



Newsletter



Wednesday 4th
September
2019

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Executive Principal Mr Watson

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the start of a new year. This September is the start of many new things for pupils, parents and staff.

For pupils, it is meeting new teachers and finding their way around new classrooms, learning new routines and ways of working. The realisation that they are a year older and that there is a whole lot of new knowledge to be learnt, new expectations to be faced and challenges to overcome. Parents will be there living these changes through their children and perhaps learning that there is a new place to be when dropping off and collecting their children.

For staff, there has been a change of leadership. Nothing too dramatic but a change nonetheless. We welcome Mr Adam Watson as Executive Principal who takes over from Mrs Marie Sandford. Mrs Sandford, as you know, has left us after 15 years to take up the role of fulltime CEO of our Multi Academy Trust (MAT) – Inspiring Primaries Academy Trust.

You may have met Mr Watson out on the gates of a morning as you arrive with your children. He has been getting to know pupils and staff in his time with us by visiting each classroom, getting outside when it is break time and leading on Collective Worship.

As Executive Principal Mr Watson also leads another school within our MAT, St Margaret's C of E Primary School in Stoke Golding. He will be dividing his time equally between the two schools over the course of a two week period. Mr Watson has written an introductory letter to you which can be found by following this link to our website:
<http://gilmortonchandler.leics.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Letter-from-Mr-Watson.pdf>

As staff, we are excited by this change and look forward to the positive impact Mr Watson will bring to Gilmorton.

On another staffing matter, Mr Shields has been given the opportunity to work for the MAT, one day a week, to lead on a number of areas. The work he will undertake will have a beneficial impact on all schools, including Gilmorton. Mr Watson and Mr Shields have organised their schedules for the year so that one or the other should always be in school.

Our school newsletter is 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 educational 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, copies of our newsletters are available on our school website

<https://gilmortonchandler.leics.sch.uk/newsletters/>

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 – please help us by ensuring we have details of your current mobile telephone number.

You can also follow us on both twitter (@GCPS_LE17) and Facebook (Gilmorton Chandler CofE Primary School)

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. If you have any concerns with any aspect of your child's education, well-being or 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 year ahead and a reminder of our routines and expectations here at Gilmorton Chandler.

Kind regards

Mr Andrew Shields
Head of School

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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School Meals Prices

LTS Catering has held the price of school meals for the last three years at £2.20. However, due to increases in costs, generally around food & labour, they have had to review the meal price. From the beginning of the autumn term the price increased by 5p to £2.25 per primary Key Stage 2 paid meal.

Academic Year 2019 - 2020 School Term Dates

Autumn Term

Mid Term Break Monday 14th - Friday 18th October 2019
School Closes Friday 20th December 2019

Spring Term

School Opens Tuesday 7th January 2020
Mid Term Break Monday 17th - Friday 21st February 2020
School Closes Friday 3rd April 2020

Summer Term

School Opens Monday 20th April 2020
May Day Friday 8th May 2020
Mid Term Break Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2020
School Closes Friday 10th July 2020

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 at the school office.

School Organisation

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

School transport

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.

Before and after school

We offer a range of enrichment clubs throughout the academic year – look out for details in our newsletters. SMILES offers before (7:30 am until 9am) and after school (3:30pm until 6pm) childcare. 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.

Milk

Milk is provided by Cool Milk and provided free 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 - register your 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 break time.

Water

Please encourage your child to bring water bottles to school each day. Four water fountains are also available.

Snacks

Children may bring a piece of fruit or vegetable to eat at morning break time - 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. 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 £2.25 per day for children in Key Stage 2 (£11.25 per week). All children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 are entitled to a free dinner every day. Any dinner money can either be paid on-line via SchoolMoney or if you prefer to pay by cash/cheque, it should be in a clearly labelled, sealed envelope stating 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: Aqua Juice 31p, Milk Shake 40p and Fruit Juice 31p. Children are expected to look after their own money for drinks and pay for them directly.

Uniform

Please ensure all items of clothing are marked with your child's name. We sell: Sweatshirts £9.95; Cardigans £16.95 Fleeces £13.50; PE T-shirts £4.95; Sports Bag £4.95; Reading Book Bag £5.50. We hold a small quantity of uniform stock in school, available to purchase from the school office. Uniform can also be purchased direct from our supplier Just Schoolwear. Please use the following link to take you to the ordering page. <https://www.just-schoolwear.co.uk/shop/Gilmorton-C-of-E-Primary.html>.

