



Newsletter



Gilmorton Chandler C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The summer term is flying by...as always it is such a busy term.

After much hard work and fundraising by our wonderful children in Class F, the nature area is now open. With the support of Mrs Underwood and Mr Cole, the children have created an open space where children can complete a number of activities ranging from bug hunting, leaf rubbing to weeding and bird watching. All children in Class F will take it in turns to be rangers, supervising activities. The rangers have shared a number of rules designed to keep the children safe and to protect the natural environment:

- Please do not run in the nature area.
- Please keep to the paths and do not walk on the plants.
- Please do not climb on the furniture.
- Please do not walk on the pond.
- Please be respectful of others in the area and of the activities taking place.
- Please report any damage or problems to the rangers.

Please note the above rules apply before and after school too!

During the week commencing 9th May, all children in Class F will undertake their Statutory Assessment Tests in reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar and mathematics. The tests this year are different to previous years – if you missed the session led by Mrs Simons, further information can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nF1n1g4CePI>
We wish the children well and know they will try their best.

Children in Class N will also undertake tests this year to inform the teacher assessments – no doubt you have seen much about the tests in the national press. Again, if you missed the session led by Mrs Barratt, useful information can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M8MjPFWRQs0&feature=youtu.be>

In June, during week commencing 13th, children in Class D will take their phonics screening test.

We endeavour to ensure this time in school is as 'stress-free' as possible. Our emphasis is on the emotional well-being of every child – we firmly believe, if happy children are continually taught a broad, balanced but rigorous curriculum by good teachers, they will make good progress.

This time of year is also one for residential trips....

Class R left for Beaumanor today and return at the end of school on Friday 6th May. Class F will travel to Kingswood for a week long residential of outdoor and adventurous activities on 23rd May. The residential visits are opportunities for children to take on challenges and tackle a range of activities in supportive environments. For the adults accompanying the classes (Mrs Phillips (residential course leader), Mr Thompson, Miss Brammer and Mrs Milburn), it's a chance to see the children interact, work collaboratively and grow in confidence. We know from experience that the memories and stories of what went on will last much longer than the trips themselves!

Please see the diary dates section overleaf for details of other enrichment opportunities taking place this term.

Progress day

This is an opportunity for you to come into school and discuss your child's progress with their class teacher during the school day. It is scheduled to take place in the school hall on Wednesday 29th June. Please see overleaf for further details.

Attendance

As reported in our previous newsletters, we continue to monitor attendance.

Class F – 97.8%

Class R – 98.1%

Class I – 97.1%

Class E – 98.4%

Class N – 97.3%

Class D – 96.3%

Class S – 96.8%

Congratulations to Class E whose attendance exceeds all other classes.

Class I will lead collective worship on Friday 6th May, Class R on 20th May and Class E on 27th May in the school hall at 9:15 a.m. Parents and guests are welcome to attend. Collective worship will be held at All Saints, Gilmorton on Friday 13th May at 9:15 a.m. Again, people are welcome to attend.

