



Newsletter



Gilmorton Chandler C of E Primary School

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Wednesday 9th
January
2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a Happy New Year for 2019. We trust you had a joyful but restful Christmas and New Year break.

Please see diary dates overleaf for full details of known dates for the rest of the academic year.

Thank you

THANK YOU!

In total £3000 was raised at our annual Christmas fair. Our huge thanks go to FOGS for all their hard work in organising the event and to those of you who were able to support the event in any way. We are currently saving for a new stage – such a superb sum of money will help enormously. Thank you again.

Universal free school meals

Thursday the 17th January 2019 will be the second census day that the government uses to determine how much funding we will receive in order to pay for the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children Universal Infant Free School Meals initiative. The funding is based upon the number of children in Classes N, D and S having a free school meal on two separate dates. If children in N, D or S are absent or if a packed lunch is provided, our funding is affected accordingly, impacting negatively on our overall budget. Please support us in ensuring we receive sufficient funding to cover the Universal Infant Free School Meals.



Parent/carer consultation meetings

These are scheduled to take place on 12th and 13th February 2019 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The evenings will take the same format to that of previous meetings; all the teachers will be in the school hall and classrooms will be open for you to look at further work and displays. Please see overleaf for further details and return the reply slip as soon as possible.

Attendance

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

Class F – 97.7%

Class R – 95.4%

Class I – 97.2%

Class E – 97.7 %

Class N – 97.7%

Class D – 98.2%

Class S – 97.9%

Congratulations go to Class D whose attendance exceeds all other classes.

Collective worship



This term our collective worship themes revolve around reflection, the seas, Lent and Easter. Please see overleaf for the dates of class assemblies this term and our Year 6 Holy Communion services. Class assemblies take place in the school hall and begin at 9:15 a.m. Parents/carers and guests are always welcome to attend. This term class assemblies will be followed by refreshments and a short, curriculum workshop provided by the class teacher.

As most of you know, I have continued in my role as Headteacher of Gilmorton Chandler whilst being the CEO of Inspiring Primaries Academy Trust. As the Trust grows it is proving increasingly challenging to combine both roles and, to be fair to all concerned at Gilmorton Chandler, I have made the decision to step down as Headteacher after 14 years. Although I knew the time had to come soon, it has been a very difficult decision for me personally – however professionally, as CEO, I will remain involved at a strategic level and visit at least once each half term. It has been an absolute pleasure and joy to lead this school since 2005 – the children make each and every day worthwhile! We will let you know the arrangements for the leadership of Gilmorton Chandler as soon as they have been decided.

Parents' comments

We are always keen to hear your point of view. Please use the slip overleaf to comment on anything in this newsletter or anything else you would like to comment on/suggest to us. All comments will be read and discussed by the leadership team. If you would like a personal reply, please ensure you put your name on the slip. Please send the slip into the school office. Thank you.

Kind regards

Marie Sandford, Headteacher

CEO Inspiring Primaries Academy Trust

Parental Comments/Suggestions:-

We are always grateful to receive comments or suggestions. Please complete the slip below with any comments or suggestions and return to the school office. Thank you.

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Parent Consultation Meetings

Please return the reply slip to the school office by Wednesday 23rd January 2019. We will then let you know your specific appointment time/s. For those children who usually have a separate meeting please refer to the additional letter posted home today.

Reply Slip

Parent Consultation Meetings

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

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

Please tick the most convenient day and times. Please select more than one time slot.

Tuesday 12th February 2019	Wednesday 13th February 2019
Tuesday 12 th February 4:00 – 4:30 pm	Wednesday 13 th February 4:00 – 4:30 pm
Tuesday 12 th February 4:30 – 5:00 pm	Wednesday 13 th February 4:30 – 5:00 pm
Tuesday 12 th February 5:00 – 5:30 pm	Wednesday 13 th February 5:00 – 5:30 pm
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Tuesday 12 th February 6:00 – 6:30 pm	Wednesday 13 th February 6:00 – 6:30 pm
Tuesday 12 th February 6:30 – 7:00 pm	Wednesday 13 th February 6:30 – 7:00 pm

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

Please return no later than Wednesday 23rd January 2019

Governing Body Update

It's been a busy few months for the *Governors*' at Gilmorton. With a really informative and constructive Local Governing Body meeting held on the 30th October. The Governing Body spent a considerable amount of time completing a self-evaluation and preparing an action plan for the year ahead, to ensure that all actions over the coming months are focused on the improvement of the school. *Governors* have also completed a skills audit, to confirm what our core competencies are and to highlight any deficits. These skills are aligned to the Department of Education competency framework, which includes Strategic Leadership, Accountability for educational standards and financial performance, people, structures, compliance and evaluation. We will be focusing on this again at future Local Governing Body Meetings.

