

Collective Worship Theme = Responsibility & Justice

Attendance this week is: **Explorers:96.3% Adventurers:96.3% Navigators:100%** (Overall: 97.4% Target is 96%)

10 May 2023



*First the blade, then the ear,
then the full grain.*

Gillamoor C of E Primary School



School News and Message from the Headteacher

Congratulations to all the parents (and our young volunteers too!) and of course the runners who took part in the 10K at the weekend. It was my first experience of '10K Day' and what a wonderful day it was. Our next big effort from the Friends of the School is our summer fayre, which is coming up in July, The plans sound amazing, and our lovely volunteers have all sorts of great stalls planned They are always on the look out for volunteers, so if you can help to man a stall for half an hour or so on the day, do please let the Friends know!

We took advantage of the warm weather this week to supply the blue star treat... Ice cream and games on the field to end the week. Blue stars are only earned by showing the Gillamoor values (respect, honesty, love & care) in really special ways, with ten blue stars triggering a whole school reward. Children also earn house points for demonstrating both these values and our learner values throughout the school day and both of these rewards are celebrated in our Friday Celebration Worship.

Mrs Elsey

Job Vacancy

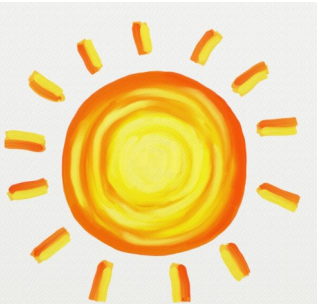
General Teaching Assistant required

We require a General Teaching Assistant to work 3 hours on a Friday. Full details and application form is on our school website and on the northyorks.gov.uk job page.

JOB VACANCY

Sunscreen

As the weather has taken a lovely turn for the better, now is a good time to remind everyone to please make sure they have a sun hat and sunscreen in school. Both of these need to be named and brought in every day. Please apply sunscreen before the start of school and then a top up application will be done at lunch time if necessary. Please encourage your child to learn to apply it themselves if they can't already do so.



This week's winning House is:

OAK

Last week's winning House was :

ASH

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 13th-17th May—SATs Week
- 14 May—Governing Body Meeting
- 17 May—Closing date for GTA position
- 20th-24th May—Y2 SATs
- 20 May—YR and Y6 measurements
- 21 May—GTA interviews
- 22 May—Y6 Literacy, Ryedale
- 22 May—Bags2School
- 24 May—Dot Day (Art Day)
- 24 May-BREAK UP
- 3 June-RETURN TO SCHOOL

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT WE ARE A NUT AWARE SCHOOL. WE KINDLY REQUEST NO NUTS OR NUT DERIVATIVES ARE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL IN PACKED LUNCHES OR AS SNACKS. .



We had a good EGM this week. A change of committee members for secretary. Jemma Clements has stepped down after five years on the PTA and we thank her very much for everything she has done. Taking up the role of secretary is Holly Jones who I know will bring some new ideas offerings.

Staff Training/meetings

Our summer cake stall is on Wednesday 12th June. If you can help with any baking for the stall that would be much appreciated also if you could offer half an hour of your time on the stall to help out that would be appreciated to.

Plans for the summer fayre are well underway...get ready for the inflatable assault course! I know the children are looking forward to it and some of the children already have ideas for what stalls they would like to run.

Enjoy your weekend

Rachel

Teddy Bears Picnic

You are all invited to the teddy bears picnic on Sunday 14th July. This is being held by All Saint's Church, Kirkbymoorside in the Millennium Gardens. Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter for all the details and the special guests that will be in attendance!



School Lunches

Week beginning
13th May is Week
2 of our new
Spring/Summer
menu



Bags2school

A reminder that Bags2school is on Wednesday 22nd of May. The empty bags should have come home with the children already but please get in touch if you require one or need any additional bags. You can fill these bags with your old clothing (including paired shoes), household linen, bedding and towels and bring them into school on the morning.

SATs

Next week we see our Year 6 students take their SATs. Please can we ask that the children get plenty of sleep, have a good breakfast and arrive on time to school every day to ensure they get the best possible start to the day.

Hair

Please can long hair be fastened back for school. This is especially important for PE/swimming, and it is advisable for children with hair below the shoulder to carry a spare bobble in their PE kit.



Swimming

There are just two weeks of swimming left for the juniors but please take note that Y6 pupils will not swim next week as they will be doing their SATs.