Kind regards

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 4 th – Friday 6 th May	Class R (Year 5) Beaumanor Residential Visit
Thursday 5 th May	Last Minecraft Club Session
Thursday 5 th May	Years 5 & 6 After School Tennis Club – CANCELLED
Friday 6 th May 9.15 am	Class I (Year 4) assembly in the school hall
Monday 9 th May – Friday 13 th May	Statutory Tests Week
Tuesday 10 th May	Year 1 Sealife Centre Visit
Friday 13 th May 9.15 am	Church Assembly at All Saints' Church, Gilmorton
Friday 13 th May 5.45 -7.15 pm	JUST Club at Gilmorton village hall
Monday 16 th May	Year 4 Twycross Visit
Tuesday 17 th May	Class E (Year 3) Lunt Fort Visit
Wednesday 18 th May	Year 5 Battle of Bosworth Visit
Thursday 19 th May	Year 4 Nagarjuna Leicester Kadampa Meditation Centre Visit
Thursday 19 th May	Year 6 Jain Centre Visit
Friday 20 th May 9.15 am	Class R (Year 5) assembly in the school hall
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th May	Class F (Year 6) residential visit to Kingswood, Penistone
Monday 23 rd May	Last session of Trinity Club
Wednesday 25 th May	Year 2 Plantasia visit
Wednesday 25 th May	Year 5 BAPS Shri Swainarayan Mandir Visit
Friday 27 th May 9.15 am	Class E (Year 3) assembly in the school hall
Friday 27 th May 3.30pm	School closes for the mid-term break
Monday 6 th June 9 am	School re-opens for the 2 nd half of the summer term
Monday 6 th June	After School Creative Writing Club
Monday 6 th June	After School Tri-Golf Club
Wednesday 8 th June	Year 5 Transition Day at Lutterworth High School
Thursday 9 th June 2 pm	Tempest Photographers whole school photograph
Friday 10 th June	Queen's 90 th Birthday street party lunch menu
Friday 10 th June 5.45 -7.15 pm	JUST Club at Gilmorton Village Hall
Tuesday 14 th June	New Entrants parent induction meetings
Tuesday 14 th June 1.45 pm	Safer Travel Workshop year 6 pupils
Wednesday 15 th June	New intake afternoon induction session
Thursday 16 th June	New Intake morning induction session
Thursday 16 th June	Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Visit Year 4
Thursday 16 th June 1.30 pm	Lutterworth High School & Lutterworth College staff visiting Year 6
Friday 17 th June	Leicester Outdoors Pursuit Visit Year 3
Tuesday 21 st June	Lutterworth College experience Year 5 Pupils
Wednesday 22 nd June	Reception visit to East Midlands Airport
Friday 24 th June 9.15 am	Class N (Year 2) assembly in the school hall
Saturday 25 th June	Family Fun Day
Wednesday 29 th June	Progress Day - parent meetings in the school hall
Friday 1 st July 9.15 am	Class D (Year 1) assembly in the school hall
Monday 4 th July	Dress rehearsal of the KS2 performance
Wednesday 6 th July	Sports Day
Wednesday 6 th July 7pm	KS2 Performance
Thursday 7 th July (am)	Half Year 4 class farm visit
Thursday 7 th July 7 pm	KS2 Performance
Friday 8 th July (am)	Half Year 4 class farm visit
Friday 8 th July 9.15 am	Class S (Reception) assembly in the school hall
Friday 8 th July 5.45 – 7.15 pm	JUST Club at Gilmorton Village Hall
Thursday 14 th July (am)	Awards Assemblies
Friday 15 th July 9.15 am	Class F (Year 6) leavers assembly in the school hall
Friday 15 th July 2.30 pm	Church Assembly, All Saints' Church, Gilmorton
Friday 15 th July 3.30 pm	School closes for the summer break

After School Tennis Club Years 5 & 6

Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances the coach is unable to provide after school coaching. We do not have an alternative coach, so this club is now cancelled. Please collect your child from school at 3.30 pm on Thursdays. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

[Progress Meetings Wednesday 29th June 2016](#)

Progress meetings will take place during the school day on Wednesday 29th June 2016. The meetings are an opportunity for you to discuss assessments and the next steps in your child's learning. The meetings will take place in the school hall. Please return the reply slip to the school office indicating the time slots you are able to attend and which teacher/s you would like to speak to. We will then let you know the specific time of your meeting.

For those children who usually have a separate meeting please refer to the additional letter posted home today.

Reply Slip

[Progress Meetings Wednesday 29th June 2016](#)

Please complete with the names of all the children in your family attending the school (except for those children who have a separate individual meeting. Thank you.)

Name of Child/ren	Teacher/s you will need to see

Please tick the most convenient time slots. Parents will be allotted a 10 minutes meeting with the teacher. Due to the high demand at certain times of the day we would be grateful if you could choose at least two time slots.

9:00 am 10:00 am	
10:00 am – 11:00 am	
11:00 am – 11:30 am	
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	

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Signed by the person with legal responsibility for the young person

Please return to the school office no later than Friday 27th May 2016

[Head Lice](#)

We have a recurring problem of head lice in several of our classes. To assist with the eradication of this problem we would be grateful if parents could be particularly vigilant in checking their child's hair and treating it if necessary. Please be sure to pay close attention to the back of the neck and behind the ears. Close contacts and other family members should also be checked and treated if head lice are present. If close contacts have head lice please ensure that they are treated at the same time, so that they do not pass the lice back to you or your child leading to re infestation. We would be grateful if you could repeat the checking process over the next seven days. Thank you for your cooperation in dealing with this matter.

