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Gonerby Gazette

We have just completed a short but very busy term – especially as we lost two days for the snow! One of the term's highlights was Parents' Evening last week; we had a fantastic turnout and it was brilliant to share all the children's achievements. Thank you to everyone who attended and for all the positive comments. It is great to know that you appreciate all our hard work. We especially thank you for completion of the questionnaires. We are just in the process of analysing the responses to each question and will publish the results, along with our responses, early next term.

Although both children and staff are very tired now, we have ended the term on a high with all the Y3/4 performance, KS2 children visiting St. Seb's for the Easter Experience yesterday and then two lovely Easter services this morning. The children's singing was wonderful!

We hope that you have a super Easter break and don't eat too much chocolate ☺

End of Term Awards

Last week we held our final Celebration assembly of the term and there was a lot to celebrate. On ClassDojo we shared a photographs of the Golden Pen and Magic Pencil winners who have produced some fantastic writing this term. Last week we also presented our Child of the Term awards, as voted by the children in each class – click [here](#) to see the reasons each were chosen.

Grantham Music Festival *By Emma, Year 5*

On the 7th of March 2018, our choir attended the Grantham Music Festival at Finkin Street Church in Grantham. The festival happens every year and is for musicians or singers to attend. We attended the Primary Music Making Afternoon with 10 other schools in the Grantham area and each school had the opportunity to sing or play two songs for each other. The songs that we sang were 'When I Grow Up' and Inanay, an Aboriginal lullaby. We really enjoyed listening to the other schools sing their songs and enjoyed hearing some others play different instruments. We had a great day out!

Football Matches *Ben, Year 5*

Throughout this month, GHF football team have competed in matches with other schools, including Isaac Newton Primary School and St Mary's Primary School. The matches took place on the field at Gonerby Hill Foot school and St Mary's School. Each football team was split into an A team and a B team which means that the footballers were grouped depending on their type of skill set. Although we lost the matches, we had a great time playing against these other schools and enjoyed using the skills that we have learnt in our practice sessions during a match.

Church Schools Festival *By Christina, Year 4*

On Monday 20th of March, Year 4 attended the Church Schools Festival at St. Wulfram's Church in Grantham. There were lots of other local church schools that attended the festival and we all got involved in a range of activities. Each group had 3 activities to do. Some of these included learning about animals, making stain glass windows, acting out a play, playing a game about Jesus on the iPad and learning to make drum beats using superhero names. We sang songs such as 'My Lighthouse' and 'God can do anything'. We all had a great time and really enjoyed the festival.

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Thank you to Liz Boland

We would like to say a huge thank you to Liz Boland for organising a brilliant Church School Festival, as she does every year. Unfortunately, Liz and her family are moving away from Grantham in May so she will be leaving her role as Primary Schools Worker at Grantham Christian Ministries. Liz regularly contributes to our infant services and leads assemblies in school and the children always love to see her and Marvin the Monkey. We will miss Liz and we wish her and her family all the best in their new home.

Y3/4 Performance of Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat *By Sian, Year 5*

On 26th and 27th of March, Year 3 and 4 performed their play 'Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat' at the school. The performance included songs such as 'Any Dream Will Do', 'Close Every Door to Me' and 'One More Angel in Heaven'. The play tells the story of Joseph from the Genesis section of the Bible. Joseph's brothers are jealous of him and his coat so they sell him as a slave to some Ishmaelite's. Joseph ends up in jail but the Pharaoh asks him to interpret one of his dreams, leading to Joseph becoming one of the most powerful men in Egypt. At the end, Joseph is reunited with his father and his brothers.

Year 3 & 4 performed brilliantly in the play and everyone enjoyed listening to the songs and script that they have been practicing over the last few weeks. Some of us even sang along to the words that we knew! We look forward to the next school play!

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Sport Relief *By Carys and Imogen, Year 5*

On Friday 23rd March, GHF raised money in support of Sport Relief, which happens every two years. To raise money, we came to school in our sports gear and ran laps around the playground. We ran 1 mile in total! All classes participated in the mile run and it was great to see so many children (and staff) in their sports gear to support raising money for sport relief. Overall we raised £311 – thank you to everyone for supporting us.

