on Friday 16th September at 9:15 a.m. in the school hall.

Class R (Mr Thompson) will lead on Friday 23rd September – parents, carers and guests are welcome to attend all class and church worship.

SAFETY



As you know our vehicular and pedestrian entrance is one and the same – in the interests of child safety, please do not park on the yellow zigzags. The car park is for staff and visitor use only. Please do not attempt to drive onto the car park at the beginning or end of the school day. Please also be aware that Church Lane is a residential street and care needs to be taken when exiting the school premises to cross the road.

School transport is available for children living in the outlying parishes served by Gilmorton Chandler, children arriving on the buses are met at the school gate by a member of staff and younger children are escorted to their classrooms. In order to reduce the number of cars parked close to school, please consider the option of using school transport or car sharing if you have not already done so. Thank you in anticipation.



It is important that the children catching the buses at the end of the school day remain in orderly lines as they leave the school premises. Staff register and count the children ensuring they are in the correct queue as they leave the building and escort them to the buses where a further check is conducted. Please allow the lines to pass across the playground and through the gate in an orderly fashion. In addition, in the interests of safety, please do not allow your children to ride bikes, skateboards and scooters on the playground before and after school. Children are aware of the behaviour expected before and after school, so please discourage them from accessing 'out of bounds' areas for example, behind the outdoor classroom and large green container. We thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

We look forward to working with you during the academic year ahead, supporting your children during the next stage of their learning journey. Class teachers will write to you soon regarding the topics to be covered this year.

Kind regards

Marie Sandford
Executive Head Teacher

SCHOOL INFORMATION

We hope this list is useful in helping you become more aware/reminding you of routines at our school. If there are any issues of which you are unsure, please do ask.

School Organisation

We have 7 classes in school: Key Stage 2 (Juniors) is made up of Year 6 (F), Year 5 (R), Year 4 (I) and Year 3 (E). Key Stage 1 (Infants) includes Year 2 (N) and Year 1 (D). Foundation Stage (Class S) 'FRIENDS'

Milk

Milk is provided by Cool Milk. Milk is provided free subsidised by the County Council to all 4 year olds in school. Parents/carers will need to register their child at www.coolmilk.com to start receiving free milk. We also operate a paid milk system whereby parents opt to pay for milk at a cost of approximately 22p per carton. Parents/carers should register their child online at www.coolmilk.com to start receiving school milk. Payments are made direct to Cool Milk and are usually paid each half term. Milk is stored in a refrigerator until just before it is served at morning breaktime.

Water

On joining school, children are issued a named plastic water bottle to take regular drinks throughout the day. Please encourage your child to bring water to school each day. Four water fountains are also available.

Snacks

Children may bring a piece of fruit or vegetable to eat at morning breaktime - we do not allow other snacks. We participate in the National Fruit Scheme whereby children in the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 receive a free piece of fruit or vegetable each afternoon. This is administered at a regional level and we receive regular deliveries of apples, bananas, tomatoes, carrots, pears etc. The produce is rinsed before the children eat it.

School Dinners

Dinners are prepared on site by the local authority. A menu is included in the newsletter although there are occasional variations where there are supply difficulties. The cost of a school dinner is £2.20 per day for children in Key Stage 2 (£11.00 per week). All children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 are entitled to a free dinner every day. Any dinner money should be given to the class teachers in a clearly labelled, sealed envelope. We do prefer to receive this on a Monday. The envelope should state whether the money is for the whole week, or for specific days. Cheques should be made payable to 'Leicestershire County Council'. Dinner staff sell drinks. Items on sale are: Aqua Juice (various flavours) 31p, Milk Shakes (various flavours) 40p and Fruit Juices 31p. Children are expected to look after their own money for drinks and pay for them directly.

Uniform

Please ensure items of clothing are marked with your child's name. We sell the following items of school labelled products: Sweatshirts (24" - 32") £7; Sweatshirts (Small & Medium) £8, Cardigans (24" - 30") £12, Cardigans (32" - 34") £14, Fleece (all sizes) £12.50; PE T-shirts (all sizes) £4; Sports Bag £3.50; Reading Book Bag £3.50, Satchels £4.50

PE Kit

All children should have their PE kit in school. This consists of a pair of dark shorts and a school PE shirt. For indoor PE sessions, children work barefoot, unless they have a particular foot problem. Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children need plimsolls or trainers for outdoor PE in the summer term and early autumn term. In Key Stage 2, children may well have outdoor games sessions throughout the year. They will need trainers, a sweatshirt and jogging bottoms.

