

Friday 12th November 2021

Dear Parents,

The National Space Centre - Year 4 - Tuesday 16th November 2021

Having risk assessed this educational visit, I am pleased to say that this visit will go ahead next Tuesday 16th November. I know the children and staff are delighted as it really is a great way to support their learning. Prompt payment would be appreciated as permission and payment are now overdue. Providing there are no changes to guidance, the Year 5 visit to Silverstone on Wednesday 24th November will also go ahead.

Tree Planting for the Environment

Our KS2 School Council, Eco Council and Park Rangers will be heading off to Middleton on Monday to plant some trees with the Parks Trust. I have been talking to some members of our Eco Council following COP26 and we will be looking at the changes we, at Giles Brook, can make to reduce our carbon footprint. We will let you know as these things get underway.

Christmas Cards

Thank you to all parents who have returned Christmas cards for ordering. We had some gorgeous designs this year - a lovely way to share your child's work with friends and relatives this Christmas time.

The deadline for orders is **Monday 15th November**. Please ensure that you have sent envelopes and payment in by Monday at the latest so that these can be sent off and processed. Thank you.



Anti-Bullying Week

Monday is the start of Anti-Bullying week. Our School Council would like us all (pupils and staff) to wear **odd socks on Monday** to help us acknowledge and celebrate our differences.

This year's theme is **'One Kind Word'** and one child in each class will have an opportunity to win a bar of chocolate on Friday if their kind words have been heard across the week. Each class will be further developing our children's understanding of bullying and how we can help each other if we ever see, or are involved, in bullying incidents in and outside of school.



Children in Need

The School Council felt a **pyjama/onesie day** would be a really good way of raising money for **Children in Need on Friday 19th November** so, if your child would like to take part, please make an online donation (minimum £1) - we will be sending the link out next week. The children always enjoy this day and are already looking forward to wearing their pyjamas! Thank you for your support, as always.

Scholastic Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from Wednesday 24th to Tuesday 30th November inclusive. We will be running it a little differently this year due to the current restrictions. The pupils will browse the Book Fair with their class, write their choice on the Wish List along with the price then take it home for parents to pay online. The Wish List comes back into school with the payment reference, then we take the books off the cases and send them home with your child. If the books are for presents, we can keep them in the Office for you to collect. There will also be an opportunity for you to buy directly from the

Book Fair using their Book Fair Invitation. All books sold generate much needed rewards for us to spend on books for school. Further details will follow next week.



Foundation Stage visit to Chiki Ceramiki

Our Foundation children had their first visit out of school this week. They had a great time at Chiki Ceramiki and thoroughly enjoyed painting their Christmas decorations. They were all very excited and made the most of the experience - super manners and behaviour all round.

Well done to all our Ladybirds and Butterflies!

Keys

Three sets of keys have been found in the pockets of lost property. Please contact the office if your child has lost any keys. Thank you.

Thank you to all parents who have responded to the Covid communications in the last week. Whilst we have had a small cluster of cases there has been no further spread within school - PHE state that these cases are most likely to have been connected to activity over the half term break. We have now had our delivery of carbon dioxide monitors which have been placed in each classroom to monitor the air quality - this will help to support the good practice with ventilation which is already in place.

Best wishes – have a good weekend!

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