

GUNTHORPE C OF E

NEWSLETTER



WELCOME BACK

Dear Parents and carers, it is, as always lovely to see all the children back in school. We give a big Gunthorpe welcome to all our new families and children that have just joined the school. We have had 1 child in Year 2, 2 in Year 4 and 5 in Year 5. We talked in collective worship this week about our news from over the summer, including holidays and watching the Olympics and Paralympics. I also talked with the children about the riots that our country faced and how communities came together to support with the clear up in the aftermath. We discussed our school community and the children's comments about feeling cared for, supported and valued made my heart sing! Here's to another great year. Take care Mrs Brown x

FOGS NEWS

Friends of Gunthorpe School (FOGS) will be holding their next meeting straight after drop off on Thursday 12th sept in the school hall. You really are welcome to come and join, no experience necessary, we love new faces!

UNIFORM

We have high expectations of the children and when it comes to their appearance we expect them to wear the Gunthorpe uniform with pride. It was brilliant to see so many smart children this week and we ask that they continue to adhere to the uniform policy. This includes keeping trainers and cycling shorts to PE days.

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

A quick reminder to let us know about your breakfast and afterschool club needs. There are some nights that haven't got any bookings so we won't be staffing it unless you can let us know in advance of the day. Please advise us of any regular bookings you will require. Data sheets will be coming home shortly and need to be checked and sent back in. We want to increase our exposure on social media so its vital we know if you give permission for your child's photo to be used.

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SITE

Over the summer we have had new perimeter fencing installed around the school. We are really pleased with the increased security this offers us. The gates are being installed this week and we have been told this work is due to be completed on Friday. During the October half term there will be stage 2 of the project to automate the pedestrian gates in the car park with the school office. In addition, Mr Brewster has painted the staff toilets and done a deep clean of the school. He has also painted some fencing and cleaned the bike shed.

We would always welcome the support of parents to maintain the school grounds and site. If you feel you have any skills that may be beneficial and would like to volunteer some time, please see Mrs Sanders in the school office.

FAMILY FUN DAY

In addition to our school celebrations, the village will also be holding a family fun day on the 21st September on the village field. There will be a bouncy castle, tug of war and some team games to get involved in. The village hall will also be open for refreshments.



150 YEAR CELEBRATION

This year marks 50 years of our school site and as previously mentioned we believe there has been a school in Gunthorpe for around 150 years. Our celebration of the school is set for Saturday 21st Sept and the school will be open for you to visit between 1-3pm

The children have been busy designing a flag to mark the occasion and we are completing work about the day in the life of. This links to historical memories given to us about the life of the school. We will also have a chocolate tombola on the day. We will be holding a non uniform day on Fri 13th, please donate chocolate on this day, for the tombola. Please share with villagers as everyone is welcome!

GMP's (Gunthorpe Members of Parliament)

We will once again be electing pupil parliament in all year groups from Yr 2-6. For children in Year 3-6, any child wishing to be selected for the post as a representative of their year group will talk to their class about the reasons(s) they would like to be elected. There is no formal presentation expected but the children are more than welcome to prepare a few words if it helps them. They will be given the opportunity by their class teacher to stand up and explain their reasons for being member of our parliament and what attributes they think they would bring to the post. The standard was very high last year. Presentations will take place in class on the wk comm 16th sept 2024.

YOUNG VOICES

It is that time of year again where children have the opportunity to be part of a 5000 strong choir. This year we will be taking 22 children from Year 3-6 to Sheffield arena on Thursday 13th Feb 2025. We leave school late morning and usually arrive back around 11pm that night. There will be approximately 13 songs to learn plus choreography. We will practise these songs during weekly lunchtime sessions, so children will need to commit to this each week. In addition we will expect the children to work on the songs at home in their own time. We anticipate the cost to be around £20 to cover the cost of the coach. T-shirts and torches will be optional and cost around £15. Tickets for parents to come and watch will also be available. Parentpay will go live at 3.30pm on Wed 11th September and a deposit of £10 is required at this time. Once 22 places have been reserved the booking will close. We will send out confirmation to those children and more information in the next few weeks.

ASDA APP

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10th Sept – Swimming starts for Junior 2 and Infant 2

12th Sept – FOGS meeting in school @9am

13th Sept – Non-uniform day (donate a chocolate bar)

21st Sept – 150 year school celebration (1pm–3pm) and family fun day

25th Sept – Wellbeing workshops for Junior 1 & 2

2nd Oct – Harvest Festival @2.30pm in school hall

9th Oct – school photos

14th Oct – parents evening (All)

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

16th Oct – parents evening (Infant 2)

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

18th Oct – Break up for half term

4th Nov – Inset Day

5th Nov – Children return to 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

20th Dec – Break up for Christmas

More information on Christmas plans in Oct Newsletter