



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 summer break. We would like to extend a particular welcome to those children and families new to Gilmorton Chandler School.

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome new staff. Mrs Jessica Cross will be with us this year as Foundation Stage teacher to cover Mrs Temple's maternity leave. Miss Stewart is our new teaching assistant / cover supervisor based in Class I.

Our school newsletter will 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, the latest newsletter is available on our 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.

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

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 'a journey through the old Testament.' The weekly themes were written for the Diocesan Board of Education by Mrs Spadaccini, our RE co-ordinator. We will also be preparing for our Harvest festival which will take place at All Saints' Church, Gilmorton on Friday 2nd October 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 18th September at 9:15 a.m. in the school hall. Class R (Mr Thompson) is on Friday 25th September – parents, carers and guests are welcome to attend 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. 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 school transport or car sharing if you have not already done so. Thank you in anticipation.

Also, 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 discourage your children from riding bikes, skateboards and scooters on the playground before and after school. Smiles equipment and PE equipment should not be on the playgrounds before and after school.

Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

We look forward to working with you during the academic year ahead.

Kind regards

Marie Sandford
Headteacher

School Information

We hope this list is useful in helping you become more aware/reminding you of routines in 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 £2.15 per day for children in Key Stage 2 (£10.75 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 also sell drinks. Items on sale are: Aqua Juice (various flavours) 30p, Milk Shakes (various flavours) 39p and Fruit Juices 30p. Children are expected to look after their own money for drinks and pay for them directly.

Uniform

Please ensure sweatshirts and other items of clothing are marked with the child's name. We sell the following items of school labelled products: Sweatshirts £7; Cardigans £11.50, Fleece £12.50; PE T-shirts £4; Sports Bag £3.50; Reading Book Bag £3.50, Satchels £4.50

PE Kit

All children should have a 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 Leicestershire Swimming Proficiency Scheme and the ASA 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. In Key Stage 2 the classes 'bank' Golden Time to enjoy an afternoon of chosen activities per month.

Celebrating Success

Each week we have 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.'

FS/KS1 Stickers/Certificates

In Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1, children receive stickers for their good work 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

In 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 work and for contributing. The weekly house points total is announced in our celebration assembly whilst individual house points translate into graded certificates.

Academic Year 2015 - 2016 School Term Dates

Autumn Term

School Opens	Tuesday 1 st September 2015
Mid Term Break	Monday 19 th - Friday 23 rd October 2015
School Closes	Friday 18 th December 2015

Spring Term

School Opens	Tuesday 5 th January 2016
Mid Term Break	Monday 15 th - Friday 19 th February 2016
School Closes	Wednesday 23 rd March 2016

Summer Term

School Opens	Monday 11 th April 2016
May Day	Monday 2 nd May 2016
Mid Term Break	Monday 30 th May - Friday 3 rd June 2016
School Closes	Friday 15 th July 2016

School Photographs - Wednesday 23rd September 2015

Photographs will be taken of all children in school on Wednesday 23rd 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 16th September.

Reply Slip

School Photographs - Wednesday 23rd September 2015

Child/ren Names:	Class:
.....	Class:
.....	Class:

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

Dates for your Diary

Monday 7 th September	FDS Football Club Years 1 & 2
Tuesday 8 th September	Year 6 Music Tuition Continuers tuition commences
Tuesday 8 th September	Year 4 Wider Opportunities Music Tuition commences
Tuesday 8 th September	Music Makers tuition commences for the autumn term
Tuesday 8 th September	Hotshots Club commences
Tuesday 8 th & Wednesday 9 th September	Life Education Caravan visiting School
Wednesday 9 th September	FDS Football Club Years 3 & 4
Friday 11 th September	Multi Sports Clubs commence for the autumn term
Tuesday 15 th September 3.30 pm -4.45 pm	Years 5 & 6 After School Football Club
Friday 18 th September 9.15 am	Class F assembly in the school hall
Wednesday 23 rd September	Vancols family & individual photographs
Friday 25 th September 9.15 am	Class R assembly in the school hall
Friday 2 nd October 9.15 am	Harvest Church Service at All Saints' Church, Gilmorton
Monday 5 th October	Year 5 visit to Jewry Wall
Friday 9 th October 9.15 am	Class I assembly in the school hall
Tuesday 13 th October 4 pm - 7 pm	Parents Evening in the school hall
Wednesday 14 th October 4 pm -7 pm	Parents Evening in the school hall
Thursday 15 th October	Year 6 visit to the Warning Zone
Friday 16 th October 9.15 am	Class E assembly in the school hall
Friday 16 th October 3.30 pm	School closes for the mid-term break
Monday 26 th October 9 am	School re-opens for the second half of the autumn term
Friday 6 th November 9.15 am	Class N assembly in the school hall
Thursday 12 th - Friday 13 th November	Year 4 York residential visit
Friday 13 th November 9.15 am	Class D assembly in the school hall
Friday 20 th November 9.15 am	Church Service at All Saints' Church, Gilmorton
Friday 27 th November 9.15 am	Class S assembly in the school hall
Thursday 10 th December	Theatre visit years 2 to 6
Monday 14 th December	Nativity dress rehearsal
Tuesday 15 th December	Nativity performance
Wednesday 16 th December	Nativity Performance
Friday 18 th December 2.30 pm	Church Service at All Saints' Church, Gilmorton
Friday 18 th December 3.30 pm	School closes for the Christmas break
Tuesday 5 th January 9 am	School re-opens for the spring 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 1st September 2015.