Swimming

Weekly swimming lessons are included in the curriculum as follows: children in Class E (Year 3) swim from September to February, children in Class N (Year 2) swim from the middle of February to July. Children work towards certificates in the ASA Swimming Proficiency Scheme and Water Safety Awards. Details of cost and organisation are sent separately.

Golden Time

In Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 this is a timetabled 30 minute weekly session on Friday afternoons whereby the children are rewarded for behaving as expected. Due to the increasing pressures of the National Curriculum, Key Stage 2 classes will 'bank' Golden Time to enjoy fun activities at the end of each half term.

Celebrating Success

Each week we hold a Celebration Assembly. This is when we distribute certificates and awards which children have won, celebrate birthdays and recognise other examples of success from each class through the 'Golden Book' and through our 'Rainbow Certificates.' Children may bring in certificates, trophies and medals earned outside of school.

FS/KS1 rewards

During Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1, children receive smiley face stickers for their good work, behaviour and contributions. Children put their stickers on a card and receive a graded certificate when they fill a card with 50 stickers. Completed cards are handed to Mr Shields.

KS2 House Points

During Key Stage 2, children are divided into four houses - St Patrick (Green), St David (Yellow), St Andrew (Blue) and St George (Red). They are awarded house points for good behaviour, work and contributions. The weekly house points total is announced in our celebration assembly whilst individual house points translate into graded certificates.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 1 st September 11 am	Dio Sing lessons commence for pupils in Year 3
Friday 2 nd September	Cosby Show visit for pupils in years 2 to 6
Monday 5 th September 3.30 – 4.30 pm	FDS Afterschool Football Club commences for pupils in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 classes
Tuesday 6 th September to Thursday 8 th September	Life Education Caravan will be visiting school
Tuesday 6 th September	Music lessons commences for pupils taught by Mrs Boswell
Wednesday 7 th September 3.30 -4.30 pm	FDS Afterschool Football Club commences for pupils in Year 3 & Year 4 classes
Thursday 8 th September	Wider Opportunities music tuition commences for pupils in Year 4
Friday 9 th September 3.45 – 4.45 pm	After School Multi Sports Clubs recommence
Tuesday 13 th September	Roald Dahl Dress up Day
Tuesday 13 th September 3.30 -4.45 pm	Years 5 & 6 After School Football Club
Tuesday 13 th September 7 pm	Year 4 York Residential Parents Meeting in year 4 classroom
Wednesday 14 th September	Circle Sports all children will require PE kits in school on this day
Friday 16 th September 9.15 am	Class F (Mrs Simons) assembly in the school hall
Tuesday 20 th September	Year 3 Iron Age Celts visit at Beaumanor Hall
Wednesday 21 st September	Vancols individual & family group photographs
Friday 23 rd September 9.15 am	Class R (Mr Thompson) assembly in the school hall
Monday 26 th September	European Languages Day
Thursday 29 th September 9 am	Devizes Textile Recycling Collection
Friday 30 th September 9.15 am	Harvest Festival at All Saints Church, Gilmorton
Sunday 2 nd October	Cross Country Races at Prestwold Hall
Friday 7 th October	Year 5 Jewry Wall Museum Visit
Friday 7 th October 9.15 am	Class I (Mrs Davison) assembly in the school hall
Tuesday 11 th October 4 pm – 7 pm	Parent Consultation Meetings in the school hall
Wednesday 12 th October 4 pm – 7 pm	Parent Consultation Meetings in the school hall
Thursday 13 th October	Year 6 Warning Zone visit
Friday 14 th October 9.15 am	Class E (Mrs Spadaccini & Mrs Otway) assembly in the school hall
Friday 14 th October 3.30 pm	School Closes for the mid-term break
Monday 24 th October 9am	School re-opens for the second half of the autumn term

School Meals Price increase for Key Stage 2 meals

To keep pace with inflation the cost of a Key Stage 2 school meal as increased by 5p. The revised prices took effect from Tuesday 30th August 2016.

- Junior school meal price £2.20
- Junior school meals cost per week £11.00

Please make school meals cheques payable to 'Leicestershire County Council'. Thank you

FOGS (Friends of Gilmorton School)

FOGS (Friends of Gilmorton School) are having a meeting to discuss ideas and plan fundraising events for this new school year, on Thursday 6th October at 7:30 pm in the Red Lion, Gilmorton. If you would like to be involved and help us with our events, please come to the meeting or contact Diane on 07759 273621.

Smiles

Welcome back here's to another new year. Hope you all have had a lovely summer break. This term is a very exciting term for Smiles as a company we open on 3rd October our first nursery in Sapcote.

Over the holidays we have put up and painted our shed this will soon be decorated by the children together with their lovely hand prints! However, it's great to have the shed but now we need to fill it with great toys. If anyone is selling or like to donate outdoor toys such as scooters, bikes etc. please speak to Debbie or Christine.



