



Gusford Primary School

"Together we believe, learn and achieve"

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Parent Newsletter 12/05/2023

Gusford is a community school and we are proud that we receive so much support from the families and businesses within the area. Thank you to everyone that has supported us recently from the PTA organising events to prizes for our fundraising coronation raffle! These gestures all make our school a better place for the pupils, so thank you!



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

Nursery: Elisse

Reception: Freddie, Elijah

Year 1: Alfie B, Charlotte, Maddison

Year 2: Maisie, Callen, Alfie S

Year 3: Leo C, Ebony, Siham

Year 4: Scarlett, Myles, Ava

Year 5: Jessi, Harriett, Mia

Year 6: All of Year 6 for their hard work during SATs this week

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

Parental Conduct – Reminder

Please can we remind parents that all Gusford staff have the right to be treated with respect and courtesy. We will not tolerate any member of staff being subjected to aggressive, violent or intimidating behaviour, which causes them to feel threatened or uncomfortable. This includes physical behaviour, but can also include comments made via social media. Any instances of aggressive, intimidating or violent behaviour, whether they be physical or through social media, will be reported by staff to the Headteacher and Governors. This could lead to further action including being banned from the school grounds if we feel this is necessary.

We are here to help and are happy to discuss any concerns that you may have, so that they can be quickly resolved.



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.

Children may bring in a donation of £1 which can be given to your child's class teacher. 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.

CANCELLED

After School Clubs – Monday 15th May 2023
Please note that all clubs have been unfortunately cancelled on this day. Please collect your child as normal.



Important Dates and INFORMATION

Thursday 25th May – Last day of term
Friday 26th May – PD Day – School Closed

Monday 5th June – Children return to school

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

Tuesday 6th June – Year 6 Activity Day

Tuesday 13th June – Crucial Crew – Year 6

Mon 18th June – Fri 23rd June – Year 6 Bikeability

Monday 10th July – Year 6 Leavers Show 2pm
 Wednesday 12th July – Year 6 Leavers Show 6pm

Tuesday 18th July – Year 6 Leavers assembly 2pm
 Wednesday 19th July – Year 6 Leavers BBQ
 5.30pm - 7pm

(More details to follow on all of the above-mentioned events – These are subject to change)



A HUGE well done to the children in Year 2 that represented us in the Under 7 All star Cricket Event at Ransomes Sports ground last week. Great team work and tactics for a game that they have never played before. They played very successfully in this noncompetitive event!

A small number of children also enjoyed a bowling session at Martlesham King Pin with Mr G last week.

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.

Important - Census Day – Thursday 18th May 2023

Gusford would like to ask you to encourage your child to have a school meal **on Thursday 18th May** as it is Census Day. This benefits the school for the whole academic year. We are serving **Fish fingers and chips or Jacket Potato with cheese and beans, followed by Vanilla Shortbread**, as well as our ever popular 'ham roll - pick and mix' in order to appeal to as many children as possible.

For every infant child (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) the school will receive government funding to pay for provision of universal free school meals for infant pupils. Because our funding is based on the number of meals taken on census days, if our numbers are low the school will not receive enough funding to match the actual costs of providing meals throughout the year, and this will mean we have to use other school money for this purpose. Please support the school by encouraging your child to have a school meal on this day, even if they don't normally have school meals. School meals are free for infant pupils so it will cost parents nothing to support the school in this way. Junior meals cost £2.40, unless your child is eligible for free school meals. It will also help our funding if our junior pupils who are eligible for free school meals have a school dinner on census day.



Canteen Menu – next week we will be on week 2

We will have Chicken Korma on Friday instead of Fish and Chips due to the menu change for Census

Option 1	Mac and Cheese Con A choice of different Mac & Cheese flavours, with meat & vegetarian toppings	Pork Sausage Hot Dog with Potato Wedges	Minced Beef & Onion Pie with Roast Potatoes	Chef's Special Chicken Korma with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Option 2		Vegan Sausage Hot Dog with Potato Wedges	Creamy Vegetable Pie with Roast Potatoes	Vegetable Curry with Rice	NEW BEET Burger with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Peas Baked Beans
Dessert	Summer Lemon Cake	Chocolate Shortbread	Fruit Jelly	Peach Crumble with Cream	Vanilla Shortbread

Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily