



Gusford Primary School

"Together we believe, learn and achieve"

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Parent Newsletter 30/09/2022

Our new and vibrant website is now up and running! It contains lots of information regarding what your children is learning within each subject and how we deliver the curriculum here at Gusford. You can find all the important documents you may need, term dates, weekly bulletins and more. We also have lots of photos of the children on it.

We are still working on it and it will change regularly, as the school continues to improve. If you have any questions please email the school office.

Wow how amazing the children looked today dressed as Scientists! They have had the opportunity to learn about a range of famous Scientists, possible professions involving Science and some interesting experiments. Ask them all about it!



Congratulations to the following children who were chosen as star of the week! We hope all our parents enjoyed celebrating their children's achievements with them in our Celebration assembly.

Year 1: Brayden, Charlotte, and Noah

Year 2: Samanta, Ivy, and Mikaela

Year 3: Harrison, Oliver and Lacey

Year 4: Tevarie, Finley, and Tada

Year 5: Izzi-Mae, Kaelyn, and Phoenix

Year 6: Oscar S, Daisy F and Daisy B



Wednesday 5th October

If this is your usual PE day please send your child in school uniform and bring PE kit with them for this day.

Sibling Photos – 8am-8.50am

If you would like a group photo of your children then please come to the school office at 8am.

Individual photos will be taken over the course of the school day. We will be using the following photo company who we used for our last lot of class photos.

[Stanley Baker Photos](#)

School Census Day – Thursday 6th October 2022

Gusford would like to ask you to encourage your child to have a school meal **on Thursday 6th October** as it is Census Day. We are serving **Beef Burger/Vegan burger in a bun and wedges, Jacket Potato with cheese and beans, followed by Jelly and Ice-cream**, as well as our 'pick and mix' in order to appeal to as many children as possible.

For every infant child (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) that has a school meal the school will receive government funding to pay for provision of universal free school meals for infant pupils. Funding is based on the number of meals taken on census days, if numbers are low the school won't receive enough funding to match the actual costs of providing meals through the year, this means 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.



The Big Hoot Short Story Writing Competition

Congratulations to Mina in Year 2 who was runner up in the recent The Big Hoot Short Story Writing Competition. Her story is printed below. Well done Mina!

A 'Hoot' in Time by Mina W

The Time Travelling Owl Once upon a time, there was a little green owl called Gus. He had a big body with yellow and green spots on his wings. He had a colourful rainbow on his tummy. He was a nice owl that wanted to help people. Gus lived in a wedding dress shop. It was big and it had a flower wall. It was beautiful. Gus slept in the shop's front window. At night-time, Gus woke up because owls are nocturnal. At night-time, Gus had exciting adventures. When Gus touched a pink flower on the flower wall, he time travelled! It was magic! One night, Gus touched a flower and POOF! He stood in front of Old Custom House on Ipswich Docks. It was a large building with stairs leading up to a balcony with tall columns. He could hear a ding-dong sound coming from the large clock tower. It was telling everyone it was 12 o'clock in the afternoon. Gus turned around, he was surprised, it wasn't how he remembered. Where was Ahoy and Kaleidoscope, the owls? Where was Pizza Express? Where was the University? He could see a train track in front of him. The dock was full of big wooden ships with tall sails. He had time travelled back to the old times' Docks. Oh no! A moving ship knocked a docked ship that was full of men carrying coal. Gus thought this was not good, the men might get hurt. The ship began to wobble, the men were scared. They start dropping the coal and falling over. The wobbling kept getting bigger! Gus wanted to help! So, Gus took to the skies. He flapped his wings, so the wind went straight into the ship's sails. It stops the ship from wobbling side to side. The men are happy to be able to stand again. They waved at Gus to say thank you before picking up the coal and taking it off the ship and loading it onto the train. Gus had saved the day and the men were safe. A pink flower magically appeared on the sail. Gus touched it and it took him back to the shop, where he went back to sleep in the window feeling happy. He had helped a lot of people that day and wondered where he would time travel to the next night. The End.



Lateness

Last week there were 57 incidents of lateness to school amounting to 12 hours and 44 minutes.

This is 12 hours and 44 minutes of missed learning time.

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.

Parents Evening

Slots are open for you to make a booking via <https://gusford.schoolcloud.co.uk/> this is an opportunity for you to meet your new child's teacher and see how well they have settled this term.

Bookings will need to be made for both the face to face and online appointments.

Please note that Miss Machin (Mayans) is unavailable on Weds 19th but will be seeing parents face to face on Thursday 20th October from 2pm - 4pm.

Important Dates

Parents Evening - Mon 17th October 3:30pm – 6pm (online)

Parents Evening - Weds 19th October 4pm -7.30pm (face to face)

Fri 21st October – Last day of term
Mon 31st October – Pupils return to school

Fri 9th December – Christmas Jumper Day
Weds 14th December – Christmas Disco (details to follow)

Fri 16th December – Last Day of term
Tues 3rd January 2023 – PD Day
Weds 4th January – Pupils return to school

Canteen Menu – Next week we will be on week two:

	Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	BBQ Chicken Pizza	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Week Two	Option 2	Vegetable Pasta	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognaise	Roast Quorn, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, & Gravy	Vegan Burger in a Bun with Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips
	Vegetables	Sweetcorn Cauliflower	Mixed Vegetables Green Beans	Carrots Peas	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Peas Baked Beans
	Dessert	Apple & Berry Crumble with Ice Cream	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Vanilla Shortbread	Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Oaty Cookie
	Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily					