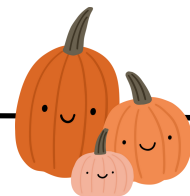




# GUNTHORPE C OF E

## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS,



We hope you all enjoyed a lovely half term break. The children have come back full of talk about their holidays (and already a little bit of excitement about Christmas!). We have lots planned for the next 7 weeks so please do take a look at the dates on the last page of this newsletter. I know things can get very busy in December so hopefully this will help you to plan. No-one wants tired children!

Next week marks the national campaign in schools for anti-bullying. This year their theme is 'choose respect', something that resonates well in our school as we share this as one of our 5 values. As well as in-class activities we will also be enjoying odd sock day next Tuesday. We encourage all children to wear odd socks and celebrate what makes us special and unique!

Our value in school this half term is service, something our children are brilliant at modelling. Look out for slips coming home so you can help us celebrate their 'serving' at home and in the community.

Take care Mrs Brown x

### INSET DAYS 25-26

I have sent out correspondence about attendance on several newsletters already this year. I wanted to try and support you taking advantage of any savings on holidays that still mean children are not missing any sessions of school. I have therefore worked with Governors and set the INSET days for next academic year at a much earlier point.

This is to give you more time to search for holidays and hopefully get a bargain!

Holidays in term time will not be authorised and there are rules around how many days unauthorised will trigger a fine from the local authority. I have to stress that this is not something the school can influence. We have to report this to the LA and they manage the fines, with the money staying within the authority.

### WHOLE SCHOOL PANTO TRIP

All children from reception to Year 6 will be taken to the Panto (Aladdin) in Newark on Dec 9th. We will leave school at approx 12.30 so we will be having lunch slightly earlier than normal. We will be arriving back at school later than usual, around 4.30pm but we will send a text as we leave the theatre. FOGS have kindly paid for the cost of the coach, parents now need to pay £10 by 30th Nov for the remainder of the trip. This is set up on parentpay.



## ALTERNATIVE ADVENT

As many families will already know, this is a project we have supported at Gunthorpe for many years. It offers an opportunity for the children to give something at a time when they will inevitably be thinking about what they might soon be receiving! We work with the charity Framework to assist their projects to support homeless and vulnerable people, locally. It supports our school value of 'Service' and acts as an excellent platform for modelling to children that acts of kindness don't always have to be towards people we know. The idea is that the children/staff donate items on different days in the lead up to Christmas; this will culminate in a full 'calendar' by the end of term.

You may remember from previous years that we had a large shoebox calendar displayed in the entrance area. We kindly ask for donations of shoe boxes and old Christmas wrapping paper, either given to class teachers or the office. Please bring it into school by Tuesday 26th November as the Junior 2 'elves' will be helping me to wrap all the boxes and get the display space ready. Class teachers will send out your child's day for bringing in items, nearer the time.



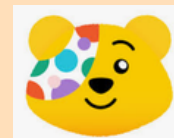
## REMEMBRANCE



We will be recognising remembrance day in school on Monday, as part of collective worship and also during playtime when we will have a minute silence. On Tuesday we had a poppy box delivered by the Royal British Legion. There are snap and normal wristbands and reflective badges. Children can bring donations for the poppy appeal into the office in cash, the suggested amount is £1.



## CHILDREN IN NEED



As well as supporting local charities, it is important to share with the children the challenges that people face further afield. On Nov Fri 15th it is Children in Need and we have a limited amount of Pudsey ears to sell, prices at £2.50. On the Friday we will be having a non-uniform day, children can feel free to wear anything Children In Need related if they have it (don't worry if they don't). Payment for Pudsey ears and the non-uniform day can be found on Parentpay and all funds will go straight to the charity.



# OPEN MORNING IN SCHOOL

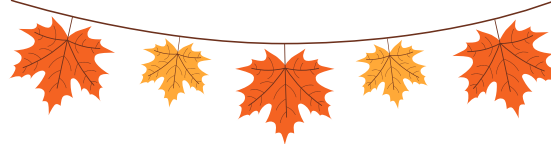
We will be holding an open morning on Thursday 14th November between 9.30am and 11.30am. If you know someone who has a child starting school next academic year (Sept 2025), be sure to tell them how lovely our little school is! They can ring the school office to book in.

The Local Authority would also like us to remind parents that applications for children starting school Sept 2025 are open from 4th Nov 2024 to 15th Jan 2025.

## FOGS UPDATE

FOGS (Friends of Gunthorpe) next event is on Fri 8th Nov after school. They will be holding a pre loved Christmas jumper sale. Alongside this will be other Christmas clothing, cakes and books for sale. This will be set up in the hall. Please come along and have a look. Children grow out of these things so fast, you might find something useful.

In addition, FOGS will also be selling drinks at both the Nativity and the Juniors Christmas production. There will be a Christmas 'gift card' raffle with tickets on sale from 22nd Nov, including £100 voucher for The Old Vol, Amazon gift card, Showcase gift card and Brookfields garden centre voucher.



## ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS ASSEMBLY

We have another assembly to celebrate all the wonderful things our children do out of school. This is scheduled for Tues 26th Nov at 9am in the school hall. Parents are more than welcome, please send in any certificates/medals/trophies etc by Fri 22nd so I can collate all the different awards that have been presented to the children. This should be anything they have achieved from June onwards.

## CLASS TEACHER EMAILS

Don't forget each class teacher has an email address if you would like to pass a message on:

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 7th Nov – FOGS meeting NOW IN SCHOOL @ 9am  
8th Nov – Pre-loved Uniform shop in the hall @9am  
8th Nov – Christmas pre-loved shop after school  
12th Nov – Odd socks day (as part of Anti Bullying week)  
13th Nov – World Kindness Day  
14th Nov – open morning for reception children 2025 (9.30–11.30)  
15th Nov – Children In Need  
18th Nov – Flu vaccinations (pm)  
26th Nov – Awards and Achievements Assembly 9am  
28th Nov – Film night organised by Gunthorpe Pupil Parliament  
2nd Dec – Alternative Advent starts  
6th Dec – Village Lantern walk and light switch on  
9th Dec – Whole school trip – Panto (Aladdin) @ Newark Palace Theatre  
10th Dec – Last swimming session  
11th Dec – Infant Nativity @ 6pm  
12th Dec – Senior Sing Along – 2pm  
16th Dec – Rocksteady Performance @ 2.30pm  
17th Dec – Junior Christmas Presentation @ 6pm  
18th Dec – Christmas Dinner  
19th Dec – Party Afternoon  
20th Dec – Break up for Christmas  
6th Jan – Return to school for Spring term

