



Giles Brook School

# NEWSLETTER



## Children in Need (17th November)

Friday is the day for being 'Spotacular'! Our School Council had a chat with their classes and decided on how we, as a school, could raise money for Children In Need and the decision was that everyone can wear their own clothes (no football kits please) with a few spots - these can be on one or all of your child's clothes or maybe a few face painted on your face. Please make a minimum donation of £1 by clicking on this link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=11749> (or bring a donation in to school)

## Attendance Matters!

At Giles Brook we place great importance on good attendance and punctuality. We know that a child's attendance has a direct impact on their learning. Those children who are regularly late or absent from school do not achieve their potential and do fall behind in class. An attendance rate of 90% means that your child is missing half a day per week of learning.

Letters will be sent home today informing you if your child has an attendance rate below 95%. We do understand that at this time of year there's illnesses circulating or there has been extenuating circumstances, but it is important that you are kept informed. We are monitoring very carefully those children's whose attendance rate is below 90%. Our attendance policy is on the website should you require further information. Thank you.



## Anti Bullying Week

This year's theme is Make A Noise About Bullying. A reminder that on Monday, we are encouraging everyone to wear odd socks to school - this provides the discussion point around differences and how we are all unique.

Various activities will take place across the week to support your child in knowing how to recognise, prevent and stop bullying by 'making a noise' about it. To support the children's understanding, we will use the resources that are signposted by the Anti-Bullying Alliance.



**A very Happy Diwali to all our families who are celebrating this weekend!**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- 06.11.23 Birch class swimming lessons begin
- 08.11.23 Maths workshops for parents (3.30pm & 6pm)
- 13.11.23 Anti-bullying week begins (odd socks day)
- 14.11.23 Y4 visit the National Space Centre
- 17.11.23 Children in Need
- 20.11.23 Friends Movie Night
- 24.11.23 Friends Auction goes live
- 20.12.23 Rock Steady concerts
- 22.12.23 School closes for Christmas



### 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)
- 14.12.23 Friends Christmas shop
- 15.12.23 Friends Christmas shop
- 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

## *Fabulous finishes!*

We would like to invite parents to share in your child's work at one of our fabulous finishes. More details will be sent to individual year groups nearer the time.

- Nursery: 14.12.23 = 10am
- Year 1: 5.12.23 = 10.30am
- Year 2: 7.12.23 Damsel flies = 9am Dragonflies = 2.45pm
- Year 3: 8.12.23 = 2.30pm
- Year 4: 20.12.23 = 1.55pm
- Year 5: 7.12.23 = 2.30pm
- Year 6: 15.12.23 Elm = 1.30pm Beech = 2.15pm

### This week's sports fixtures

This week we have had two lots of fixtures with our year 5/6 children (and a couple of year 4's).

On Tuesday we welcomed Cold Harbour Primary School to play football against a girls and boys team. In the boys team we welcomed two year 4 boys and we played to a 2-2 draw. Albie played brilliantly and set up both goals, the first was finished by the hard working Olly sliding in at the back post, and the second scored by man of the match Hudson in the dying moments of the game. The girls team won their match 5-0 with player of the match Sophia scoring a hat trick and further goals from Emily and Holly.

On Wednesday after a bit of a kerfuffle when the venue was changed last minute, our year 5/6 rugby teams went to Radcliffe School. This weeks games were honestly amazing. Team A won one game and drew one whilst team B lost one and drew one. Special mentions go to Imogen and Jessica from Team B and Olly and Nia from Team A and again, thank you to Mr Fraser and Mr Kitchener for all their support.





Well done to Eva and Isabella in Year 4 and Evan in Year 3 for improving their accuracy by over 30% in the last week. Brilliant effort also from Micah in Year 3 for playing over an hour of TTRS. Fantastic work!

Next week, pupils in Year 3 - 6 will be taking part in England Rocks! A national competition on TTRS running from the 14th to the 16th of November. We need as many pupils playing as much as possible if we want to secure a top spot. Let's Rock!



Free entry with a free glass of prosecco or orange juice between 5-6.30pm. Great raffle prizes and tickets can be brought on the evening. Over 25 vendors confirmed and we do have a singer performing on the evening. We also have cocktails and a bar with prosecco and mulled wine.

All proceeds will be split between Willen Hospice, MIND BLMK & Henry Allen Trust.



The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ambition, a national survey of children and young people across England.

The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

The Big Ambition survey will be open until Friday 15th December and can be accessed by clicking on the following link: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-ambition/>