We were also given an insight into the new Diocesan Rural Commission conducted earlier this year. The Rural Commission recognises that church schools are seen as an intrinsic part of rural mission and ministry and churches and church schools are working together creating a future. The report demonstrates WAGOLL (what's a good one look like?), suggesting that church schools are places of transformation, inspiration, celebration and welcome for communities. I think you'll agree the Gilmorton school is demonstrating this really well through religious education and learning, which often includes members of the community taking part or being some way involved.

On the 9th November, members of the Inspiring Primaries Academy Trust, gathered for a Strategy Planning Review. This gave Headteachers, *Governors* and Trustees an opportunity to get together and discuss short and long term plans that will benefit the 9 schools within the Trust. It involved discussions and some team challenges to understand 'Where are we now as a Trust?', 'Where do we want to be?' and 'What plans can we put in place to get there?'. It was a good opportunity for all to discuss ideas openly, and the overall feeling is that getting more school staff and parents involved would be beneficial - watch this space!

Aside from this, *Governors* have been doing their usual school visits, with some visiting to be involved in the Diwali celebrations, some attending Collective Worship & Class Assemblies and others attending the Remembrance Service at the school - which we all agree, have been wonderful opportunities for children to showcase their work and pupils, staff and parents should be really proud of all they have achieved in the autumn term. There are further visits planned for the Spring term to cover academic learning and changes to syllabus, sports funding and SEN, to name a few.

One final note that the *Governors* would like to add - is to say a Huge Thank You to Mrs Marie Sandford and Mrs Gerry Price. Mrs Sandford & Mrs Price are both celebrating their 25 Years Service in Education. Both have shown enthusiasm and passion within their roles, and I'm sure pupils and parents will join the *Governors* in thanking them for all their hard work over the years.

Danielle Moore
Chair of *Governors*

Dates for your Diary

Friday 11 th January	After School Multi Sports Club recommences for the first half of the spring term
Tuesday 15 th January	Ian Bland Poetry Day
Tuesday 15 th January	Local Education Authority closing date for First-Time Admission Applications
Thursday 17 th January	School census day
Thursday 17 th January	Classes F & R (Yr 5 & 6) Dodgeball Competition for selected pupils
Wednesday 23 rd January	After School Yoga Club last session for selected pupils classes R & F (Yrs 5 & 6)
Friday 25 th January 9.15 am	Class F (Yr6) class assembly in the school hall
Tuesday 29 th January	JDRN dental workshops for the whole school
Tuesday 29 th January	Class F (Yr6) Holy Communion at All Saints' Church, Gilmorton
Wednesday 30 th January	After School Yoga Club commences for Classes D & N (Yrs 1 & 2)
Friday 1 st February 9.15 am	Class R (Yr 5) class assembly in the school hall
Monday 4 th February	Maths Adventure Workshops for Years 2 to 6
Tuesday 5 th February	Classes F & R Basketball Tournament at Lutterworth College for selected pupils
Thursday 7 th February	Cross Country at Harborough Leisure Centre for selected pupils
Friday 8 th February 9.15 am	Class I (Yr 4) class assembly in the school hall
Tuesday 12 th February	Class R (Yr5) Learn High Cross Visit
Tuesday 12 th February	LCC recycling workshop for pupil in Class N (Yr2)
Tuesday 12 th February 4 pm – 7pm	Parent Consultation Meetings in the school Hall
Wednesday 13 th February 4 pm – 7pm	Parent Consultation Meetings in the school Hall
Thursday 14 th February	IPAT Singing Session for Class N (Yr 2) at Lutterworth College
Friday 15 th February 3.30 pm	School closes for the mid-term break
Friday 22 nd February	Gilmorton Chandler closing date for First-Time Admission Applications
Monday 25 th February 9.10 am	School re-opens for the 2 nd half of the spring term
Tuesday 26 th February	Fitness in Schools sponsored event
Tuesday 26 th February	Class F (Yr6) Holy Communion at All Saints' Church, Gilmorton
Tuesday 5 th March 10.15 am	Height & weight Measurement Programme for pupils in Reception & Year 6 Classes
Thursday 7 th March	Cross Country at Harborough Leisure Centre for selected pupils
Tuesday 12 th March	DPD Road Safety Workshops whole school
Wednesday 13 th March	Last session for Classes D & N (Yrs 1 & 2) After School Yoga Club
Thursday 14 th March	Vancols class photographs
Friday 15 th March 9.15 am	Class E (Yr 3) class assembly in the school hall
Wednesday 20 th March	After School Yoga Club commences for selected pupils in classes E & I (Yrs 3 & 4)
Friday 22 nd March 9.15 am	Class N (Yr 2) class assembly in the school hall
Thursday 28 th March	NSPCC Assemblies
Friday 29 th March 9.15 am	Class D (Yr 1) class assembly in the school hall
Tuesday 2 nd April	Non-Uniform Day Fundraiser in aid of NSPCC
Thursday 4 th April	Classes F & R (Yrs 5 & 6) NSPCC Workshops
Friday 5 th April 9.15 am	Class S (Reception) class assembly in the school hall
Tuesday 9 th April 9.30am – 12.45 pm	Class I (Yr 4) Farm Visit for half of the class
Wednesday 10 th April 9.30am – 12.45 pm	Class I (Yr 4) Farm Visit for half of the class
Thursday 11 th April 2.30 pm	Easter Church Service at All Saints' Church, Gilmorton
Thursday 11 th April 3.30 pm	School closes for the Easter break
Tuesday 16 th April	National offer date for first-time admissions
Monday 29 th April 9.10 am	School re-opens for the summer term
Tuesday 30 th April	Class E (Yr3) Visit to Leicestershire Cricket Ground
Wednesday 1 st May to Friday 3 rd May	Beaumanor Residential Visit for Class R (Yr 5)
Wednesday 1 st May	Last session of After School Yoga Club for Classes E & I
Monday 6 th May	May Day school closed
Thursday 9 th May	IPAT Singing Session for Class I (Yr 4) at Lutterworth College
Friday 17 th May 9.15 am	Class I (Yr 4) class assembly in the school hall
Monday 20 th May to Friday 24 th May	Kingswood Residential Class F (Yr 6)
Tuesday 21 st May	Class E (Yr 3) Lunt Fort Visit
Thursday 23 rd May	Class I (Yr4) Bordsley Green Visit
Friday 24 th May 9.15 am	Class R (Yr 5) class assembly in the school hall
Friday 24 th May 3.30pm	School closes for the mid-term break
Monday 3 rd June 9.10 am	School re-opens for the 2 nd half of the summer term
Thursday 6 th June	Class I (Yr4) to visit Bordsley Green Primary School, Birmingham
Friday 7 th June 9.15 am	Class E (Yr 3) class assembly in the school hall

