

Friday 15th October 2021

Dear Parents,

Parent Consultation Evenings

Despite a few unforeseen technical issues, the Parents Evening Booking system went live last Friday. Bookings close on Monday 18th October. Parent consultation evenings are on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th between 3:45 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. It is really important that our teachers are able to meet with parents, especially at this time of year, so, if you have not made an appointment already, please book as soon as you are able to do so. If you have any difficulties, please speak with your child's class teacher. Thank you.

Friends Association - GBFA

Cake Sale - Thursday 21st November



The GBFA Cake Sale returns on Thursday 21st October after school in the playground - all cakes are just 50p. We have had some amazing cake donations in the past and we would be grateful for any donations for Thursday's sale whether made or bought. No nuts please. Please drop cakes off at reception on Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning. Thanks for your support.....it will be a nice way to end the term!

Half Term Competition

The Friends will be holding a competition over half term, which will be announced on Google Classrooms and Tapestry. They invite you to upload a photo of your well decorated or well carved pumpkin! Look out for further information next week - there will be a prize for the best pumpkin in each year group!



Festival of Light - Lantern Making workshop - Tuesday 2nd November

The Friends will be running a lantern making workshop for children in Foundation to Y6. Lanterns will be made out of all sorts of arts and craft materials and will be brought home afterwards. The session will take place directly after school on Tuesday 2nd November until 4:45p.m and will include a small snack of fruit and crisps or a biscuit. The workshop is £3.00 per child. We have limited places - if your child would like to attend, please book and pay via School Gateway which goes live today. Please search under Clubs. Thank you!

Reading Meeting - Foundation Stage Parents - Monday 1st November 2021 **at 6:00 p.m.**

Please note that this meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. as per the letter sent to Foundation Parents. It was incorrectly advertised in the newsletter last week.

Maths Parent Workshops - November 2021

See how maths is taught at school and understand how you can help at home!

Monday 8th November 6p.m - Maths for parents of children in Y1, Y2 and Y3

Tuesday 9th November 6p.m - Maths for parents of children in Y4, Y5 and Y6

We have limited spaces so please book if you would like to come along. We request just one parent per family so we can maintain sensible distancing in the hall. Thank you!

Bookings for these parent workshops can be made on School Gateway which goes live today.

Please search under Clubs. Thank you!

Many thanks to Safesmart!

We are very grateful to Safesmart for the Giles Brook PE Sports T-Shirts, which will now support our children who go on to represent Giles Brook in sporting competitions this year. Our Sports Council met with members of Safesmart representatives as they presented this prize to our school. Thanks Safesmart!



Cross Country - Saturday 16th October

Tomorrow, twenty four of our older children will be representing Giles Brook in Inter-Schools Cross Country Championships at the MK Bowl. Our lovely new sports kit will be on show! Come along and support our children if you can! Giles Brook will be competing between 11:40 a.m. and 2p.m. Good luck to everyone taking part!

P.E Sessions Y3 and Y5

Next week, Y3 and Y5 children will have PE on Tuesday as Friday is an INSET day. Please send them in wearing their PE kit. Thank you.

P.E. Clothing

As the cold weather is approaching, we are beginning to see a varied range of PE clothes on PE days. A reminder that children should be wearing PE kit in line with our school uniform. Children may wear dark blue or black shorts or alternatively plain dark blue/black tracksuit, jogging bottoms or leggings. They may wear white T shirts, polo shirts (with or without the school logo) or the blue Giles Brook PE T-shirts. To stay warm, they can wear school fleeces or school sweatshirts on P.E days or any plain black or blue sweatshirt or hoodie. Many thanks for your support.

Flu Vaccinations

We've been advised by the NHS that they are postponing immunisations in order to prioritise the 11-15 year old age group. They cannot yet confirm alternative arrangements for immunisation at Giles Brook however, once we receive a date from them, we will let you know.

Breakfast Club

If your child attends Breakfast Club and requires breakfast, we ask that your child arrives in school by 8.20 a.m. at the latest to ensure that they have time to eat breakfast prior to going to class. Thank you.

After School, Breakfast Club and Sports Club bookings - November 2021

Club bookings are now open to book for the next half term. If you have any queries please contact the school office.

Music Hub MK

If you wish to contact the Music Hub/MK Music Co-op to find more information about musical opportunities in the area at weekends and outside of school hours, please find the details attached with this letter. The MK Music Hub is funded by the Department of Education.

A reminder that school closes for the half term break next **Thursday** - Thursday 21st October and re-opens to children on Monday 1st November.

Best wishes

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