We will be celebrating 100 years of Roald Dahl on Tuesday 13th September 2016. All children and staff are invited to come to school dressed as characters from a Roald Dahl book for the event.

Academic Year 2016 - 2017 School Term Dates

Autumn Term

School Opens	Tuesday 30 th August 2016
Mid Term Break	Monday 17 th - Friday 21 st October 2016
School Closes	Friday 16 th December 2016

Spring Term

School Opens	Wednesday 4 th January 2017
Mid Term Break	Monday 13 th - Friday 17 th February 2017
School Closes	Wednesday 6 th April 2017

Summer Term

School Opens	Monday 24 th April 2017
May Day	Monday 1 st May 2017
Mid Term Break	Monday 29 th May - Friday 2 nd June 2017
School Closes	Friday 14 th July 2017

F/S, KS1 & KS2 Multi Sports Club

We are again able to offer children the opportunity to take part in after school Multi Sports Clubs. These clubs will take place on Fridays. Each session commences at 3:45 pm and will finish at 4:45 pm. There are two separate clubs, F/S & KS1 Club and KS2 Club. The clubs will run for 6 weeks. The charge for the 6 weeks will be £21.00 (6 sessions during the period 09/09/16 to 14/10/16 inclusive, at a cost of £3.50 per session).

If you are interested in your child joining either of these clubs please complete the reply slip below. Places are limited. If you are allocated a place we will write to you requesting payment and emergency contact details.

Reply Slip

F/S & KS1 Multi Sports Club

Child's Name: Class:

I would like my child to join F/S & KS1 Multi Sports Club commencing on Friday 9th September 2016. I understand that this club is fee paying and I will make arrangements to collect my child from school at 4:45 pm.

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Signed by the person with legal responsibility for the young person

Reply Slip

KS2 Multi Sports Club

Child's Name: Class:

I would like my child to join KS2 Multi Sports Club commencing on Friday 9th September 2016. I understand that this club is fee paying and I will make arrangements to collect my child from school at 4:45 pm.

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Signed by the person with legal responsibility for the young person

School Photographs - Wednesday 21st September 2016

Photographs will be taken of all children in school on Wednesday 21st September. If you would like photographs to include pre-school age brothers/sisters please bring them into school at 8.45 am. If you would like a joint photograph of all your children in school, please complete the slip below naming all the children to be included in the photograph and return it to the school office no later than Wednesday 14th September.

Reply Slip

School Photographs - Wednesday 21st September 2016

Child/ren Names: Class:

..... Class:

..... Class:

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Signed by the person with legal responsibility for the young person.

After School Football Club Years 5 & 6

After School Football Club will take place after school on Tuesdays during the autumn term, commencing on Tuesday 13th September 2016. The club is open to all children in years 5 & 6 and will finish at 4:45 pm. If you are interested in your child joining this club please complete the reply slip below and return to the school office no later than Wednesday 7th September 2016.

Reply slip

After School Football Club Years 5 & 6

I give permission for my child(name) to attend the after school weekly Football Club and will make arrangements to collect him/her from school at the end of the session.

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Signed by the person with legal responsibility for the young person

Cool Milk

If you are interested in your child having school milk during break time, please either visit the website www.coolmilk.com or call in to the school office to collect a registration form.

Thank you.

Below are the menus for the week commencing Monday 29th August 2016

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Delicious Homemade Chicken Curry Pilau rice Sweetcorn Peas	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce Crispy Roasted Potatoes Summer Vegetable Medley Gravy	Meatballs in a Rich Homemade Tomato Sauce Pasta Spirals Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables Watercress Salad	Roast Turkey & Stuffing New Season Potatoes Sweetheart Cabbage Fresh Carrot Batons Gravy	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fishcakes served with Lemon Wedge Chips Baked Beans Peas
	Vegetarian Chilli Con Carne Half Jacket potato Sweetcorn Leafy Green Salad	Homemade Courgette & Cheese Sausage Crispy Roasted Potatoes Summer Vegetable Medley Gravy	Cheese Topped Vegetarian Mince Burrito Mexican Rice Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables Watercress Salad	Tangy Vegetarian Sweet & Sour Oodles of Noodles Fresh Carrot Batons Corn on the Cob	Homemade Spicy Bean Burger Chips Baked Beans Peas
	Farmhouse Wedge	Wholemeal Slice	Garlic Slice	Onion Topped Loaf	Soft Floury Bap
	Marble Sponge & Custard Home Baked Fruit Shortcake	Chocolate Tart Eton Mess	Fruit Kebabs Afghan Biscuits	Apple & Orange Crumble & Custard Ginger Biscuits	Vanilla Ice Cream & Berry Compote Chocolate Cracknell
Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Available Daily					

