



Gusford Primary School

"Together we believe, learn and achieve"

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Parent Newsletter 21/04/2023

Well done to more than half the school who received outstanding attendance certificates this week! These children are getting the best opportunities to learn by being in school. They know what happens in their lessons and the results show that children that attend regularly are achieving better with their grades and socially! Therefore, well done to the families of Gusford who are really making that effort to give their children the best opportunities to their future life.



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

Nursery: Rowan

Reception: Imogen and Oliver

Year 1: Ruby, Braylen and Lana

Year 2: Thea, Callen and Taylor

Year 3: Finley, Alex and Sienna

Year 4: Lexi, Grace and Jamie

Year 5: Marley, Kaylyn and George

Year 6: Dejah, Lewis and Riley GG

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



Annual Class mixing

Mixing the children's classes across the year group has proved a great success in school and has allowed children to widen their friendship circles and enhance their social skills. With this in mind we will be mixing the classes for next school year. We will be talking with the children before class lists are finalised to ensure that children are with at least one of their friends.

We will also be taking this opportunity to rename the classes within school – This means your child's class will be known as their year group followed by the teachers initials for example Miss Gooch in Year 1 would be known as 1JG.

What have we been up to in school this week...

The Year 6 children have been creating chiaroscuro effect pictures using chalks, charcoals and masking tape. They were very pleased with the effects they achieved.



Site Safety Reminder

Please can we remind parents that children are not allowed to play on the play equipment on school grounds whilst waiting for siblings this includes our climbing apparatus and our toys and bikes on the early year's playgrounds.



AGM

Annual General Meeting

Friends of Gusford are holding their AGM on Friday 28th April at 2pm in school. We would like to invite anyone who would like to get involved in FOG either giving some ideas for future events, spending ideas for the school or volunteers. We appreciate any help that can be given even the smallest contribution can have a huge impact on your child's experience at Gusford. Please if you can join us for a drink and cakes and hear about what we have planned. We look forward to seeing lots of new faces.

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.



Optional activities:
Wellbeing group 12.30
Worship service 1.15
Board games
Magazines
Arts & crafts
Puzzles

Free tea & coffee.
Light refreshments
Lunch from 11.45 (£2)

A warm safe space where it's ok not to be ok
A place to make friends,
be friends and bring
friends

Inspiring
Ipswich
St Peter's Church
Stoke Park Drive
IPSWICH IP2 9TH
Any questions, contact
alicia.holmes@cofesuffolk.org

Important Dates and INFORMATION

Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday – School closed

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

Thursday 4th May – Year 4 Activity Day – Kicks and Tricks

Monday 8th May – Bank Holiday – School closed

Year 6 SATS – Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th May

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

Monday 18th June – Friday 23rd June – Year 6 Bikeability

Wednesday 21st June – Class photos

Thank you to all the parents who attended our recent attendance assemblies. It was lovely to see so many parents in school celebrating with their children. These assemblies will be held every term.



Year 6 Bikeability

We still have a few spaces left for Bikeability – The course will be held in the playground to begin with and then training will take place on roads at pre-risk assessed locations allowing children to experience and learn the manoeuvre necessary for the majority of their cycling needs.

Please contact the office by either calling or emailing us on admin@gusfordprimary.net

Canteen Menu – next week we will be on week 2

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| 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