

Friday 8th October 2021

Dear Parents,

'Hello Yellow' - Mental Health day

It was lovely to see a glow of yellow through school this morning as children came into class! Assemblies today have focused on wellbeing, looking after ourselves and encouraging children to talk about their feelings. The children have learnt that healthy minds are as important as healthy bodies as well as the importance of sharing any worries with friends and trusted adults.



Parent Consultation Evenings

The Autumn Term parent consultations will be online. These consultations will be 10 minutes in length and will allow you to talk with your child's class teacher/s about their start to the school year, the progress they are making and any target areas to focus upon which will support your child with their learning at school.

Parent consultations will take place on **Tuesday 19th October and Wednesday 20th October** between 3:45 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Bolton will also be available for those Y5 and Y6 children who are in her maths groups. **The Parents Evening Booking system goes live today - Friday 8th October at 6p.m.** and closes on Monday 18th October.

A guidance sheet is attached with this school newsletter - this should guide you through the process of booking an appointment should you need any help. Please find the following link to access the booking system <https://gilesbrook.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

When the system goes live **at 6p.m this evening**, you should also receive an automated message from SchoolCloud. Hopefully, booking will be straight forward but if you encounter any problems, please let the school office know by email on Monday and we will try to address any difficulties swiftly. To secure a time slot that suits you - particularly if you have more than one child in our school - please book your appointment as soon as you are able to do so.

Parent Workshops

Reading/Phonics Workshop for Y1 and Y2 Parents

Many thanks to those of you who came along to this meeting. The presentation used will shortly be available on our Website under Curriculum; Reading.

Reading Meeting -Foundation Stage Parents - **New date!** Monday 1st November 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

This meeting will now take place after half term. If your child is in our Foundation Stage, they will be bringing home a letter containing further information. Please return the permission slip if you are able to attend. Thank you.

Maths Parent Workshops - November 2021

A reminder that we have two maths workshops for parents in the early part of next half term - Monday 8th November and Tuesday 9th November. Further information will follow shortly.

Adventure Playground

We have a great adventure playground on our school grounds which the children love. In school, we only allow children in Y2 upwards to access this area and the younger children use the trim trail. This play space is also supervised at playtime and lunchtimes and limited to 30 children. If you do choose to allow your child to use this area after school, please bear the above in mind. Please also ensure that you supervise your child whilst they are using the equipment. Thank you.

Secondary School applications for September 2022 (Y6 transferring to Y7)

The deadline for applications for a secondary school place is October 31st. If your child is in Year 6 and you have not submitted your application yet, please do not forget to do so. Information about local schools and their admission criteria can be found on the council's [admissions webpage](#) along with advice and guidance about the process and timelines.

Every year some families in MK fail to make an application on time. This means that children may not be allocated one of their preferences. Please ensure your application meets the deadline. All applications must be completed via the [online portal](#).

Recorders -Y4 and Y3

Children in Y4 will start to learn the recorder in their music lessons after the October half term. Children in Y3 will also have whole class recorder lessons from January. Children will require a descant recorder. There are a variety of makes on the market - Aulos and Hornby are both good makes - and recorders can be purchased for between £4 - £8. Whilst we advise that it is best for your child to have their own recorder, we do have recorders in school which can be borrowed for lessons. These are cleaned over a 24 hour period between use. A good Christmas present for our Y3 children perhaps?



Parking

In order to maximise space in the carpark, please do not park across the double parking bays. This reduces the space available to others. Thank you. In these double bays, please also ensure the car parked in front is not left unattended so that people do not get blocked in. As I said last week, it isn't an ideal arrangement but one we all have to work with. Thank you for your understanding!

We had some very smiley faces on Thursday for our school photos! I just loved the way our older children looked after and sorted out their younger brothers and sisters for the group photos - there was such care, kindness and pride shown as they organised themselves and checked hair was straight and uniform tidy - absolutely gorgeous!

I cannot believe we have just 2 weeks of this half term left!
Enjoy the weekend.

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