Uniform can be ordered to be delivered direct to your chosen address for a delivery fee. Alternatively, during term time uniform can be delivered twice monthly free of charge to the school office. For those parents eligible for free school uniform, please continue to request your uniform direct from the school office.

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: Class E (Year 3) swim from September to February, Class N (Year 2) swim from February to July. Children work towards certificates in the Swim England Scheme. Details of cost and organisation are sent separately.

Celebrating Success

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

Reception/Key Stage 1 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.

Key Stage 2 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 total is announced in our celebration assembly whilst individual house points translate into graded certificates.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 4th Sept - Thursday 5th Sept

Friday 6th Sept 3.30 - 4.30pm

Monday 9th Sept 3.30 - 4.30pm

Tuesday 10th Sept

Tuesday 10th Sept 3.30 - 4.30pm

Tuesday 10th Sept 5.00- 5.45pm

Thursday 12th Sept

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Tuesday 17th Sept

Thursday 19th Sept

Wednesday 25th Sept

Friday 27th Sept 9.15am

Friday 27th Sept

Thursday 3rd Oct

Friday 4th Oct

Monday 7th Oct 3.30 - 4.30pm

Monday 7th Oct 3.30 - 4.30pm

Tuesday 8th Oct 4.00 - 7.00pm

Wednesday 9th Oct 4.00 - 7.00 pm

Wednesday 9th Oct

Friday 11th Oct 9.15am

Friday 11th Oct

Friday 11th Oct 3.30pm

Monday 21st Oct 9.10am

Monday 21st Oct 3.30 - 4.30pm

Thursday 24th Oct 3.30 - 4.30pm

Friday 25th Oct 3.30 - 4.30pm

Friday 1st Nov 9.15am

Thursday 7th & Friday 8th Nov

Friday 15th Nov 9.15am

Friday 22nd Nov

Monday 25th Nov 3.30 - 4.30pm

Friday 29th Nov 3.30 - 4.30pm

Monday 2nd Dec 3.30 - 4.30pm

Friday 6th Dec 3.30 - 4.30pm

Friday 6th Dec 5.30 - 8.00pm

Monday 9th Dec

Tuesday 10th Dec

Wednesday 11th Dec

Life Education Bus visiting school

Class N After School Yoga Club commences

Football Fitness Club commences

Class D Botanic Gardens Visit

Classes F & R After School Football Club commences

Hotshots After School Club commences

Class E Ankerwood Visit

Class I Wider Opportunities Tuition commences

After School Archery Club commences for pupils in Classes D, N, E & I

Class E Iron Age Celts Visit

Vancols Photographers - Individual & Family group photos in the school hall

Grandparents Gardening Day

Class F Collective Worship in the school hall parents & guests are welcome to attend

Circle Sports

Class F Warning Zone Visit

Harvest Festival at All Saints' Church, Gilmorton

Last session of Classes E & I After School Yoga Club

Last session of Football Fitness Club for this term

Parents Evening in the school hall

Parents Evening in the school hall

Yr6 Sports Ambassadors Conference at Lutterworth College for selected pupils

Class R Collective Worship in the school hall parents & guests are welcome to attend

Last session of Class N After School Yoga Club

School closes for the mid-term break

School re-opens for the second half of the autumn term

Classes F & R After School Yoga Club commences

Last session of After School Archery Club

Class D After School Yoga Club commences

Class E Collective Worship in the school hall parents & guests are welcome to attend

Class I York Residential Visit

Class I Collective Worship in the school hall parents & guests are welcome to attend

Flu Immunisation in school

Last session of Classes F & R After School Yoga Club

Last session of Class D After School Yoga Club

Classes E & I After School Yoga Club commences

Reception Class After School Yoga Club commences

FOGs Christmas Fair

Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal

Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1 Nativity performance to parents

Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1 Nativity performance to parents

