

## Collective Worship Theme this half term = **HONESTY**

This week's ATTENDANCE = 98.9%

11 September 2020

# Welcome back!



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It has been so lovely this week to see all the happy faces and hear the sound of children's voices again in school. You should all be very proud of how positively your children have returned to their learning. A huge thank you too to the staff who have worked really hard to prepare school for a safe and exciting return. Thank you too to parents for your support and understanding with new arrangements.

### School News

- We are pleased to welcome our new Reception pupils; George, Penny, Phoebe and Alex as well as Emmerson (Y4), Ethan (Y1) and Myles (Y4).
- Mrs Hayes is supporting another school for this term and will be at Gillamoor on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This has allowed us to split the teaching of Juniors so that every morning Y3/4 and Y5/6 are taught separately for maths and English which we are sure will positively impact on their learning and help them catch up if needed. Mrs Smith and Mrs James will be covering these lessons.
- Our new playground equipment is in place and I'm sure your children have been telling you how much they are enjoying it. This was funded in the most by a National Lottery Grant.
- Our new outdoor provision for infants has been a great hit with the children too and they are learning so much as well as accessing the outdoors more than previously. Proceeds from the Gillamoor village table-top sale have helped us purchase resources for this area. *Thank you.*

### COVID related items and updates

- **IMPORTANT**—from Monday all pupils not on taxis will need to be collected at 3.20pm. Those on taxis will be out at 3.30pm.
- Please socially distance at all times when waiting outside school
- **Taxis/bus**; please ensure that children now have a plastic, sealable bag in which to place their masks on arrival at school.
- In case of symptoms, please contact school asap. If a child falls ill in school they will be isolated until a parent/carer can collect them.
- Celebration Worship will take place still but we cannot include parents or other visitors for the time being.



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Gillamoor C  
of E Primary

**Winning House  
last year was  
Ash**

**This week's  
winning House  
is ASH**

### SPORT

Winning House for the 2020 Sports Day was

**ASH**

PTA will recommence activities when possible.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Mon 14 Sept

First swimming session for some pupils (see email for more details)

#### Mon 14 Sept

After school clubs and Gilly's Chill club (wrap around care) restart. See details later in newsletter.

**Honesty—stand up for what is right even if you stand alone.**

**Suzy Kassem**

## Data Collection Sheets

All pupils have brought home an envelope with all the forms that need completing. Please ensure these are returned by MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER so school has your up-to-date details.

## School Lunches

The new menu sheets have been sent home with the choices form for completion and return to school. County Caterers have increased their charges to school. We have absorbed some of this cost but will need to increase the price of a school lunch to £2.55 per day.

## TAXI from Kirkbymoorside

The Kirkbymoorside taxi will be £1.20 per day from September.

## School Uniform

- The children are looking very smart thank you. Please do ensure that your child's uniform adheres to the uniform list that was sent out in July. Smart appearance leads to smart minds and learning.

## School Bags

**NO** rucksacks please—they are too big and do not comply with the COVID guidance limiting the amount of additional things brought into school ; some are bigger than the child carrying them!

Children only need to bring;

- a Lunch box/bag if not having a school lunch
- their reading book and record book or planner.
- PE kit in drawstring bag (these hang well on the pegs and do not take up as much space) We will send these home on a Friday to be washed ready to return on Monday
- Swimming kit on a Monday if taking part.

If additional bags are needed for sleepovers etc. then we can accommodate these elsewhere for the day.

## Planners, reading record books and homework

- The children in KS2 (Juniors) have a new planner each which we have spent time designing the content of and will be using daily for communication between school and home. Children in Y2/Y1/Rec (Infants) have a Record Book which will be used in the same way. Please look at these with your children daily and record reading, check on homework and to see if there are any notes for you. You can also use these to write notes to the class teachers.
- These need to be in school EVERY day.
- Homework;

**Juniors - Friday;** spellings (test following Friday) and maths (to be in on Tuesday)

**Infants - Monday** - new reading book to go home (weekly changes due to COVID but will enhance fluency, please read and re-read in different ways, share and discuss)

**Friday;** spellings (test following Friday)

## Staff Training

Dept of Health testing kit training.

## School Lunches

Week beginning 14 September is menu week 2



## THUNK OF THE WEEK

Which is more important, being right or being nice?

(A think is a question that makes you think; it may or may not have a correct answer but gets the brain cells working!)

Thunks are great for family debates!

## Clubs

We ask that you sign your child up for a full half term and do not dip in and out of attending as this affects the progress and planning of the club's content.

**Gilly's Breakfast Club** 8.00-8.45 every day-£3.00 (to include cereal, toast etc)

**Monday** - Simon Carson Sports Coaching—£2.00- a sports session that will try out lots of different activities over the half term e.g. unihockey, basketball, tennis etc.

**Tuesday** - Cartoon Club (Miss Pope) - subsidised by school—watch a Disney film clip and then learn how to draw the characters.

**Wednesday** - Sports Club (Mr Mulholland) - £2.00 - another sports session with a range of sports to include; football, cricket,

**Thursday** - Computing Club (Mrs James) - subsidised by school - improve your skills and try out new programmes and coding.

**Friday** - Chill Zone (Mrs Hayes) - subsidised by school - activities will vary each week to include; art and craft, board games, gardening, nature activities, science experiments etc.

All clubs run from 3.30 to 4.30pm

**Gilly's Chill Club** 4.30 to 5.30pm Mon-Thurs and to 5pm on Fri-£3.00 - the new name for our wrap around care; a snack and a drink will be included then a choice of activities to wind down at the end of the day.

**Lunchtime clubs;** we will explain these to the children next week.

## Leadership groups and leaders

We're pleased to announce this year's leaders;

**House Captains;** Ash - Connor; Oak - Darcey; Elm - Abi

**Star Points Captain;** Eve

**Church Council;** Lucinda and Mollie

**Sports Stars;** Reece, Emmerson and Rufus

**STEM;** Seth and Jack F.

**Eco Warriors;** Poppy and Jessie

**IT;** Nathaniel and Owen

