

Friday 24th September 2021

Dear Parents,

Pupil Voice

What a busy week we have had with all our nominations for different school councils and other roles too - digital leaders; the arts; librarians; sports leaders and Parks Trust representatives to name a few! A big **'Well Done'** to everyone who put their name forward - we are extremely proud of all our children for expressing their interest - even if they weren't successful this time round.

Our School and Eco Council representatives for 2021-22 are as follows: -

School Council:

Ruby and Harriet (Y1), Eva and Jack (Y2), Kaiya and Eleanor (Y3), Thomas and Venkat (Y4), Ethan, Millie and Livia (Y5) and Lethabo and Ibaad (Y6)

Eco Council:

Betty and Sophie (Y3), Lucy and Riley (Y4), Rhys and Heba (Y5) and George (Y6)

Y6 House Captains will be announced next week.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

It was lovely to see so many people this morning enjoying a cup of coffee and a chat. Thank you to those of you who baked cakes and donated and to everyone who came along. All monies go to Macmillan - we will let you know the total next week. Thank you!

Harvest Celebrations

Next week, we will be celebrating Harvest. Mike Morris from the Watling Valley Ecumenical Partnership will be coming into school to lead assemblies and we will be having our usual collection of food items in aid of the Food cupboard at St Mary's Church in Bletchley. After the huge success of our outside Harvest table, we invite Harvest offerings on Friday morning - these can be put directly onto the table which will be on the playground at the bottom of the path. Items should be either tins or packets so that they can be stored.



The Food Cupboard volunteers are desperately in need of items such as pasta sauce, tinned vegetables, tinned corned beef/stewed steak/savoury mince, rice, tea bags, squash, jam, custard and cereals. Please see the accompanying letter for guidance - thank you in advance for your support.



Friends Association AGM - Tuesday 28th September 6:30 p.m.

A reminder that we will be holding our Giles Brook Friends Association Annual meeting on Tuesday 28th September. If you would like to find out more about our Friends Committee or could offer some time to support our school we would love to hear from you!

No pressure on roles or signing up for anything - just come along and find out how the Friends of Giles Brook get involved with our school. We really want to make this a year for our children and we are very open to any new ideas!

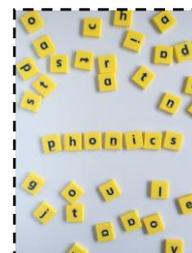
Cheese, wine and nibbles before the meeting - everyone is welcome!

Y3 Sports Day

What a lovely afternoon our Y3 children have had today - in glorious sunshine too! Our new Y2 children thoroughly enjoyed seeing the Y3s in their races and were so supportive. I think however, Mrs. Dinsey and Miss Ritchie were definitely cheering the loudest! Well done Y3!

Reading/Phonics Workshop for Y1 and Y2 Parents - Monday 4th October 6p.m.

Nikki Kendall, our reading lead, and the Y/2 team will be holding a meeting for Y1 and Y2 parents to share information on the teaching of reading and phonics. Parents in these year groups should have already received a letter regarding this. It will be lovely to see as many people as possible so please do sign up if you are able to attend. There will be lots of ideas as to how you can support your child at home too.



Free School Meals

All children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to receive school meals at no cost to you. This is a **universal** entitlement for all infant aged children. Entitlement to Free School Meals for children in Year 3 and above is not universal. Parents need to make a separate application and eligibility will be dependent on the benefits received.

Who is eligible? Parents entitled to:

- Income Support
- Employment & Support Allowance – Income related
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance (not Contribution Based JSA)
- Child Tax Credit only (with a combined family income of less than £16,190 per annum as assessed by HM Revenues & Customs) Please note, anyone receiving Working Tax Credit, regardless of income, will not qualify for free school meals.
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you receive)
- National Asylum Seekers Support (NASS)
- Guaranteed Element of Pension Tax Credit

How do I apply? Please contact us for details of how to apply or go directly to the following link:-

<http://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

If you are a parent receiving one of the benefits listed, your child will also be eligible for Pupil Premium funding. We recommend that you click on the link and apply if you are entitled - whatever year group your child is in - as this will bring extra funds into our school to pay for targeted support for learning, support with music tuition, school uniform and school visits. If you are eligible, please apply before Wednesday 6th October. Thank you.

Parking

We have two accessible parking bays/disabled bays in the front carpark. Please ensure that these are not used as general parking and that they are left free for the use of our parents and carers with genuine needs. Thank you in advance.

Well done to our Foundation and Nursery children who have completed their first full week - no doubt there will be a few very tired children this evening!

Have a lovely weekend.

Angie

Angie Bailey

Deputy Headteacher/Head of School