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 18 th Dec	Christmas lunch menu in the school hall
Thursday 19 th Dec	DeMontfort Theatre visit for all pupils in classes N, E, I, R & F (Yrs 2 to 6)
Thursday 19 th Dec	Curve Theatre visit for all pupils in classes D & S (Reception & Year 1)
Friday 20 th Dec 3.30pm	School closes for the Christmas Break
Tuesday 7 th Jan 9.10am	School re-opens for the spring term
Friday 17 th Jan 9.15am	Class F Collective Worship in the school hall parents & guests are welcome to attend
Monday 20 th Jan 3.30 - 4.30pm	Last session of Classes E & I After School Yoga Club
Friday 24 th Jan 9.15am	Class R Collective Worship in the school hall parents & guests are welcome to attend
Friday 24 th Jan 3.30 - 4.30pm	Last session of Reception class After School Yoga Club
Monday 27 th Jan	Last session of Class E swimming
Monday 27 th Jan 3.30 - 4.30pm	After School Yoga Club commences for Classes F & R
Friday 31 st Jan 3.30 - 4.30pm	After School Yoga Club commences for Class N
Monday 3 rd Feb	Swimming tuition commences for Class N
Tuesday 4 th Feb	Sponsored Fitness in Schools event
Wednesday 12 th Feb 4.00 - 7.00pm	Parents Evening in the school hall
Thursday 13 th Feb 4.00 - 7.00pm	Parents Evening in the school hall
Friday 14 th Feb 9.15am	Class N Collective Worship in the school hall parents & guests are welcome to attend
Friday 14 th Feb 3.30pm	School closes for the mid-term break
Monday 24 th Feb 9.10am	School re-opens for the second half of the spring term
Tuesday 3 rd March	Class R HighCross Visit
Friday 6 th March 9.15am	Class D Collective Worship in the school hall parents & guests are welcome to attend
Monday 9 th March 3.30 - 4.30pm	Last session of classes F & R After School Yoga Club
Thursday 12 th March	Vancols Class Photographs
Friday 13 th March 9.15am	Class S Collective Worship in the school hall parents & guests are welcome to attend
Friday 13 th March 3.30 - 4.30pm	Last session of Class N After School Yoga Club
Monday 16 th March 3.30 - 4.30pm	After School Yoga Club commences for Classes E & I
Friday 20 th March 3.30 - 4.30pm	After School Yoga Club commences for Class D
Monday 30 th March	Classes E & I Easter Performance dress rehearsal
Monday 30 th March 6pm	Classes E & I Easter Performance to parents in the school hall
Friday 3 rd April 3.30pm	School closes for the Easter break
Monday 20 th April 9.10am	School re-opens for the summer term
Friday 1 st May 9.15am	Class I Collective Worship in the school hall parents & guests are welcome to attend
Friday 1 st May 3.30 - 4.30pm	Last session of Class D After School Yoga Club
Monday 4 th April 3.30 - 4.30pm	Last session of classes E & I After School Yoga Club
Friday 8 th May	School closed to celebrate VE Day
Monday 11 th May to Friday 15 th May	Statutory Assessment Tests week
Monday 11 th May 3.30 - 4.30pm	After School Yoga Club commences for classes F & R
Friday 15 th May 3.30 - 4.30pm	After School Yoga commences for Class S
Friday 22 nd May 9.15am	Class D Collective Worship in the school hall parents & guests are welcome to attend
Friday 22 nd May 3.30pm	School closes for the mid-term break
Monday 1 st June 9.10am	School re-opens for the second half of the summer term
Friday 5 th June 9.15am	Class E Collective Worship in the school hall parents & guests are welcome to attend

Dates for your Diary

Friday 12th June 9.15am

Class S Collective Worship in the school hall parents & guests are welcome to attend

Friday 19th June 9.15am

Class N Collective Worship in the school hall parents & guests are welcome to attend