Below are the menus for the week commencing Monday 5th September & Monday 26th September 2016

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Homemade Margherita Pizza Baked Potato Wedges Green Beans Sweetcorn	Roast Chicken & Stuffing Creamy Mashed Potatoes Sweetheart Cabbage Fresh Carrot Batons Gravy	Homemade Pork Pasty Pie New Season Potatoes Peas Fresh Carrot Rounds Gravy	Tasty Chicken Napoliano Garlic Slice Cauliflower Broccoli	Farm Assured Pork Sausages in a Soft Floury Roll Chips Peas Summer Salad Selection
	Sweet Potato & Pea Risotto Baked Potato Wedges Green Beans Sweetcorn	Vegetarian Mexican Quesadillas New Season Potatoes Fresh Carrot Batons Crudities & Salsa Dip	Vegetarian Meatballs in a Rich Homemade Tomato Sauce Pasta Spirals Peas Tomato & Basil Salad	Crispy Potato Topped Vegetarian Shepherd's Pie New Potatoes Cauliflower & Broccoli Salad Platter	Falafel & Crunchy Salad Served in a Wrap Chips Peas Crudities & Dip
	Beetroot Batch	Wholemeal Pumpkin Slice	Focaccia	Mexican Slice	Soft Finger Rolls
	Pancakes & Berry Compote Rice Krispie Cake	Cornflake Tart & Custard Cheese & Biscuits served with Grapes	Strawberry Whip & Cream Summer Peach Cobbler & Custard	Moist Chocolate & Beetroot Muffin Fresh Fruit Salad	Chocolate Ice Cream & Wafer Delicious Home Baked Yum Yum Biscuit
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 12th September & Monday 3rd October 2016

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Brunch Lunch Bacon Scrambled Egg Potato and Onion Gratin Tomatoes & Mushrooms	Mouth Watering Spaghetti Bolognaise Garlic Slice Fresh Carrot Batons Mixed Leaf Salad	Barbequed Chicken Strips Oriental Noodles Sweetcorn Green Beans	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce Creamy Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Gravy	Crispy Chicken Chunks Chips Baked Beans Peas
	Vegetarian Lunch Vegetarian Sausage Potato & Onion Gratin Tomatoes & Mushrooms	Healthy Vegetarian Spaghetti Bolognaise Garlic Slice Mixed Leaf Salad Creamy Coleslaw	Summer Quiche Cous Cous Green Beans Salad Platter	Cheese & Potato Pie Baked Jacket Wedges Broccoli Crudities	Quorn Dippers Chips Baked Beans Peas
	Homemade Cumin Wedge	Rustic Farmhouse Slice	Poppy Seed Sticks	Mini Paprika Spiced Rolls	Crusty Slice
	Strawberry Fool Yoghurt Home Baked Cherry Shortbread	Open Apple Tart & Cream Freshly Baked Chelsea Buns	Fruit Jelly & Cream Delicious Banoffee Pie	Sticky Lemon Iced Buns Melting Moments	Strawberry Ice Cream & Wafer Viennese Finger
Fruit & Yoghurt are available daily					

Below are the menus for the week commencing Monday 19th September & Monday 10th October 2016

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Delicious Homemade Chicken Curry Pilau rice Sweetcorn Peas	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce Crispy Roasted Potatoes Summer Vegetable Medley Gravy	Meatballs in a Rich Homemade Tomato Sauce Pasta Spirals Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables Watercress Salad	Roast Turkey & Stuffing New Season Potatoes Sweetheart Cabbage Fresh Carrot Batons Gravy	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fishcakes served with Lemon Wedge Chips Baked Beans Peas
	Vegetarian Chilli Con Carne Half Jacket potato Sweetcorn Leafy Green Salad	Homemade Courgette & Cheese Sausage Crispy Roasted Potatoes Summer Vegetable Medley Gravy	Cheese Topped Vegetarian Mince Burrito Mexican Rice Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables Watercress Salad	Tangy Vegetarian Sweet & Sour Oodles of Noodles Fresh Carrot Batons Corn on the Cob	Homemade Spicy Bean Burger Chips Baked Beans Peas
	Farmhouse Wedge	Wholemeal Slice	Garlic Slice	Onion Topped Loaf	Soft Floury Bap
	Marble Sponge & Custard Home Baked Fruit Shortcake	Chocolate Tart Eton Mess	Fruit Kebabs Afghan Biscuits	Apple & Orange Crumble & Custard Ginger Biscuits	Vanilla Ice Cream & Berry Compote Chocolate Cracknell
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