- School meal price £2.15
- School meals cost per week £10.75

Please make school meals cheques payable to 'Leicestershire County Council'. If you have already paid for school meals this term and not made an adjustment for the new price, please send the additional monies into the school office. Thank you

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 £18.00 (6 sessions during the period 11/09/15 to 16/10/15 inclusive, at a cost of £3 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 11th September 2015. 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 11th September 2015. 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



Please be advised, Smiles will not be running a holiday club this half term break (Monday 19th October to Friday 23rd October 2015) please make alternative child care arrangements during this period. Thank you.

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.

Theatre Visit Years 2 - 6 Thursday 10th December 2015.

This year classes F, R, I, E and N will be visiting The Belgrade Theatre, Coventry to watch the performance of 'Beauty and the Beast' on Thursday 10th December 2015. The school have been able to contribute a proportion of the costs. We would therefore be grateful to receive £10.00 per child for the remainder of the ticket/travel costs. Please complete the reply/permission slip below and return it to the school office with your payment by Friday 25th September 2015. Please make cheques payable to 'Gilmorton Chandler Primary School'. Thank you.

Reply Slip

Theatre Visit Years 2 - 6 Thursday 10th December 2015.

I/We give permission for(Name)

..... (Name)

.....(Name)

to participate in the theatre visit to see the performance of 'Beauty and the Beast' and enclose £10.00 per child. Cheques made payable to 'Gilmorton Chandler Primary School'.

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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 15th September 2015. 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 9th September 2015.

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

A message of thanks from Mrs Raymond

Thank you and a sad good bye. Can I start by thanking all the children, staff and parents at Gilmorton for their support over the years I have worked at Gilmorton Primary School. As many of you may be aware, with the support of the staff at Gilmorton, I completed my degree in teaching and learning at Northamptonshire University in 2013. After taking a year off studying, (much to the relief of my family), I have now decided to accept a place to train to become a teacher. This was a very difficult decision, made over the summer holiday, to leave a job, staff team and school I have enjoyed working at. However, I view this as a wonderful opportunity and something I have been striving towards for the past few years. I am really sorry not to be working with the fantastic Mrs Davidson and the children going into Year 4 this year, but I will endeavour to keep in touch and know they will all be amazing.

Below are the menus for the week commencing Monday 7th September 2015

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Isobel's Salmon en Croute New potatoes in the Skins Duo of Green Beans & Mangetout Sweetcorn	Roast Loin of Pork with Apple Sauce Creamy Mashed Potatoes Fresh Carrot Batons Cauliflower au Gratin Roast Gravy	Italian Bolognese in Rich Tomato Sauce Oodes of Pasta Summer Salad Selection	Roasted Chicken With Sage & Onion Stuffing & Bread Sauce Golden Roast Potatoes Savoy Cabbage Glazed Roast Parsnips Roast Gravy	Battered Fish Chips Cucumber or Carrot Sticks
	Margherita Pizza Spicy Potato Wedges Sweetcorn Vegetable Crudite & Dip	Vegetarian Toad in the Hole Minted New Potatoes Fresh Carrot Batons Cauliflower au Gratin Roast Gravy	Crispy Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & cheese Summer Salad Selection	Vegetarian Shepherds Pie Parsley Potatoes Savoy Cabbage Glazed Roast Parsnips Roast Gravy	Quorn or Vegetable Sausage Chips Cucumber or Carrot sticks
	Poppy Seed Plait	Courgette & Carrot Wedge	Garlic Bread	Tomato Flatbread	
	Strawberry Ice Cream Sundae Chocolate & Beetroot Slice	Golden Cracknell Rice Pudding with Sultanas	Plum Crumble & Custard Sticky Iced Bun	Lemon Meringue Pie Toffee Apple Steamed Sponge & Custard	Ice cream
Fruit & Yoghurt are available daily					

