



Gillamoor Church of England (VC) Primary School

Where God's love is sown, grown and taken home

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Tuesday 4 September 2018

Welcome back to the new school year. It was lovely to see everyone this morning after the summer break. Hope you all had a good summer. Here are some updates and reminders before the weekly newsletter which will be sent home/e mailed every Friday as usual.

### Staffing update

We welcome Mrs James who will be teaching the infants on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Teasdale will continue teaching Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesdays.

### Clubs

Breakfast club will start this Friday, 7 September 8.30am. £1 to be paid at the club. All other clubs will start week beginning 17 September. Details will be sent out on Friday.

### PE

This will take place on Wednesdays and Fridays and will start this week. Please help your child to have the correct kit in school. Ideally PE kit should be left in school through the week. PE kit: Plain red or white polo shirt or t-shirt with plain black or navy shorts. Plain dark coloured jogging bottoms or tracksuit bottoms may be worn in the colder weather but not for indoor PE. Footwear: black plimsolls or bare feet for dance and gym. Trainers for outdoor PE.

Friday's lesson will be swimming. This year we will be going to Ampleforth College pool.

Pupils need: Girls - a one piece costume, Boys - swimming trunks/swimming shorts. Bermuda shorts and bikinis are not suitable for school swimming lessons. Swimming caps are advisable. Goggles are optional but if required must be provided from home. Swimming kit, including a towel, should be in a suitable named bag.

Please ensure long hair is tied back off the face for all PE. Earrings must be removed, preferably before coming to school.

### Forest Schools

This year Forest Schools will be taking place on the following dates: Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 September (next week) and Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 November. The sessions will be developed and run by Rich from Hidden Horizons and will take place in Dalby Forest. Rich is a Forest School Practitioner and a Professional Ecologist with many years' experience in teaching, especially in Forest Schools and Bush Craft. The whole school will go for the whole day so pupils will need a packed lunch with extra drinks. These can be ordered from school. See below.

Sessions will take place in all weathers unless the safety of the group will be compromised. Suitable clothing is therefore essential for everyone participating in order to gain the full learning potential of the session whilst being comfortable.

**Safety** Risk assessments are carried out for everything we will do, and we will also have increased staff numbers to assist with safety.

Forest School sessions offer learners opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in our natural environment. The children will engage in outdoor exploration and motivating activities exploring tool use and craft, bush craft skills, STEM studies,

physical and social play while gaining an understanding of the natural world and its processes. Most of them will be encouraged to have fun in the outdoor world, engage with nature and enjoy themselves in our wonderful countryside.

**What to Wear: Pupils should all come to school dressed ready.** You may wish to send in a change of clothes for them to go home in.

Wellies or stout shoes. Warm socks (if appropriate thick welly/walking/skiing socks preferably)  
Jogging bottoms or thick leggings.

**No jeans as these are very cold and heavy when wet.**

Thin leggings provide very little warmth so if you only have these, we recommend you wear two pairs. Definitely no shorts or skirts.

Long sleeved t shirt (even if it's hot to help protect against insect bites)

Warm jumper (essential) and warm coat (if appropriate) Waterproof coat (essential) and trousers (if appropriate)

Sun hat, warm hat and gloves as appropriate.

**Long hair must be tied back and earrings removed.**

Your child is likely to get muddy and wet as this is all part of the experience. Please do not send your child in anything you do not want them to get muddy or wet. Dressing your child as we suggest above will help ensure they get the most out of the experience as they can enjoy the sessions no matter what the wonderful British weather throws at us!

Look out for other dates and ways you can help and support the school in the newsletters on Fridays. Wherever possible all letters and information will be sent out with the newsletter. Where it is necessary to send a letter at another time it will always be referred to in the newsletter on a Friday. Please help us by sending back permission slips etc promptly.

Permission can be e mailed to [admin@gillamoor.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@gillamoor.n-yorks.sch.uk)

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### Consent Form for Hidden Horizons Explore, Discover and Create Session

I consent to my child .....taking part in the above sessions, and to the use of antihistamine cream and/or insect repellent being used on my child if it is deemed necessary by the group Leader.

**I will ensure that my child has appropriate clothing, including a waterproof coat and sun hat.**

**Please delete as appropriate**

My child would like the following school packed lunch: Cheese ham or tuna

I will provide my child with a packed lunch.

I am happy for my child to be photographed for the project. Children's names will not be used but the school group maybe referenced. (Delete as appropriate)

My child has the following medical/allergy/food allergy issues that need to be taken into account during the sessions: .....

Signed .....

Print.....Date.....

Please return this form to school by Monday 10 September. Thank you.