Monday 22nd June 3.30 - 4.30pm

Last session of classes F & R After School Yoga Club

Friday 26th June 3.30 - 4.30pm

Last session of After School Yoga Club Class S

Monday 29th June

Classes F & R performance dress rehearsal

Wednesday 1st July 7pm

Classes F & R performance to parents in the school hall

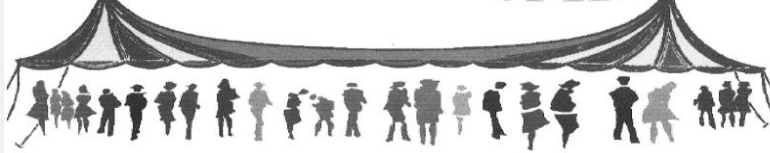
Thursday 2nd July 7pm

Classes F & R performance to parents in the school hall

Friday 10th July 3.30pm

School closes for the summer break

COME AND JOIN US ASHBY MAGNA STREET FAIR



**FRIDAY 6TH
SEPTEMBER 2019
6-9PM**

**STALLS, TOMBOLAS,
CHILDREN'S RIDES AND GAMES,
CAKES, BOOKS AND TOYS
REFRESHMENTS, BBQ, BAR
AND RAFFLE
AN EVENING OF FUN FOR ALL
THE FAMILY**

School Photographs - Thursday 19th September 2019

Photographs will be taken of all children in school on Thursday 19th September. If you would like photographs to include pre-school age brothers/sisters please bring them into school at 9am. 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 11th September.

Reply Slip

School Photographs - Thursday 19th September 2019

Child/ren Names:

Class:

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Class:

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Class:

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Signed by the person with legal responsibility for the young person

[KS2 Multi Sports Club](#)

We would like to offer children in classes E, I, R & F the opportunity to take part in an After School Multi Sports Club. This club will take place on Fridays. Each session will commence at 3:45 pm and will finish at 4:45 pm. We are proposing to run the club for 4 weeks. The charge for the 4 weeks will be £14.00 (4 sessions during the period 20/09/19 to 11/10/19 inclusive, at a cost of £3.50 per session). At present we are only seeking an expression of interest from children wishing to take part in this club. If we do not receive enough interest this club will not be financially viable and will not go ahead.

If you are interested in your child joining this club please complete the reply slip below. If we receive enough interest for the club to go ahead we will write to you requesting payment and emergency contact details.

Thank you.

Reply Slip

[KS2 Multi Sports Club](#)

Child's Name: Class:

I would like my child to join KS2 Multi Sports Club commencing on Friday 20th September 2019. 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

[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 10th September 2019. The club is open to all children in years 5 & 6 and will finish at 4:30 pm. There is a limit of 20 places available. If more than 20 pupils apply, places will be allocated by drawing name lots. 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 Friday 6th September 2019.

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

Below are the new menus for the week commencing Monday 9th September 2019

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Margherita pizza Jacket potato Peas Sweetcorn	Chicken fillet served with sage and 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	Fish fingers Chips Baked beans peas
	Jacket potato with tuna mayonnaise Salad bar selection	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 with a summer berry compote Jam crunch cookie	Fresh fruit salad Blueberry muffin	Steamed syrup sponge served with custard sauce Flapjack	Mandarin jelly & cream Feathered mint iced cake	Chocolate Shortbread Ice cream with a fruit coulis
	Variety of breads baked daily				
	Fruit & Yoghurt are available daily				
	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Available Daily				

Below are the menus for the week commencing Monday 16th September 2019

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Margherita Pizza Jacket potato 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
	Jacket Potato with tuna mayonnaise Salad bar selection	Quorn stir fry Rice Broccoli floret Carrot batons	Cheese & potato pie Seasonal vegetable medley	Country 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
	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 menus for the week commencing Monday 23rd September 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	Jacket potato with vegetarian chilli Salad bar selection	Vegetarian Cottage Pie Seasonal vegetable medley	Macaroni cheese Salad bar selection	Vegetarian sausage Chips Baked beans Peas
	Steamed chocolate sponge served with chocolate sauce Cherry shortbread	Seasonal fruit crumble served with custard sauce Cheese & biscuits with grapes	Pineapple upside down pudding served with custard sauce Oatie cookie	Carrot cake Lemon iced bun	Strawberry ice cream Viennese biscuit
A variety of breads baked daily					
Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Available Daily					

Below are the new menus for the week commencing Monday 30th September 2019

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Margherita pizza Jacket potato Peas Sweetcorn	Chicken fillet served with sage and 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	Fish fingers Chips Baked beans peas
	Jacket potato with tuna mayonnaise Salad bar selection	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 with a summer berry compote Jam crunch cookie	Fresh fruit salad Blueberry muffin	Steamed syrup sponge served with custard sauce Flapjack	Mandarin jelly & cream Feathered mint iced cake	Chocolate Shortbread Ice cream with a fruit coulis
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