Nature Trail Fund Raising Update

Thank you to everyone who supported our last cake sale. We raised an amazing £122.90!

We must also take this opportunity to thank the Parish Council Wind Farm Committee. Year 6 wrote letters explaining all about the Nature Area Project to raise money for the path. They drew posters and took pictures of all the fundraising activities that they had done so far, to put together an application for a donation from the Wind Farm Committee. We are extremely pleased to announce that their application for a donation was a success, with the committee commenting that their presentation was excellent. We will be receiving a cheque for £1000 shortly!

Our total fundraising now stands at an amazing £2338.50.

Year 6 pupils have now become Nature Area Rangers at lunchtimes. They look after the Nature Area at lunchtimes and run various activities for the other children, such as; bug hunting, gardening, bird watching, nature treasure hunts, colouring and lots more. All children are expected to behave in a respectful manner whilst using this area and the Rangers have designed a set of rules which are displayed around school and on the notice board.

We would still welcome any donations of old garden pots, canes, straw, tubing, etc to help us build a bug hotel later this term.

Thank you for your continued support and please watch out for our next fundraising event.

Smiles

I am pleased to say we will be running a holiday club during the May half term. The theme for this club is "beach week". The prices remain the same £15 for 6 hours and £25 for the full day 7.30am to 6.00pm.

Please email - simon@smileschildrensclub.co.uk or call into the club to collect a booking form.

After School Tri Golf Club - Years 3 to 6

We are offering a new weekly after school Tri Golf Club for pupils in Years 3 to 6. This is a free club that is fully funded by the PE grant. The club will take place on Mondays, commencing on Monday 6th June 2016. The club will begin at 3:30 pm and will finish at 4:30 pm. The club will be run by a fully qualified golf instructor. It will offer the children the opportunity to learn golf through fun based activity sessions. There are only 20 spaces available, therefore places will be allocated by drawing name lots. You will be notified prior to the first session whether or not your child has been allocated a place in the club.

If you would like your child to attend please fill in and return the reply slip below to the school office by Monday 16th May 2016.

Mr Thompson

Reply Slip

After School Tri Golf Club Years 3 to 6

I give permission for my child (Name) to take part in the weekly After School Tri Golf Club for Years 3 to 6 on Mondays, commencing Monday 6th June 2016. I will make arrangements to collect him/her from school at 4:30 pm.

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Signed by the person with legal responsibility for the young person

After School Creative Writing Club Years 3 - 6

We are offering a new weekly after school Creative Writing Club for pupils in Years 3 - 6. The club will take place on Mondays, commencing on Monday 6th June 2016. The club will begin at 3:30 pm and will finish at 4:30 pm and will take place in the Reception classroom, there will be no charge to take part in this club. There are only 12 spaces available. We assume that more children will wish to take part than places available, therefore places will be allocated by drawing name lots. You will be notified prior to the first session whether or not your child has been allocated a place in the club.

If you would like your child to attend please fill in and return the reply slip below to the school office by Monday 16th May 2016.

Mrs Cross

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Le Club Francais & El Club Espanol - Spaces available

These clubs take place in school during Tuesday Lunchtime (Le Club Francais) & Thursday Lunchtime (El Club Espanol).

Each session lasts for 30 minutes at a cost of £3.50 per session, payable in advance. All club members are also required to pay a small annual membership fee of £4.95 and you may also purchase a Club CD and songbook for an additional £6.00. There are currently vacancies available in both clubs.

If you are interested in your child learning to speak French or Spanish in either of these extra-curricular clubs please contact the school office for an enrolment form.

Year 3 Thank you

Year 3 would like to thank Mr Ainsworth for the loan of several pairs of sandals to assist with their D&T sandal topic. They were very useful in aiding the children with their designs, Thank you.

Year 3 - RE Creative Writing

We would like to thank the children in year 3 for their creative writing of the Easter Story as a diary entry from the perspective of the disciple Peter. These diary entries were displayed at the RE conference which was held at Hothorpe Hall in Theddingworth last month.

Below are the menus for the week commencing Monday 9th May 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 16th May 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 Flourey 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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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 23rd May 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					

Below are the menus for the week commencing Monday 6th June 2016

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Brunch Lunch Bacon Scrambled Egg Potato and Onion Gratin Tomatoes & Mushrooms	Mouth Watering Spaghetti Bolognese 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 Bolognese 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
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