

The Gusford Gazette

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## **Snow White**

This morning, M&M Theatre Productions performed an amazing version of Snow White. The children loved it! We look forward to welcoming M&M back in June next year, when they will be performing Oliver Twist and next Christmas, when they will be putting on Cinderella for the whole school. How exciting!!!



## Year 1 and Christchurch Mansion

On Tuesday, our Year 1 children visited Christchurch Mansion. They had a very enjoyable day, learning about the history of toys and looking at the different types of architecture and buildings in the town.

## Year 4 Panathlete Champions

Last week, our Year 4 Panathletes became lpswich panathlon champions. We are hoping they go on to the county finals with out Year 5 team.



## Awareness Days and Whole School Diary Dates

Sunday 19th November-**Gusford Gambol**. Children in Need Ramble. Leaving 10.00am from school car park (back for 12.30pm)

Friday 1st - Sunday 3rd December. St. Francis Church **Christmas Tree Festival** which will take place over the weekend. Look out for our tree

## Nursery/Reception Christmas Performances Wriggly Nativity

Two performances, 7th and 8th December starting at 2.00pm.

Tuesday 12th December– **School Disco** Reception 2.30-3.00pm Y1/2/3 3.30-4.30pm Y4/5/6 5.00-6.30pm

Wednesday 13th December-School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Year 1/2 Christmas Performances: Lights, Camera, Action! Two performances, 18th and 19th December starting at 2.00pm

Friday 15th December-**Ipswich Town Day** (money raised towards ITFC Foundation £1.00 donation)

## **Reading Cafes**

Join us in the morning, 8.20am to 8.40am for a special reading cafe. A chance to share a book with your child and a tasty croissant too!

30th November - Nursery, Reception, Y1 & Y2 7th December - Year 3 and 4 14th December - Year 5 and 6

## This Week's Attendance

Our attendance this week was 93.6%. The class with the highest attendance was 2JW. Congratulations to 2JW.

## Attendance Fines

Our attendance level is improving but it is still below 97%. Although it may seem a little harsh our fines policy has to be black and white. If you have more than 4 days unauthorised absence in an academic year then a fine will be issued to both parents.



Why a knight in armour?

The school was built very close to an area known as Gusford Hall. This area was still marked on OS maps from the 1950s. The Ipswich Historical Society found out that the hamlet of Godlesford (later known as Gusford Hall) was given to a knight, Sir John Ravensworth, by King Henry VIII in 1540. Could this be why we have a logo of a knight on our uniform? The provenance of our armour is not clear (Mr. Tapley bought it from e-bay), however, the shape of the helmet resembles that of the helmet on the school logo.



#### **Children in Need Ramble**

If you take part in the Gusford Gambol (see attached) you will receive a very special, stylish Gusford Gambol pin badge.



### **Ipswich Town Day**

ITFC have decided they want to celebrate Ipswich Town Day too. A blue day across the town on Friday 15th December. Great news. The money raised will go to their Foundation; instead of the flag pole project, we have decided to give the money we raise to the Foundation. COME ON YOU BLUES!!

#### Challenge

We would like to start sending postcards home to our children, telling parents about their good work, excellent behaviour and for our new children, simply welcoming them to the school. If you have a design for a postcard like this, then please send it in. It could be a winner.



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teamipswich swimming

CALLING

For younger swimmers starting on their swim journey you need to be able to swim lengths & typically be 6-10 years old, the squad is focused on developing swimming skills, technique and introduction to swim racing.

sign up NOW

# Competition Squad

Top Squad, A Squad & B Squad are performance competition swim squads - swimmers range in age from 9 - 21, the squads are focused on training to build fitness, technique and overall performance. Swimmers will compete in local and national galas.

#### Club & Masters Squad $\odot$

Club Squad trains twice a week and is focused on fitness and local swim meets including at County level. The Masters squad is for older swimmers who are still keen to train at a performance level.

#### **Disability Squad**

Disability squad caters for swimmers with disabilities who would like to develop fitness with options to compete.

Make lifelong friends & represent your town in competition

Join teamipswich today email: trials@ipswichswimming.org

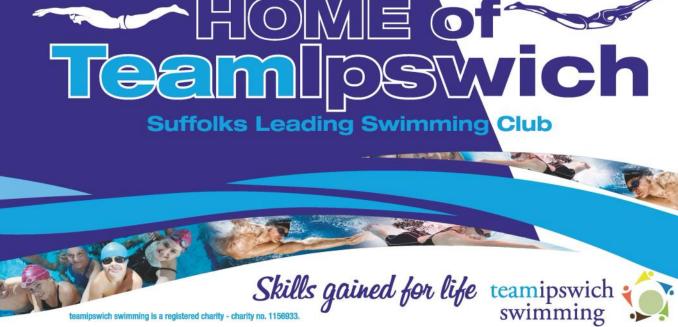
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or go to our website for further details: teamipswichswimming.org

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wich swimming is a registered charity - charity no. 1156933

# Children in Need Ramble The Gusford Gambol

Sunday 19th November

Leaving from the school car park: 10.00am

Walking to Chantry Park: 30 mins

Following the park perimeter route with a refreshment break: 1 hr 30 mins

Return to school: 30 mins (for 12.30pm)

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The café at the park will be open, the cakes are delicious but quite expensive.

Dogs welcome.

We will go whatever the weather, do please dress accordingly (Wellington boots).

Please let the school office know if you want to join us.

You can donate via text to BBC Children in Need by texting the relevant key word to the relevant number (the "short code"). Each text message you send will result in a donation to BBC Children in Need and the amount donated will depend on the keyword stated in the sent message or the number texted. For example, by texting the word FIVE to 70701, you will donate £5.

