

Friday 10th December 2021

Dear Parent,

Well, the last week of term is almost upon us!

Please find the dates and times for Christmas singing on the playground - let's hope we have a nice dry week and the weather doesn't cause us any problems! Children in Y3,4,5 and Y6 may bring a Christmas hat, tinsel or something Christmassy to wear for their Carol singing on Monday or Tuesday. Dates and times are below: -

Monday 13th December - Y3/4 Carols on the Playground at 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday 14th December - Y5/6 Carols on the Semi Circle Playground at 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday 15th December - Year 2 singing on the playground at 2:45 p.m.

Thursday 16th December - Year 1 singing on the playground at 2:45 p.m.

Friday 17th December - Foundation singing on the playground at 2:45 p.m.



Whilst we will be outside for our singing, we still encourage you to maintain sensible distancing measures and bring a face covering with you. We all need to take the measures required to keep our families as safe as possible - especially with the recent announcements. Despite ensuring the singing takes place in smaller groups this year, there may still be a number of people on the playground at one time. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 17th December

Next Friday, children are welcome to come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers if they wish to do so - alternatively, something Christmassy would also be fine. Please note that there have been some changes to PE days at the end of the week so, if your child is due to do PE on Friday, please make sure they have jogging bottoms and trainers on with their Christmassy tops. Thank you!

Y6 and Y5 will have PE on Thursday, Y3 and Y4 will have PE on Friday.

Giles Brook Friends Association Christmas Shop



The Christmas Shop has been a huge success this year with our Friends making several more trips to the shops in recent days to restock! We must have sold over 1000 presents, all of which have been wrapped carefully by the Friends Association with gift tags and bows provided too. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and I hope you all enjoy your gifts when Christmas Day comes around! Many thanks go to the Friends for their enormous amount of hard work in making this a great experience for our children.

Second hand Uniform

In the New Year, the Friends Association will be setting up a second-hand uniform shop, initially for GBS branded items. Any clean, good quality uniform your child grows out of would be warmly received from the start of the new term. Please hand in at the main office in a bag clearly marked for 'The Friends'. We hope this will give you, as parents, the option to replace items and keep the costs down.

Further information will follow in January.

Flu Immunisation

A reminder that flu immunisation will take place on Wednesday 15th December 2021 for those children whose parents have registered.

Attendance and Lateness

Today, letters are being sent home with those children whose attendance or lateness has registered concern. We are statutorily obliged to inform parents if any child's attendance falls below 95%. Good attendance is deemed as 95%+, below 90% becomes a serious concern. Whilst we appreciate there may have been authorised absences due to illness, it is still important that we keep you informed of your child's current attendance if it falls below the 95% marker. Thank you for your support.

Cultural Resources Request

At Giles Brook we have many families from different parts of the world and many different cultures. After the holiday period, if you have any empty food containers, unused books or any other items that you feel are only found outside of the UK, and you are willing to pass them on, we would happily take them off your hands for our classroom resources. Many thanks!

Missing Shoe!

We have a young man in Year 5 who is missing one size 6F black Clarks shoe with velcro fittings. This appears to have been lost in After School sport last week. Please can I ask you to check your child's PE bags/sports bags to see if this has been brought home in error. Prompt return would be appreciated. Thank you.

Have an enjoyable weekend - probably a busy one I expect - in the run up to the Christmas festivities!

Kind regards

Angie

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