

Friday 19th November 2021

Dear Parents,

### Children in Need!

Many thanks for your support today for Children in Need. The children looked amazing in a wide range of pyjamas and onesies. If you haven't yet donated and wish to do so, please use the following link: - <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=4828> If you sent £1 in this morning with your child, we will make sure this goes to this worthy cause.



### Governor Awards

Our Governors are proud to announce the Autumn Term Governor's Award. The question to consider this half term is: 'Who has inspired you to try something new?' Children are welcome to nominate any member of our school community - adult or child - please see the attached information sheet from our Governors to find out how to get involved.



### Giles Brook Friends Association Fundraising

Whilst you are shopping online remember we have two easy ways to raise funds for the school. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> and [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk) are both completely free to use and a percentage of your total spend is donated to the school on your behalf. Please see the attached guide on how to use each one. Collectively our amazing parents have already raised over £2000 through these two websites at no additional cost to them at all. All monies go back into the school to support new projects such as investing in further playground and trim trail equipment.

The Friends are also delighted to announce that our recent **cake sale** raised an amazing £372.00! Many thanks for all the pumpkin pictures too - prizes will go out on Monday to our worthy winners! Please note that the advertised **Film Night** has been postponed and will now take place in the Spring Term. The Friends will be running their **Christmas Shop** this year and further details will follow next week.

### Christmas Performances

Due to the restrictions placed upon us, unfortunately, we are not going to be able to run our live Christmas Performances again this year. These performances will still go ahead in school time and will be filmed and shared with you electronically. The children will still have the opportunity to perform, speak, dance, sing and take part with their peers - this is an important part of our curriculum. Whilst I'm sure you are as disappointed as I am, it is important that we adhere to the measures in place to keep all our children, families and school community safe.

### PE sessions with class teachers Y1-Y6

Indoor P.E. sessions with teachers are usually based upon gymnastics and dance. As gymnastics involves the use of equipment for climbing, jumping etc. - for safety reasons - children should not wear

jogging bottoms. Please ensure your child wears shorts under their jogging bottoms on days that the class will be doing gymnastics. Curriculum newsletters at the beginning of each term state what aspects of PE are being taught each half term. Thanks for your support.

### **Ladybirds and Butterflies - drop off**

In the interest of safety on the playground, please could parents avoid coming alongside the Foundation Stage windows to wave goodbye while the Y4 children are lining up to come into school. The Y4 lines enter just after 8:50 p.m. in the morning - you are welcome to do goodbye waves once the children have entered. This helps keep everyone as safe as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Request!**

We are running very low on spare tights and pants for both boys and girls. We always keep a store of these items in school to support unexpected accidents with the little ones. If your child grows out of any of these items and they are still in good condition (mainly aged 4-7), we would be happy to take these off your hands. Thank you.

### **Book Fair**

The Book Fair arrives next Wednesday - this will be open to the children during school hours. The children will browse the Book Fair with their class, write their choices on a Wish List form along with the price, and then bring this home so that you can pay for any books you wish to purchase 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. We are hoping that this new system runs smoothly.

### **Queen's Jubilee**

Next year, we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. To mark her 70 years of service, the Government announced a further bank holiday to celebrate this event. As this falls in the June half term holiday, an extra day has been granted for schools. Giles Brook will take this extra day on Monday 28th February 2022. Please make amendments to the school calendar - the Spring half term break will now run from the end of Friday 18th February to Tuesday 1st March 2022.

### **Parking**

We are again receiving phone calls from local residents regarding parking - people parking **on** other people's drives, blocking parked cars in who are parked in the parking bays on Portishead Drive and drivers using their horn continuously. Please consider our local residents when parking and ensure you are parked safely and appropriately. Thank you.

Finally, don't forget that there is a **Christmas Fair at Tattenhoe Pavilion this evening from 5p.m. until 9 p.m.** All vendors are handpicked, small, local businesses selling a range of gifts. Cash is preferred as not all vendors have card facilities and proceeds from the sale of mulled wine and raffle tickets go to good causes such as Willen Hospice. A good way to get going with your Christmas shopping!



Have a lovely weekend.

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