



Gusford Primary School

"Together we believe, learn and achieve"

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Parent Newsletter 06/01/2023

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Our training day this January has enabled our staff to develop their knowledge and skills further for the use of IT programs to support learning in the classroom. You will also see some amazing Reading Corners each classroom. We have another full term planned and we look forward to sharing this with you.



Changes to PE timetable

Please note the below changes to PE for all classes. Children will continue to come to school in PE kit on the days below.

Reception

Butterflies - Wednesday + Friday

Ladybirds - Wednesday + Friday

Year 1

Sun - Wednesday + Friday

Stars - Monday + Wednesday

Planets - Tuesday + Wednesday

Year 2

Arctic - Tuesday + Thursday

Pacific - Tuesday + Thursday

Atlantic - Monday + Tuesday

Year 3

Newton - Monday + Thursday

Hawking - Monday + Thursday

Anning - Monday + Thursday

Year 4

Incas - Monday + Thursday

Aztecs - Monday + Thursday

Mayans - Monday + Thursday

Year 5

Orford - Tuesday + Thursday

Hedingham - Monday + Tuesday

Framlingham - Tuesday + Thursday

Year 6

Shakespeare - Wednesday + Friday

Bronte - Wednesday + Friday

Tennyson - Wednesday + Friday



Reading Challenge

Well done to all the hundreds of children who have taken part in the 12 days of the Christmas Reading Challenge. We will be holding a special reading assembly on Friday 13th to award our children with their reading badges. We will also be placing the children's names into a prize draw for more exciting reading prizes.

Please continue to encourage your child with their reading and to write in their reading diary. The more they read, the more golden tickets they receive!

Phonics and reading workshops:

Here are some more reading and phonics workshops for parents to attend to support their children with reading. This will be for KS1 and KS2 parents/carers.

Wed 18th Jan- 9am and 2:45pm

Wed 25th Jan- 9am and 2:45pm

Tuesday 7th Feb– 9am and 2:45pm

Please continue to send your photos of you and your family reading in funny places or wearing funny outfits. These will be used as part of a whole school display in our library. This email is now available for you to send your pictures to.

ilovereadin@gusfordprimary.net

Absence Reporting

If your child is going to be absent this can easily be reported by either calling the school on 01473 682148 selecting option 1 and leaving a message, or by using the ParentMail app.





Swimmers – We need you!
 Is your child an independent swimmer? We have a Swimming Panathlon in March 2023. A Panathlon is a Sporting event for pupils with additional needs. Further details will follow.

If you believe your child would be interested in representing Team Gusford then please contact the school office or email us at mr.garwood@gusfordprimary.net

Good attendance at school is not just valuable, it's essential. Going to school is directly linked to improved outcomes for our children. We are looking forward to a successful term of good attendance and punctuality. Please remember that 5 minutes of lateness each day will be the equivalent to 3 lost learning days in a school year.



If you love singing – We'd love you to join us!
 Open to children in Years 4, 5 and 6 starting Thursday 19th January 2023 from 3.20pm - 4.15pm.

All you need is a passion for singing, a willingness to learn, and a dedication to attend rehearsals and performances. Please call the office to let us know if your child is interested or email us at admin@gusfordprimary.net



Are you a kinship carer?

A kinship carer is someone who is raising a relative's or friend's child.

**Want to meet with other kinship carers?
 Join us for a coffee**

Learn how you can meet, listen and share with others who understand.



**When: Tuesday, 31 January
 10:00am - 11:30am**

**Where: Morrison's Café
 Sproughton Road
 Ipswich
 IP1 5AQ**

Questions? Please contact Monica using the details listed below.



Come for a free cuppa and a chat

All kinship carers and special guardians are welcome!

Interested to find out more?

www.kinshippeersupport.org.uk
www.kinship.org.uk

monica.fox@kinship.org.uk
 07985 674782

Kinship is the working name for Grandparents Plus, which is a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales under number 4454193 and registered as a charity under number 1093975



Dates to remember

Monday 16th January – Choir visit to O2 (Young Voices)

Thursday 19th January – Year 6 Shakespeare class visit to Chantry Academy

Friday 10th February – Last day of term
 13th – 17th February – Half term

Monday 20th February – Children return to school

Canteen Menu – next week we will be on week 3

Week Three	Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges	Quirky Bird A choice of flavoured Chicken or vegan Quorn, With Jollof Rice and Salads	BBQ Turkey Burger In a Bun with Roasted New Potatoes	Fishfingers with Chips
	Option 2	Veggie Chilli with Rice	Veggie Sausage with Potato Wedges		Veggie Burger in a bun with Roasted New Potatoes	Vegetable Fajita with Chips
	Vegetables	Sweetcorn Mixed Vegetables	Baked Beans Green Beans	Coleslaw Peas	Broccoli Carrots	Peas Baked Beans
	Dessert	Chocolate Cookie	Marble Cake	Fruit Platter	Apple Sponge	Orange & Lemon Shortbread

