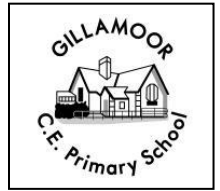


Newsletter 7 September 2018

Autumn term 1

Half termly value Trust

Welcome back to the new school year. It was lovely to see all the children back in school again and in their smart new uniform and shoes.



Special welcomes to Charlie, Chloe, Iris, Anna, and Leo

who are our new starters in the infants. Also to Nancy and Mollie who have also joined the infant class. The school numbers are now up to 38. Well done everyone. Keep passing the word around about our lovely school and hopefully we can welcome a few more pupils too. Look out for our 'Stay and play' dates and let anyone know who has a child who is due to start school in September 2019.

Next week in school

Mon 10 Sept Mr Coates restarts music teaching. Mr Rhodes will be replacing Mr Firth. Brass and saxophone lessons will now take place on a Mondays also starting Mon 10 Sept.

Wed 12 and Thurs 13 Sept Forest schools. Letter has gone out. Please return permission slip on Monday.

Fadmoor and Gillamoor show winners:

Howard Wass cup for best exhibit in show, Flicker book: Juniors Olivia Se, Infants Jessie

June Wood cup for most points in show: Juniors Elisabeth Akers-Wood and Olivia Se, Infants Jessie.

Ryedale show: Our wheelbarrow, prepared by the infants with Mrs Owrid came second in the Ryedale show. Elisabeth got second prize for her cover design. Well done to everyone.

Attendance Our new school attendance policy, passed by governors in July, is attached. There is also a copy on the website. Our attendance for 2017/18 was 94.95% which is more than 1% below the national average and WILL affect our OFSTED grading at our next inspection, which will be during the next academic year. Our target for 2018/19 is 96%. Please help us to achieve this. Please think carefully when booking non-emergency medical and dental appointments as well as holidays. No one can help being ill and we appreciate that many of you are unable to take holidays in term time due to the farming year, obtaining cover and work in the tourist industry. We do try to work with families on this, however, we need to try to minimise the odd day taken by pupils here and there, especially for those who feel a little poorly but aren't really ill.

Requested leave in term time is considered on a case by case basis. Requests will not be granted where pupil's general attendance is not at/above 95% or 6 weeks' notice is not given.

Please don't phone your child in sick when they are not! Children do talk about what they and their friends are doing and social media can be a big give away! Absence, whether authorised or not, is what is looked at. Reason for absence is really irrelevant, unless a serious illness or condition with supporting medical paperwork.

Something to think about 'Over a five year period a child whose attendance is at 90%, will miss a half of a school year; that's a lot of lost education.'

Infant class news

This week we pretended to be robots in Computing. In the playground we created a maze with cones.

As robots we had to close our eyes and listen very carefully to our friends' instructions to reach the end of the maze. We used lots of clear instructions such as 'Turn right', 'Walk 3 steps forwards', 'Take a small step backwards', to help our friends reach the end of the maze.

Phonics and maths homework will start next week. This week please encourage your child to read their reading book with you.

Junior class news

This week we have had a great start to the new school year. We have started writing and been practising writing neatly presented and well punctuated stories. We have introduced our new topic which is the Stone Age, Iron Age, Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. We discussed the timeline of these eras and drew what we imagined the Stone Age to be like. We have also started rugby practice. We improved our backward passing greatly in the first lesson. Mr Mulholland can't wait to see the progress made when we start the Ryedale sports competitions.

Grammar, spelling and maths homework in folders will start next week. This week can pupils please find as many facts about the Stone Age as possible and present them however they like on paper.

Curriculum letters: These are attached. If you require any more information please contact the class teacher.

Times tables App: A good times tables app to use on ipads and tablets is DK 10 minutes a day times tables. It has a red and white 1x10=10 symbol.

Homeschool agreement: These have been discussed with the children in class. Please talk to your children about these then return them to school as soon as possible signed by you and your child. We will then send you home a photocopy.

Report slips: Please return your Report reply slips, or a note or e mail acknowledging you received it last term, as soon as possible if you haven't already. Many thanks.

Pack ups In line with current national initiatives please try to ensure that pickups contain the range of foods to help children develop and grow. Ideas to help make pack ups more interesting can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes> Please help us by remembering that we are a nut free school and not sending in fizzy drinks or sweets.

Data protection paperwork etc Attached is the data collection sheet and contact sheet for you to complete and return to school by the 12 September. This is to ensure we have the correct names and telephone numbers for you and anyone collecting your children.

Cooking: This term the juniors will be making Calzone pizza. Ingredients: 0.25 oz dried active yeast, 2 tbs olive oil, 2 tbs honey, 1/2 tsp salt, 3 cups flour, 1 egg, 100 gms chestnut mushrooms, 1 yellow pepper, 120 gms mozzarella and 8 tbs tomato sauce or £2 voluntary donation paid through parent pay. Other required ingredients will be provided for all pupils. All pupils will need a suitable container to take the pizza home.
September: 11 Year 6 boys, 18 Year 6 girls, 25 Simeon, Lewis, Olivia Se, Georgia

PTA updates:

Please remember to send in your money for any photos you have printed. All money to PTA funds.