Easter Trail *By Emma, Year 5 and Mia & Corey, Year 3*

On Tuesday 27th of March, Key Stage 2 visited St. Sebastian's Church to take part in an Easter trail. We visited the church one class at a time and completed a walk-through experience of the Easter story. In groups, we started by seeing Jesus and his disciples having their last supper. Then we travelled through Jerusalem to the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed the night before his crucifixion and met a Roman guard. After this, we saw the cross that Jesus was crucified on and the tomb where his body was kept. At the end of the Easter trail, we saw that Jesus had resurrected for 40 days and 40 nights. We also completed some Easter themed colouring and word searches.

We all had a great experience at the church and enjoyed seeing all of the parts of the Easter story, especially the Roman guard!

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FSA Movie Night *By Isabelle, Year 5*

On Friday 23rd of February, the FSA held a film night in the school hall which all the children were invited to attend. The film shown was Despicable Me 3 which appeared to be very popular with the children (and even some of the staff!) and we got to enjoy some tasty snacks including popcorn and juice. We particularly enjoyed the minions who were very funny!

Thank you to the FSA for hosting the film night. We look forward to the next one!

Safer Internet Day *By Imogen and Isabel, Year 5*

On Tuesday the 6th of February, we supported Safer Internet Day. Safer Internet Day is recognised across the world in February of each year to raise awareness of safe ways of using the internet and technology. As part of Safer Internet Day, we took home a survey which we completed with our parents/carers about how we use the internet and whether we felt safe using the internet.

All of the classes discussed ways to stay safe on the internet, for example, not sharing personal information about yourself (your age, address, name of your school) and age restrictions on social media sites to keep children and young people safe. We also spoke about what is considered appropriate behaviour when using the internet and the effects of cyber bullying.

School Uniform

After the holidays pupils may wear their summer uniform, which includes white polo shirts, shorts and red checked gingham dresses. Pupils will need their PE kit in school at all times – especially a pair of trainers as they will get on the field much more. Pupils are not allowed to wear jewellery (including earrings) at any time for health and safety reasons.

If parents need any help with getting uniform for their child, please speak to us at the office.

Admission Arrangements for September 2019

The Executive for Lincolnshire County Council has now determined the admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools for 2019 intake and the coordinated schemes. They have posted these arrangements on www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/admissionsconsultation. Parents can make any objections to the Schools Adjudicator (OSA) by 15 May 2018.

Important Diary Dates

- Children return to school on Monday 16th April
- Sam Ruddock, Paralympian assembly – Thursday 19th April
- Diversity Workshops for Y6 – Wednesday 25th April
- Y3/4 Quorn Kids Healthy Food Workshops – Wednesday 2nd May
- Bank Holiday – Monday 7th May
- Y6 SATs week – w/c 14th May
- Y5 Bikeability – 14th-17th May
- Class Photographs – Thursday 24th May
- Break up for half term – Friday 25th May
- Children return to school on Monday 4th June
- Stay Safe Week – w/c 4th June
- Y6 Lincoln & Cathedral visit – Wednesday 6th June
- Reception White Post Farm visit - Wednesday 6th June
- Y5 Lincoln visit – Thursday 7th June
- Y1 Phonics Screening Week – w/c 11th June
- Y3 Mini-Olympics visit – Tuesday 19th June
- Y4 Kingswood residential – Wednesday 20th June
- Y3 Belvoir Cricket and Countryside Day – Thursday 21st June
- National Schools Sports Week – w/c 25th June
- Y5/6 visit Bible Exhibition – Monday 25th June
- Y5 Curriculum Enrichment Day at Walton – Tuesday 26th June
- Infant Sports Day – Thursday 28th June
- FSA Discos – Thursday 28th June
- KS2 Sports Day – Friday 29th June
- Y6 Secondary Transition Day – Tuesday 3rd July
- Y6 Stratford Residential – Wednesday 4th July
- Y5/6 performances – w/c 9th July
- Summer Fair – Friday 13th July
- Transition Day – Monday 16th July
- Y6 Leavers' Service – Friday 20th July