



# Gusford Primary School

*"Together we believe, learn and achieve"*

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Parent Newsletter 21/10/2022

**With the dark nights approaching this Autumn we are sharing our Be Bright, Be Seen Tips – please repeat these to your children.**

*\* At twilight and night time, reflective clothing or tape that is picked up in a car's headlights is best.*

*\* Always choose a route and cross at places that are well-lit.*

*\* Where possible, cross the road at a pedestrian crossing.*

*\* It is against the law to cycle at night without a front light, a red back light and a red reflector at the back.*

*\* Drivers should be especially careful around schools and mindful of their speed when visibility is poor.*



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

Year 1: Grace, Roman, Isaac

Year 2: Grace, Dylan, Morgan

Year 3: James, Noah, Kayla

Year 4: Emily, Bailey, Remy

Year 5: Aaron-Junior, Lowton, Alexa

Year 6: Jazmine, Leonor, Rafael

## Staff Update

Today our Head of School Mrs Wake starts her maternity leave. We wish her and her family lots of luck at this exciting time.



Mrs Hopkins and Mrs Garner have both been appointed as Co-Heads of School and will cover Mrs. Wakes maternity leave until she returns next year.

## Ipswich Town Football Tickets

A **BIG** Thank you to Mr Slade at Ipswich Town Football club who donated us 10x pairs of tickets to the Ipswich vs Lincoln game on Saturday. We hope the children that benefitted from these had a great time! Thank you again to Mr Slade and all at Ipswich Town that arranged this for us.



## Girls 7v7 Football Tournament

Our year 5 and 6 girls ventured out on their first mini tournament this week! They came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the tournament winning 2 of their matches. Well done Team Gusford!



This Saturday (22<sup>nd</sup> October) there is a Pop-Up uniform shop at St Francis Church on Hawthorn Drive 10am-11:30am.

There is lots of preloved uniform available, including PE kits, shoes, coats etc all available free of charge.





### MP's Christmas card competition

Following the incredible success of last year's competition, Tom Hunt, our local MP for Ipswich, would like Gusford Primary children to design a Christmas Card for his annual Christmas card competition. Tom will then choose one from the local Primary Schools to be his annual Christmas card.

There is a tight deadline to get these cards produced so we will need any designs from you back by 2nd November. There is no limit to the design but we hope they will be colourful and cheerful to lift spirits this Christmas.

Entries must be in A4 size, coloured in using paper or pen and nothing stuck on (No glitter). Please clearly label the picture with your name, class, and school. They can be sent to his office in Westminster at: Tom Hunt MP, Richmond House 4-10, House of Commons, Westminster, London, SW1A 0AA or returned to the school by 2nd November.



### Lateness

Last week there were 91 incidents of lateness to school amounting to 32 hours and 6 minutes.

Our school day has a rolling start of 8.40am – 8.50am - Learning starts in the classroom as soon as pupils arrive at 8.40am.

Children arriving late miss valuable teaching time and fall behind their peers. The timetable is full and there is no 'spare' time to catch up. This learning is lost. Please give your child the best chance by arriving on time.



### Job Opportunities at Gusford

Do you want to join Team Gusford? We have various exciting vacancies at Gusford including Early Years Practitioners, Teaching Assistant, and cleaners.

Please check these out [Jobs at Gusford](#)



### GUSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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### OPEN MORNING FOR RECEPTION AND NURSERY STARTERS SEPTEMBER 2023



Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 1030-1130

Please contact the school office to book your place.

Come in and see our Early Years Setting, from the Nursery through to our Reception classes including our large Early Years outdoor provision.

For further information on how to apply for a primary school place, please go to Suffolk County Council - Apply for a Primary School Place 2023/2024.

Tel: 01473 682148 Email: [admin@gusfordprimary.net](mailto:admin@gusfordprimary.net)



### Important Dates

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> October – Last day of term  
Mon 31<sup>st</sup> October – Pupils return to school

10<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am – 11.30am – Reception intake for 2023 Open Morning – Please book via the school office

18<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need (Non-uniform)  
28<sup>th</sup> November – Flu Vaccinations

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day  
Weds 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner  
Weds 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Disco (details tbc)

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day of term

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 – PD Day  
Weds 4<sup>th</sup> January – Pupils return to school

### Canteen Menu – We will return to school on our new week one menu:

Week One	Option 1	Cheesy Swirl with New Potatoes	Chicken Korma with Rice	Roast of the Day with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	<b>Build a Burger Day</b> A choice of Burger (meat, veggie or vegan) with toppings and Potato Wedges	Fishfingers/ Salmon Fishfingers with Chips
	Option 2	Tomato Pasta	Vegetable Curry with Rice	Crunchy Top Veg Bake with Roast Potatoes	<b>BUILD A BURGER</b>	Quorn Sausages with Chips
	Vegetables	Cauliflower Peas	Green Beans Sweetcorn	Carrots Cabbage	Sweetcorn Mixed Peppers	Peas Baked Beans
	Dessert	Apple and Berry Crumble with Custard	Yoghurt and Raisin Cake	Fruit Jelly	Chocolate & Mandarin Brownie with Chocolate Sauce	Vanilla Shortbread

Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily