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Newsletter *February 2012*

Wow, can't believe it's February and I've almost completed my first term at GHF. What a term it has been too! Quite a few changes have taken place and I'd like to say a big thank you to staff, children, parents and governors for their hard work and support. I hope you all have a lovely half term.

Claire Stylianides

Headteacher

New behaviour policy and our Golden Rules

Pupils have responded brilliantly to our new rules and Stay on Green system - both staff and the School Council agree that they make life much simpler at GHF and help us all to behave well. Last Friday, those children who went for Gold received the first Golden Tickets. With their parents' permission, they will be attending Film Club on Friday 10th which finishes at 4:15pm.

Arts Week

Mrs Wright and Mrs Carson's curriculum team have been busy organising events for our Art's week. On Monday, Sunita Patel was in school delivering India Culture Workshops to Y3 and Y4 pupils. Later in the week all pupils will take part in Bangdrum workshops and make carnival masks, Parents have been invited in to watch a short performance at the end of the day, as follows:

- Wed 2:40pm - Reception, Y1 and Y2 classes
- Thurs 2:45pm - Years, 3, 4, 5 and 6

Reminding you of changes around the school day

- Gates open at 8:30am so you can take your children onto the playground. Staff will be out to supervise from 8:40am.
- Infant lunch time is now 12-1pm to ease up the congestion in the hall.
- Please collect your children from the playground at the end of the day.
- Infant finish times change to 3:15pm from 17th April 2012.

Class Assemblies



The children have loved leading their own class assemblies and we're thrilled by the number of parents who have been coming in to support them. In January we saw 6J, 5/B, 5W and 4J do a brilliant job. Here's a reminder of forthcoming dates:

Thurs 23rd February 3/4GC

Thurs 1st March 3W

Thurs 8th March 2W

Thurs 15th March 1/2M

Thurs 22nd March 1P

Remember, parents of the class involved are invited to come in and watch them **at 2:40pm**.



School Lunches

Lots more children are having hot school lunches since the January taster session. Farm Kitchen have recently launched their competition to design a healthy menu and they will cook and serve the winning entry to the children. Details of the competition, how to order lunches and menus are on the school website or you can always pop into the school office.

Football News

It's been a very successful month for GHF football teams. They have great wins against Belmont and St Mary's and you can read their match reports on



the website. We are especially proud of their fantastic sportsmanship and staff from other schools have complimented them on this. We'd also like to thank Mrs Atter, Mr Lane and Mr Savill for their continued support.

Premier League Reading Stars

Mr Jones has launched his Premier League Reading Stars club which is part of a national initiative to get children reading. The club meets mostly on Tuesdays after school and children wear their favourite sports tops while they find out what their sporting heroes like to read and read similar books.



IMP Family Maths Quiz

In January we hosted the Grantham Heat of the Lincolnshire IMP Family Maths Competition. Well done to Year 5 pupils, Daniel Jackson and Savannah Brook, who took part in a team with their dads, Mr Jackson and Mr Brook, and came 2nd.

Red Carpet Day Fundraiser



On Friday 24th February, children and staff are to come to school dressed up as a famous person or character and bring with them a donation for Grantham St Barnabas Hospice. This is a super opportunity to raise money for a project in our community and the Yorkshire Bank will match the amount of cash we raise. During the day, Sunny the Sunflower, Hannah Martin who is manager of the local Yorkshire Bank and a photographer from the Grantham Journal will be visiting us.

Squash Club for Y3 and Y4



Colin Gibson of the Grantham Squash Club will be running an after school squash club for Y3/4 pupils next term. It will be in our hall on Wednesday's 3:30-4:30pm.

Welcome and Commissioning Ceremony

On Sunday 26th February Mrs Stylianides will be officially commissioned as new headteacher of our school at St Sebastian's Church. Reverend Hopkins will lead the service which will begin at 4:30pm. This will be part of the Sunday family service where tea and cakes are served as usual at 4pm. Please come and join us.

FSA Events

The FSA are busy as usual organising fundraising events. Next month they will be holding their Family Bingo evening and an Indulgence Evening in April just for grown-ups. If you're interested in joining the committee, their next meeting will be in school on Friday 9th March at 2pm.

A Fresh Start

At half term, the decorators will be in our Reception classes. This marks the beginning of our refurbishment programme to freshen up the school environment and we're all very excited.



Bringing the news to you

Thank you for all your lovely compliments for our new monthly newsletter and our new improved website. Thanks to Mrs Buck and our Webmaster, the website changes almost daily - so keep checking in! www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk

Dates For Your Diaries

Fri 10 th Feb	- End of Term 3
Mon 20 th Feb	- Term 4 begins
Fri 24 th Feb	- Red Carpet 'Fancy Dress' Day
Sun 26 th Feb	- Commissioning Ceremony
Friday 2 nd Mar	- Fire Safety workshops for Y2 and Y6
Tues 6 th Mar	- Partake Theatre Workshop for KS1
Wed 7 th Mar	- Y3/4 Grantham Music Festival
Mon 12 th Mar	- Science & Engineering Week
Fri 16 th Mar	- Class Photos
Tues 20 th Mar & Wed 21 st Mar	- Parents' Evening 4-7 pm; Travelling Book Fair and Wexford Uniforms in school
Thurs 22 nd Mar	- FSA Bingo Evening 6:30-8pm
Mon 26 th Mar	- Lincoln Cathedral Performance
Tues 27 th Mar	- Y5 Caythorpe trip (until Fri 30 th) - Y4 at Church School's Festival
Thurs 29 th Mar	- Easter Service at church
Fri 30 th March	- End of term
Tues 17 th April	- School re-opens for children
Tues 27 th April	- FSA Indulgence evening 7-9pm
Mon 7 th May	- May Day Bank Holiday
Mon 14 th May	- SATs Week for all Y6 pupils
Fri 1 st June	- School breaks up – half term
Mon 11 th June	- School re-opens
Mon 25 th June	- Y6 to Scarborough (until Fri 29 th)
Thurs 19 th July	- End of term