Below are the menus for the week commencing Monday 14th September 2015

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Chicken Tikka Masala Pilau Rice Garden Peas Summer Salad mix	Roast Gammon & Pineapple or Parsley Sauce Minted Potatoes Medley of Summer Vegetables	Pork & Apple Burger Half Jacket Potato Summer Salad selection	Brunch Lunch:- Bacon, Scrambled Egg, Grilled Tomato, Potato & Onion Cake, Baked Beans	Fish Fingers with Lemon Wedge Chips Garden Peas Corn on the Cob
	Vegetarian Bolognese Oodles of Pasta Garden Peas Summer Salad Mix	Cheese & Onion Pie Minted Potatoes Medley of Summer Vegetables Gravy	Rohan's Caramelised Red Onion & Vegetable Tart Half Jacket Potato Summer Salad Selection	Mediterranean Pasta Bake Garlic Bread Broccoli Spears Vegetable Crudite & Dip	Quorn Dippers Savoury Rice Garden Peas Corn on the Cob
	Farmhouse Wedge	French Crusty Baguette	Mexican Slice	Garlic Bread	Cheese & Onion Topped Loaf
	Steamed Treacle Sponge & Custard Urvi's Fruity Chocolate Brownie with berry Compote	Lorena's Angel Mess with Strawberry Devonshire Split	Welsh Cheesecake Fresh Fruit Salad	Berry & Bramley Apple Crumble & Custard Zingy Lemon Viennese Whirls	Coffee Cream Eclairs Cherry Muffin
Fruit & Yoghurt are available daily					

LCC SCHOOL FOOD SUPPORT DRINKS TARIFF

Calypso Aqua Cup Juice 185ml 30p Drinkfit Flavoured Milk 200ml 39p. Pure Fruit Juice 30p. Fresh Milk 31p. Mineral Water 25p. 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 21st September 2015

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Pork Meatballs in Rich Rustic Sauce Fluffy Rice Green Beans Sweetcorn	Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding Creamy Mashed Potatoes Savoy Cabbage Cauliflower Florets Roast Gravy	Mexican Spiced Chicken Oodles of Pasta in Homemade Tomato Sauce Summer Salad	Roast Turkey with Sage & Onion Stuffing Golden Roast Potatoes Broccoli Florets Fresh Carrot Batons Roast Gravy	Battered Fish Chips Garden or Mushy Peas Crunchy Coleslaw
	Roasted Vegetable Fajita Fluffy Rice Sweetcorn Cucumber & Mint Sauce	Crunchy Topped Macaroni & Cauliflower Bake Garlic Bread Seasonal Mixed Leaf Salad Tossed Bean Salad	Spanish Frittata Spicy Potato Bake Summer Salad Selection	Roasted Vegetable Pizza Herby Jacket Wedges Crunchy Carrot Sticks Broccoli Florets	Quorn Curry Bombay Potatoes Garden Peas Jewelled Salad
	Rosemary Focaccia	Garlic Bread	Beetroot Batch	Pumpkin Seed Slice	Mini Soft Roll
	Rhubarb & Gooseberry Fool Highland Shortbread	Peach Crumble & Custard Chocolate Krispie	Lemon Mousse Passion Cake	Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce Nursery Wheels	Vanilla Ice Cream & Summer Fruit Sauce Fruity Flapjack
Fruit & Yoghurt are available daily					

Below are the menus for the week commencing Monday 28th September 2015

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Isobel's Salmon en Croute New potatoes in the Skins Duo of Green Beans & Mangetout Sweetcorn	Roast Loin of Pork with Apple Sauce Creamy Mashed Potatoes Fresh Carrot Batons Cauliflower au Gratin Roast Gravy	Italian Bolognese in Rich Tomato Sauce Oodes of Pasta Summer Salad Selection	Roasted Chicken With Sage & Onion Stuffing & Bread Sauce Golden Roast Potatoes Savoy Cabbage Glazed Roast Parsnips Roast Gravy	Battered Fish Chips Cucumber or Carrot Sticks
	Margherita Pizza Spicy Potato Wedges Sweetcorn Vegetable Crudite & Dip	Vegetarian Toad in the Hole Minted New Potatoes Fresh Carrot Batons Cauliflower au Gratin Roast Gravy	Crispy Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & cheese Summer Salad Selection	Vegetarian Shepherds Pie Parsley Potatoes Savoy Cabbage Glazed Roast Parsnips Roast Gravy	Quorn or Vegetable Sausage Chips Cucumber or Carrot sticks
	Poppy Seed Plait	Courgette & Carrot Wedge	Garlic Bread	Tomato Flatbread	
	Strawberry Ice Cream Sundae Chocolate & Beetroot Slice	Golden Cracknell Rice Pudding with Sultanas	Plum Crumble & Custard Sticky Iced Bun	Lemon Meringue Pie Toffee Apple Steamed Sponge & Custard	Ice cream
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