Online Safety is a serious subject and as teachers, we are keen to help parents understand ways they can act to keep their children safe online. Each week, I will share a link to materials from the National Online Safety organisation. This week focuses on Amazon Fire Tablets

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many devices which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AMAZON FIRE TABLETS

The Amazon Fire Tablet is a popular choice: not only are Amazon's own-brand devices more affordable than most other tablets on the market, but some models are designed specifically for youngsters (the Fire 7 Kids, Fire 8 HD and Fire HD 10 are aimed at ages 3-7, for example, while the 'Pro' range is geared toward 6 to 12-year-olds). Fires come with access to a wealth of entertaining content, from child-friendly TV shows and videos to age-appropriate games and ebooks.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STORAGE ISSUES

Many parents have bemoaned the Amazon Fire's relative lack of storage space. Fires ship with either 16GB or 32GB of memory, so if your child gets busy downloading books, games and videos, they'll quickly run out of room. You could invest in an SD card for extra storage (especially if multiple youngsters are sharing the device), so it's worth factoring in this possible additional expense.

GETTING LOCKED OUT

If your child unsuccessfully attempts to bypass your security PIN code (to access the Fire's parental controls settings, for instance) too many times, this could easily result in them being locked out of their device – and, arguably even worse, you being locked out of your Amazon or Kindle account. If this happens, the Amazon support team will be able to help you regain access.

POTENTIAL ADDICTION

Like most digital technology, Amazon Fires and their child-friendly content tend to be highly engaging to young users. You might find your child often spending hours staring at their tablet, leading to irritability when asked to put it down. It may be a wise move to adjust the built-in screen time settings so you can control exactly how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

'ASSISTANCE' FROM ALEXA

Though the Amazon Fire's parental controls are comprehensive and allow you to limit access to age-inappropriate content, your child could still potentially bypass those restrictions using Alexa, Amazon's built-in AI assistant. We recommend that you switch off this functionality altogether by toggling Alexa to 'off' in the Settings menu.

FAULTY OLDER MODELS

Back in 2016, Amazon announced a product recall of the Amazon Fire 7 and Kids' Edition power adapters, due to a fault which caused an increased risk of electrical shock. This is no longer an issue on newer models of the Fire tablet, but it's unquestionably worth remembering if you're thinking about picking up a second-hand device for your child.

Advice for Parents & Carers

REGISTER ON YOUR ACCOUNT

Before your child uses their Fire, you'll need to register it to an Amazon account. Rather than having to set up a dedicated Amazon account for them, Amazon's 'Household' feature simply lets you add a separate profile to your own account. In-app purchases and Amazon store access are set to 'off' by default on child accounts, so young ones can't buy anything on their Fire without the password.

CONSIDER A CODENAME

When you add a child profile on a Fire, you can select an image to represent your child and then enter their name, gender and date of birth. To keep things extra secure, you might want to consider using a codename for your child's profile – keeping their real name private from Amazon or anyone else who might ever get access to the account.

FILTER SHARED CONTENT

You'll also be asked during the set-up process whether you want the Amazon Fire to be able to share any digital content that you've already purchased. We advise selecting 'For Kids' at this point, as this will only show the family-friendly books or videos in your content library, as opposed to any movies, shows or audiobooks you might have downloaded that aren't suitable for little ones.

SET A PASSWORD OR PIN

You'll also be prompted to set a lock screen password or PIN. This is recommended to prevent your child from accessing device settings, browsing the Internet, trawling social media or making in-app purchases. If more than one child will be sharing the tablet, you can create a lock screen PIN for each of their profiles, so that each child can only access content that's appropriate for their individual age.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

The Fire's parental controls are very thorough and worth utilising. They let you choose, for example, to restrict access to additional settings such as location-based services, the built-in camera, and specific content types (such as apps). You can also set daily goals and time limits to specify when – or, crucially, for how long – your child can use their Fire tablet.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



National Online Safety®

#WakeUpWednesday



You are invited to a
TEDDY BEARS' SERVICE & PICNIC in
the MILLENNIUM GARDEN
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH KIRKBYMOORSIDE



SUNDAY 14th JULY
2024

10.30-12.30

Activities will start with a short family service with little helpers and music followed by a 'bring your own picnic' and...



Games, activities, songs, competitions, and, of course, a Teddy Bear Hunt. Don't forget to bring your teddy (and a responsible adult.)

Also meet Alan the Alpaca for the launch of Sm'ALL Saints' and some real life alpacas.

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