Sleightholmedale fete & Duck Race This was a joint fundraiser with St Aidan's Church, Gillamoor Football Club, Fadmoor Village Hall, Gillamoor & Fadmoor Playing Field. Our share was £314.32 which is a great start to the year. Thank you to everyone who helped in anyway.

Ryedale Book Festival Malton: On Friday 21 September there will be no swimming and the children will be taking part in the following: The Infants will be watching a performance of The Story Orchestra: Four Seasons in One Day which will be followed by two workshops based around live music and art & craft activities linked to the production. They will leave school about 9.20am and return about 12.30 for a late lunch.

The Juniors will be attending an author workshop with Cressida Cowell, author of 'How to train your dragon' series. The price includes a copy of her latest book thanks to the support of 'The Whitby bookshop.' They will leave school at 12.30pm and return before the end of the school day.

These sessions are a great way for the children to engage with present day authors and for the infants with live musicians. The cost of these activities is £10 per child plus transport. PTA have agreed to subsidise these activities and pay the transport. They have asked for a voluntary parental contribution £6 per child which

should be paid on Parentpay in the usual way. Both activities will take place at the Milton Rooms in Malton. For more information see <http://ryedalebookfestival.com/whats-on/the-story-orchestra-four-seasons-in-one-day/>

Parentpay: Thank you to all the parents who ensured their Parentpay accounts start the new year out of debt! We currently have only one account in arrears. The price of school lunches has increased to £2.45 per day.

Future dates for your diary

Week beginning 18 Sept clubs start - letter attached

Fri 21 Sept Children visiting Malton Book festival see above.

Wed 26 Sept 3pm and 7pm Help support your child with reading.

Mon 1 Oct 3pm Parents Reading with children in school. See below.

Wed 3 Oct 9.30 - 10.30am Stay and Play. See below.

Parent Reading!!! We are continuing to promote reading for pleasure and are restarting our reading sessions where we would love as many parents as possible to come into school to read with their child. During these sessions we want to encourage reading for pleasure so please feel free to bring in books that you love or ones that maybe you loved as a child. The first session will be on Mon 1 Oct 3 and 3.30pm.

Stay and Play: During the year we will holding stay and play session for children who may be starting school in September 2019. The sessions will take place in the Infant Classroom. There will be different activities each time. The first is on Wed 3 Oct 9.10 - 10.30am. If you wish your child to attend please let Mrs Hugill know. Please pass this onto anyone you know who has a child due to start school next September.

Uniform: Please help your child and the staff by ensuring your child's name is in all their uniform. This makes changing after PE much easier and would hopefully mean we don't have so many lost sweat shirts.

Nails Please check your child's nails regularly to ensure they are short and smooth to avoid accidental scratching. Nail polish should be removed for school and saved for the weekends and special occasions.

Taxis: Please remember to let the taxi driver know if you change your normal drop off or pick up procedures. Unless your child is on the Kirkby taxi any issues regarding your taxis travel to school should be taken up with the driver or County.

Music lessons: If your child would like to learn a musical instrument please contact the office for details.

Parent governor: Mrs C Brackley will be joining the governing body this term. Oliver is in Year 5. There is still a vacancy for another parent governor. Please let Mrs Tweddle know if you are interested.

Please see letter from Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust on next page.



Newsletters are sent out each Friday via email and a paper copy per family. If you would like to just receive via email please email the office - admin@gillamoor.n-yorks.sch.uk Newsletters are regularly updated to the website.

Dear Parent/Guardian of children who will be attending Reception to Year 5 from September 2018.

School Name – Gillamoor

Please visit this online form to consent for your child to receive their flu vaccine in the new school term 2018 / 2019. This consent must be completed by the end of September, to ensure we can vaccinate your child in school.

Please enter the year group which your child will be in, as of September 2018.

If you do not know the class or teacher name please leave blank.

You will be asked to enter a secure school code: 6PSV7

www.hdft.nhs.uk/flu-consent

This vaccination programme is in place to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu.

Please complete the online form (one for each child) as soon as possible. Please ensure you read and understand all the information before you complete the online form. Please visit <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/services/childhood-flu-programme/> for more information about the flu vaccination.

The vaccination is free and recommended for young children, and will be given by a quick and simple spray up the nose. Please go the website shown above which includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. Please ensure you read and understand the information before completing the online form. If you have any queries please contact the childhood Immunisation team on the above number.

Last year, most children offered the vaccine in schools had the immunisation. **Please note the team will be in contact via email to confirm and to contact you in the autumn term to confirm school dates, and any further information regarding the vaccination.**

Yours sincerely,



Lois Alderson, Clinical Lead for childhood immunisation's in North Yorkshire and City of York

If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, please complete the consent form giving the reason. This will help us plan and improve the service.