



Giles Brook School

NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**



Many people have been touched by cancer and monies raised by this charity help fund their amazing Macmillan nurses, answer calls on their Support Line, give financial support, and more. The coffee morning will be held in the school hall next Friday from 9am to 10am. Please pop in once you have dropped your children off at school for coffee, cake and a natter. Donations of cakes will be gratefully received on Thursday or Friday morning.

ICE PACKS

IF YOU HAVE ANY SCHOOL ICE PACKS AT HOME, PLEASE CAN YOU RETURN THEM? WE ARE RUNNING LOW! THANK YOU!

Google Classrooms

Your child should now have access to Google Classrooms which is one way that we can set homework or provide additional learning opportunities for them.

If your child will be using a personal device of yours e.g. mobile phone, please ensure that you do not synchronise the accounts. We have to monitor our pupils' accounts to ensure nothing inappropriate has been accidentally, or deliberately, downloaded and there have been a few occasions last year where parents' personal photos and information had been uploaded to their child's accounts accidentally. You may also find that their Google account won't work until the 'device has been approved by admin'. If this hasn't been approved within two days please email the office so that it can be approved by us.



READING VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!

As part of our commitment to ensuring that all our children become fluent readers, we are looking for some volunteers to read on a one-to-one basis each week with children from Years 2 to 6. Learning to read is one of the most valuable things a child can learn as it allows them to access learning across the curriculum and unlocks doors of opportunity for them. All volunteers will need to have a Disclosing and Barring Service check (DBS) which will be provided through school. If you are able to spare some time each week on a regular basis (same day/time for at least a half a term or a term) please complete the form below.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSffSXHcTEvGTgVglt6ctLRJCQ3BeuwdXO3I_wgijrUe7Cstpg/viewform?usp=pp_url

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR PUPIL PREMIUM?

Parents and carers who receive certain benefits may be eligible for either Pupil Premium funding or Free School Meals.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children receive free school meals at no cost to you. This is a universal entitlement for all infant aged children. By applying for free school meals for children in these year groups, parents receiving one of the welfare benefits listed below will be eligible for Pupil Premium funding. This is extra money for the school, provided by government, to pay for targeted support for learning.

Year 3 and above children receive free school meals if the parent/carer is receiving one of the welfare benefits listed below.

You can check if your child is eligible by clicking: www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims

Take a moment to check



Phonics Workshops

The children in Reception and Year 1 are using Essential Letters and Sounds for their phonics teaching in school. This phonics programme supports the children in progressing to become fluent and confident readers. We will be holding Parent Workshops on how phonics is taught in school and how you can further support your child with their phonics learning and reading at home. This will include phoneme pronunciation and rhymes, harder to read and spell words, reading with your child at home using decodable reading books and reading for pleasure. We strongly recommend that you attend the meeting if you are able to do so. These meetings will run as follows in the school hall:

Reception Parents - Thursday 28th September 2023 - 6pm to 6.45pm

Year 1 Parents - Tuesday 3rd October 2023 - 6pm to 6.45pm

SAVE THE DATE

- 26.09.23 Y4 visit Bradwell Abbey (Anglo Saxons)
- 29.09.23 Macmillan coffee morning
- 03.10.23 YrR - Y6 Flu immunisations
- 06.10.23 Y5 visit Silverstone Experience
- 06.10.23 Harvest collection
- 10.10.23 World Mental Health day
- 11.10.23 Yr 6 residential parents meeting (6pm)
- 16.10.23 Parent consultation evenings
- 16.10.23 Scholastic Book Fair commences
- 17.10.23 Y3 visit Safety Centre
- 18.10.23 Willow class parents evening
- 19.10.23 Parent consultation evenings
- 20.10.23 School closes for half term
- 31.10.23 School reopens
- 02.11.23 Y6 visit Oxford Natural History and Pitt Rivers Museums
- 06.11.23 Birch class swimming lessons - every Monday for 6 weeks
- 14.11.23 Y4 visit the Space Centre
- 17.11.23 Children in Need



Last Friday I had the great pleasure in taking some Year 3 and 4s to our first fixture of the year to play Tag Rugby at TMA. The children did the school so proud and the enthusiasm and knowledge of the sport was clear to see. Well done to all the children that took part but especially Maya and Sienna for their amazing running with the ball! *Nick*



CHRISTMAS DATES

- 5.12.23 Reception Christmas performance to parents (2pm & 6pm)
- 12.12.23 KS1 Christmas performance to parents (2pm & 6pm)
- 13.12.23 Christmas lunch
- 14.12.23 Y3 visit MK Theatre (pantomime)
- 19.12.23 Reception visit The Stables (Hansel and Gretel)
- 21.12.23 KS2 Carols on the playground (2.45pm)
- 22.12.23 School closes for the Christmas break

JOIN US



SEN coffee morning
Wednesday 18th October
at 9am.

Parent Lite

If you have not already signed up to Parent Lite, you will shortly receive an emailed invitation. Please see the guide link below which explains how to register once you receive your invitation email.

<https://www.osmis.co.uk/parent-app-lite-parents-guide>