



GUNTHORPE C OF E OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS,

Firstly, a huge thank you for the brilliant turn out for our 50 year celebrations a few weeks ago. It was so lovely to see families and ex pupils/staff sharing stories and catching up. It really did say everything about the strength of our village community, there was plenty of positive noise around the school. Well done to Henry Ward in Year 5, who created the winning flag design for the school. This has been sent off for printing now. We will let you know, once it is flying proudly! We have welcomed a new pre-school child into Infant 1 and we will be holding an open morning on Thurs 14th Nov. Please share, if you know of families looking for places in pre-school/reception as we would love to show them what Gunthorpe has to offer.

Our annual Harvest Festival service was once again a fantastic event to share. The children always work their hardest to prepare for these events, their confidence and care is clear to see. Thank you for the kind donations to 'The Friary', homeless drop in centre in West Bridgford. Mrs Findlay has kindly dropped all the donations in to them.

Take care Mrs Brown x

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

I am sure most of you will have seen in either the national press or via the letter that Aspire sent out earlier in the term, attendance is high on the Department for Education's agenda. Holidays in term time will now 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.

EARLY INFORMATION ON THE LANTERN WALK

The school will once again be teaming up with the village hall to take part in the annual Christmas lantern walk. This will be taking place on Friday 6th December. We will meet down by the river for some carols and the light switch on and then families can make their way back to the village hall for some festive fun. Timings TBC.

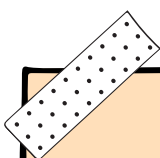
NEWS FROM FOGS

There are lots of things coming up that parents and children can get involved with via our FOGS (Friends of Gunthorpe school) group. We have a break the rules day coming up at the end of half term. Please see the attached flyer for more information on how to pay and which rules can be broken! In addition, the Panto that we are going to see on the 9th Dec has been subsidised by FOGS for all the children. This means there will only be £10 per child for parents to pay. This is now set up on Parent Pay and should be paid by Friday 29th Nov.

FOGS have their next meeting after half term on the 7th Nov at Lowdhams. We always welcome new members with open arms. If you can't attend the meeting but would like to help out with an activity please contact fogspta@yahoo.com

We will also be selling pre-loved Christmas jumpers/other Christmas clothing and books after school on Fri 8th Nov. If you have unwanted items that someone else could wear/read, please pop them into the office after half term.

A reminder that FOGS have signed the school up for 'Asda cash pots for schools'. It runs from September to November and anyone with the Asda app just needs to click on the link on the homepage and pick our school. Be careful as there is another Gunthorpe! Every time you shop, Asda will donate a percentage of your spend to the school. This will go straight to FOGS and support future projects. So far you have already collected over £100, so thank you!



PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SHOP

We will be re-starting the pre-loved uniform shop once a month for parents and carers to purchase different items. This will take place on the first Friday of each month, the first one being this Friday 4th Oct. The stock will be out in the school hall before the Toddler group starts, please arrive from 9am-11am. If you have items that your child has outgrown but would be suitable, please drop them in to the office.

GMP (Gunthorpe Members of Parliament)



Well done to our brand new GMPs:

Infants: Poppy and Tilda

Junior 1: Rupert, Kitty, Jasmine, Ben

Junior 2: Archie, Alyssa, Dylan, Ava

They have already helped with the vote count for the Gunthorpe flag and we have had our first meeting to discuss the idea of a film night before Christmas. The Year 6 children will also represent the school next week at County hall when all Rushcliffe schools come together to debate diverse topics such as, should holidays be taken in term time and which school pudding is the best!

GOVERNOR VACANCY

A message from our Governing Body:

We are looking for an enthusiastic and objective person to join our Local Governing Body as a Trust-appointed governor. This is a fantastic opportunity for someone who cares about the strategic direction of local education and wants to make a difference in the lives of our pupils.

You don't need specific skills or experience to become a governor, however we would especially love to hear from people with professional knowledge of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Whilst this is desirable skill, it is not essential as what matters most is your commitment to supporting the school, working as part of a team, and being a critical friend.

If you feel you can support Gunthorpe C of E Primary School and contribute to the success of our pupils, we'd love to hear from you! For more information, an informal chat or to apply please contact the Chair of Governors, Tara Cook or the Headteacher, Mel Brown by e mailing office@gunthorpe.notts.sch.uk

PARENTS EVENING

Just a reminder that it is parents evening in the last week of term. We have sent slips out in book bags for you to complete. We will let you know your child's time next week. The slots will be 10 mins long and teachers will be in the hall. We hope you can make it as we love sharing your child's progress.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4th Oct – Pre-loved Uniform shop in the hall @9am

9th Oct – school photos

14th Oct – parents evening (All)

15th Oct – parents evening (Juniors & Inf 1)

16th Oct – parents evening (Infant 1 & 2)

16th Oct – Junior 2 Trip to Southwell Minster (Earth and Space day)

17th Oct – Dogs Trust workshops

18th Oct – Break the rules Day

18th Oct – Last day of term

4th Nov – Inset Day

5th Nov – Children return to school

7th Nov – FOGS meeting @ Lowdhams 9.30am

8th Nov – Christmas pre-loved shop after school

11th Nov – Odd socks day (as part of Anti Bullying week)

14th Nov – open morning for reception children 2025 (9.30–11.30)

15th Nov – Children In Need

18th Nov – Flu vaccinations (pm)

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