Dates for your Diary

Friday 14th June 9.15 am

Monday 17th June 4pm – 7pm

Friday 21st June 9.15 am

Tuesday 25th June 9.30am -12.45pm

Wednesday 26th June 9.30am – 12.45 pm

Friday 28th June 9.15 am

Wednesday 10th July

Friday 12th July 9.15 am

Friday 12th July 2.30 pm

Friday 12th July 3.30 pm

Class N (Yr 2) class assembly in the school hall

Primary Athletics at Corby Triangle for selected pupils

Class D (Yr 1) class assembly in the school hall

Class I (Yr 4) Farm Visit for half of the class

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Class S (Reception) class assembly in the school hall

Awards assemblies

Class F (Yr6) Leavers Assembly in the school hall

End of year church service at All Saints' Church, Gilmorton

School closes for the summer break

First Time Admissions September 2019

Closing date for Applications to the Local Education Authority is 15th January 2019

If you wish your child to be considered for a school place at Gilmorton Chandler Primary School for the academic school year 2019/2020 and have not already done so, it is vitally important that you complete application forms to both the LEA and Gilmorton School Governors by their deadline dates. The deadline date for applications to be received by the local Education Authority (LEA) is the **15th January 2019** and the deadline date for applications to be received by Gilmorton School Governors is **22nd February 2019**.

Academic Year 2018 - 2019 School Term Dates

Spring Term

School Opens Monday 7th January 2019

Mid Term Break Monday 18th - Friday 22nd February 2019

School Closes Thursday 11th April 2019

Summer Term

School Opens Monday 29th April 2019

May Day Monday 6th May 2019

Mid Term Break Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2019

School Closes Friday 12th July 2019



Festive Jumper Day

On Festive Jumper Day we raised £195.50 for Menphys. Menphys is a Leicestershire and Rutland Charity that provides services to support local disabled children, young people and their families. Mrs Herbert, a member of our parent body, who is raising £1500 for this charity, would like to thank everyone for their kind donation.

Parking

We have received a complaint from a local resident regarding issues with parents' parking outside of the school. We would be grateful if parents could be considerate of local residents when parking their vehicles at the beginning and end of the school day. The new housing development will bring more constraints with parking. We would therefore be grateful to parents of children in the outlying villages if they could make use of the school bus service. Many thanks.

