



Gusford Primary School

"Together we believe, learn and achieve"

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Parent Newsletter 10/03/2023

Wow! Almost 400 children received attendance awards this week. This really demonstrates the commitment to their learning and preparation for life skills for a future job. Thanks for your understanding that for your child to achieve their best they need to be in school.



Congratulations to the following children who were chosen as star of the week!

Nursery: Maisie R
Reception: Jaiden
Year 1: Harrison, Martha, Jasmine
Year 2: Skye F, Kyla, Noah P
Year 3: Eliza, Kyro, Sayana
Year 4: Sienna, Bradley, Luca
Year 5: Marley, Cameron, Alfie
Year 6: Chloe, Curtis, Ryland

Shakespeare and Atlantic class won this week's class attendance – winning gold tickets for everyone in their class!



Reading Workshops

We would like to invite parents and carers in for some more reading workshops across the term. These workshops are designed to give parents information about how we teach reading, comprehension and questioning, what the national curriculum says about reading, and activities to support your child at home. Parents also have the opportunity to look at examples of books used in school in different year groups and ask any further questions about reading at Gusford.

Dates:

- Wednesday 15th March 2.45pm
- Tuesday 21st March 21st 9.00 am
- Thursday 23rd March 2.45pm



Breakfast Reading Cafes

Due to the huge success of our recent reading cafes, we will be running these across each half term. This is a chance for you to come and read some of our wonderful books with your child. You will also be treated to a croissant while you are here. We look forward to seeing you all there. Please find the dates for each class's breakfast reading café below which will run 8.20am - 8.40am.

- Thursday 16th March- Year 1 and Year 4
- Thursday 23rd March- Year 2 and Year 6
- Thursday 30th March- Year 3 and Year 5



Please see the attached information on ParentMail regarding Science week and a competition for children to take part in at home. We can't wait to see your creations!





Mental Health Awareness Week is taking place between 15th to 21st May 2023 and we know that many schools will find this year's theme of anxiety very pertinent. A study by NHS Digital showed that one in six children aged five to 16 were identified as having a probable mental health problem in July 2021, a huge increase from one in nine in 2017. That's five children in every classroom. The green ribbon is the international symbol of mental health awareness, so we are asking teachers, staff, and pupils to wear green on Thursday 18th May and fundraise for Mental Health Awareness Week. Any money raised will be used to help us fight for the prevention of mental ill health by continuing our research and delivering life-changing programmes throughout the UK.



Friday 17th March – Red Nose Day (Wacky Hair)

Monday 20th March – Year 4 Residential meeting 3pm in school hall

Thursday 23rd March – Nursery Open Morning 10.30am – 11am

Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd March – Parents Evening in school

Monday 27th March – Thursday 30th March – Year 5 Bikeability

Friday 31st March – Last Day of term
Monday 17th April – Children return to school

Wednesday 3rd May – Friday 5th May – Year 4 Residential to Norfolk Lakes

Monday 5th June – Wednesday 7th June – Year 6 Residential to Hilltop

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.

We were lucky enough to have a week of World Book Day activities at Gusford - how wonderful were these reception outfits!



Wow! £10000 worth of topic books for both classrooms and the library have arrived. The children are really enjoying these new books linked to our new curriculum!



A huge well done to the amazing Gusford choir who on Sunday performed at the Corn Exchange with the Ipswich Symphony Orchestra! What a super concert!

Canteen Menu – next week we will be on week 2

Week Two	Option 1	Mac and Cheese Station	Lemon & Herb Chicken with Rice	Sausage, Onions and Gravy with Roast Potatoes	Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Fishfingers with Chips
	Option 2	A choice of different Mac & Cheese flavours, with meat & vegetarian toppings	Falafel with Couscous	Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese with Roast Potatoes	Veggie Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Mexican Roll with Chips
	Vegetables	Peas Carrots	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Carrots Cabbage	Green Beans Sweetcorn	Peas Baked Beans
	Dessert	Fruit and Ice Cream	Chocolate and Apple Sponge	Fruity Shortbread	Lemon and Berry Cake with Custard	Oaty Cookie

Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily

