

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

Attendance this week **99.24 %**

23 October 2020

School News

We hope you are all having a restful, if wet, half term. Sorry for the delay in sending out this newsletter. It all got rather hectic at the end of the last week. Attendance is fabulous at the moment, well done everyone; see you again on Monday 2nd November.

Swimming

Swimming starts for everyone on Monday 2 November. Don't forget your kit and a mask for the coach travel.



Change in PE timetabling

Please note that PE will now be on a Friday for both classes. It will still be taken by Mr Mulholland. He will then remain at school to take the Sports Club.

Daily Mile success

We are continuing with the Daily Mile which has been recognised by North Yorkshire Sport for its impact on fitness and well-being. A case study is being included in their annual report. Sometimes we choose to go for a short walk instead and with the weather closing in for winter, you might like to send in a **named pair of wellies** for your child to be kept at school.

Highway Maintenance

We have been informed of the following:- Kirby Lane, Gillamoor will be closed 19-30 October and Queen Street 2-6 November.

School Events

Parent evenings and pupil reports

- short reports which will help you to see how your child is progressing in English and maths and coping with the return to school were in your child's school bag on Friday. To discuss the information further, please contact the office to arrange a phone call or virtual meeting with the class teacher(s) or Mrs Hayes.
- Parents' Evenings are planned for December when we hope to be able to be face to face again, if socially distanced, or will find an alternative e.g. Zoom etc. or by phone.

Christmas

Recipe book; over lockdown we began collecting recipes for a school recipe book which we would like to print for you to purchase as Christmas presents. We do need some more recipes though so please have a think and please send a favourite one in to school with a photo too if you can.

Christmas Cards etc.

Thank you for your orders and payment for the items using your child's design. These have all been submitted and will be returned to us with plenty of time for Christmas. We'll be in touch as soon as they arrive.



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Gillamoor C of E Primary

Winning House last week was Ash

This week's winning House is Ash.

SPORT

Swimming for everyone starts on Monday 2 November.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Oct 23rd - finish for half term

Oct 31st—Secondary School application deadline

Nov 2nd - back to school. Swimming re-starts.

No legacy is so rich as honesty. William Shakespeare.

Staff Training

First Aid at Work

School Lunches

Week beginning 2

November is
menu week 2

5 November—
Bonfire lunch

THUNK OF THE WEEK

Does a piece of
lined paper
weigh more than
a piece of plain?

(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 and developing critical thinking skills.

Love in a Box; Over half term why not fill a shoebox or collect some items to donate. Church Council will be filling these during the first week back.

COVID related items and updates

- Children do not need to stay off school if they are not showing one or more of the three symptoms.
- Should we go into local or national lockdown, remote learning plans are in place and will be shared with you. Keyworker children will still be able to attend school. Let's hope this will not be necessary.

Reception School Place

If your child is due to start in Reception, September 2021, you need to apply for a place. The information you need to apply for this place is available at

www.northyorkshire.gov.uk/school-admissions

Applications are open now with the closing date of the 15th January 2021. Any applications received after this date will be considered late and will be dealt with after those received before the deadline. Please pass this on to friends and family too.

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 - 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.

Tuesday - Animal Club (Mrs Teasdale) - subsidised by school

Wednesday - Christmas Crafts (Mrs Sheard) - subsidised by school

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

Friday - Sports Club (Mr Mulholland) - £2.00 - sports session with a range of sports to include; football, cricket etc.

All clubs run from 3.30 to 4.30pm

Gilly's Chill Club 4.30pm to 5.30pm Mon-Thurs and to 5pm on Fri—£3.00 - 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.

Dark Skies Festival—North Yorkshire Moors

This fits in really well with the work the Juniors have been doing, take a look.

<https://www.northyorkmoors.org.uk/visiting/whats-on/dark-skies-festival>