Below are the menus for the week commencing Monday 7th January 2019

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Farm assured pork sausages & gravy Creamy mashed potatoes Carrot batons Peas	Pizza with chicken & red peppers Pasta twists Sweetcorn Creamy coleslaw	Organic beef lasagne Garlic bread Salad bar selection Creamy coleslaw	Roast turkey served with sage & onion stuffing & gravy Roast potatoes Seasonal vegetable medley	Fish fingers served with tomato ketchup Chips Baked beans Peas
	Vegetable chilli fajita New potatoes Carrot batons Peas	Margherita pizza Pasta twists Sweetcorn Creamy coleslaw	Vegetarian cottage pie Seasonal vegetable medley	Homemade vegetable bites Pasta shapes in tomato sauce Seasonal vegetable medley	Vegetarian sausage Chips Baked beans Peas
	Steamed chocolate sponge served with chocolate sauce or Cherry shortbread	Seasonal fruit crumble served with custard sauce or Cheese & biscuits with grapes	Pineapple upside down pudding served with custard sauce or Oatie cookie	Carrot cake or Lemon iced bun	Strawberry ice cream or Viennese biscuit
A variety of breads baked daily					
Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Available Daily					

Below are the menus for the week commencing Monday 14th January 2019

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Salmon & Spinach frittata Pasta spirals in tomato sauce Mixed salad Coleslaw	Chicken fillet served with sage & onion stuffing Gravy Creamed potatoes Seasonal vegetable medley	Organic pork meatballs Rice Broccoli florets Carrot batons	Roast gammon served with pineapple Roast potatoes Cauliflower cheese Carrots	Fishcake served with tomato ketchup Chips Baked beans Peas
	Margherita pizza Jacket potato Peas Sweetcorn	Vegetable bolognaise Spaghetti Seasonal vegetable medley	Cheese flan Boiled potatoes Broccoli florets Creamy coleslaw	Quorn tikka masala Rice Cauliflower Carrots	Vegetable finger Chips Baked beans Peas
	Lemon cheesecake served with a summer berry compote or Jam crunch cookie	Fresh fruit salad or Blueberry muffin	Steamed syrup sponge served with custard sauce or Flapjack	Mandarin jelly & cream or Feathered mint iced cake	Chocolate shortbread or ice cream with a fruit coulis
A variety of breads baked daily					
Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt 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 new menus for the week commencing Monday 21st January 2019

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Pizza topped with tuna & sweetcorn Jacket wedges Sweetcorn Peas	Chicken Pie & Gravy Creamy mashed potatoes Broccoli florets Carrot batons	Organic beef bolognaise & garlic bread Spaghetti Seasonal vegetable medley	Roast pork served with sage & onion stuffing & gravy Parsley potatoes Cabbage Cauliflower	Battered fish served with a lemon wedge Chips Baked beans Peas
	Margherita pizza Jacket potato Sweetcorn Peas	Quorn stir fry Rice Broccoli florets Carrot batons	Cheese & potato pie Seasonal vegetable medley	County vegetable pie & gravy Potatoes in the skins Cabbage Cauliflower	Quorn dippers Chips Baked beans Peas
	Steamed pear sponge served with chocolate sauce Freshly baked sticky fruit bun	Fruity flapjack Strawberry whip	Lemon iced sponge Rice pudding served with a fruit compote	Peach crumble served with custard sauce Chocolate crunch cookie	Vanilla ice cream served with a fruit coulis Golden krispie cake
	Variety of breads baked daily				
	Fruit & Yoghurt are available daily				
	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Available Daily				

Below are the menus for the week commencing Monday 28th January 2019

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Farm assured pork sausages & gravy Creamy mashed potatoes Carrot batons Peas	Pizza with chicken & red peppers Pasta twists Sweetcorn Creamy coleslaw	Organic beef lasagne Garlic bread Salad bar selection Creamy coleslaw	Roast turkey served with sage & onion stuffing & gravy Roast potatoes Seasonal vegetable medley	Fish fingers served with tomato ketchup Chips Baked beans Peas
	Vegetable chilli fajita New potatoes Carrot batons Peas	Margherita pizza Pasta twists Sweetcorn Creamy coleslaw	Vegetarian cottage pie Seasonal vegetable medley	Homemade vegetable bites Pasta shapes in tomato sauce Seasonal vegetable medley	Vegetarian sausage Chips Baked beans Peas
	Steamed chocolate sponge served with chocolate sauce or Cherry shortbread	Seasonal fruit crumble served with custard sauce or Cheese & biscuits with grapes	Pineapple upside down pudding served with custard sauce or Oatie cookie	Carrot cake or Lemon iced bun	Strawberry ice cream or Viennese biscuit
	A variety of breads baked daily				
	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Available Daily				

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