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Gonerby Gazette

Well here we are, another year over, and what a super busy final term of the school year we have had! With all this lovely sunny weather, it has been absolutely brilliant the last few weeks in school. There have been some real highs with an Ofsted visit, the Y5/6 performance of Darwin Rocks, lots of trips for the children, Stay Safe Week, the Summer Fair, Transition Day not to mention the Y6 Leavers Service and Gala Dinner for their parents. It's hard to believe we have packed so much in and, while it has been wonderful, we are all absolutely exhausted and certainly ready for the holidays.

There is a tinge of sadness of course, as we say farewell to our super Year 6 children along with Mrs Eason, Miss Threlfall and Mr Barclay, who is off to university now his training has finished. They will all be missed but we wish them all the best for the next stage in their journey. Congratulations to Miss Threlfall too, as she is getting married in the holidays - we hope she has a lovely day.

We hope the rest of you have a lovely summer and see you again on Tuesday 4th September 2018.

Ofsted – GHF continues to be a GOOD school

We started this term with a visit from Ofsted and were delighted when it was confirmed that our school remains good. The inspector said GHF is 'an inclusive school, underpinned by strong values, where pupils feel valued'. He recognised our hard work in 'creating a climate in which pupils feel safe'. He was clearly impressed with our pupils and said their 'behaviours and attitudes are a strength of our school'. He also recognised our 'determination to build on our many strengths' and particularly noted improvements we had made in standards of education, including for disadvantaged pupils. The full report letter is available here:

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1487&type=pdf>

Last week parents received their child's annual report and we are sure parents will be pleased with their child's outcomes. We are delighted with our statutory outcomes for Year 6 SATs, Year 2 SATs, the Year 1 Phonics Screen and the end of Reception EYFS outcomes, all of which are above those achieved nationally. We thank all the children and staff for their hard work and parents for all their support.

Child of the Term Awards

We love the Child of the Term awards, where pupils vote for the classmate they feel has gone above and beyond what they are expected to do. Michaela, Jacob, Henry, Ryan, Willow, Ben, Alice, Francesca, Emma, Scarlott and Tommy are this term's worthy recipients – follow the link below to find out why:

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/page/?title=Child+of+the+Term&pid=78>

Annual School Awards

At the end of every academic year, we present our school awards to pupils for their excellent contribution and achievements in all aspects of the curriculum. This year's recipients are:

- A Team Footballer of the Year – Codi Askew
- B Team Footballer of the Year – Toby Stevenson

- Sportsperson of the Year – Olivia Kufluk-Thackery
- Wainwright Cross Country Cup – George Crook
- Swimmer of the Year – Harry Marshall
- Most Improved Reader – Asswin Wijeyakumar
- Cartwright Music Cup – Abigail Deans
- Wainwright Curriculum – Dilly Baxter
- Southwell Merit – Tylor Williams
- The GHF Community Spirit award – Scarlott Field

Well done to all the recipients, who keep hold of the trophies for the next year.

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/page/?title=School+Annual+Awards&pid=79>

Year 6 Leavers Events

An emotional farewell to our super Year 6 children and a brilliant thank you to their parents.

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyId=126>

White Post Farm Visit

Reception pupils have a lovely time learning about animals – *by Kyan, Year 5*

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyid=125>

Sports Day Fun

Two days of super, sporty fun – *by Mia and Amarris, Year 3*

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyid=122>

Y4 Kingswood Residential

Year 4 have an action packed residential – *by Sai, Year 4*

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyid=119>

Y6 Stratford Residential

Year 6 walk in Shakespeare's footsteps... – *by Molly and Olivia, Year 6*

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyid=118>

Y4 Kingswood Residential – by Sai, Year 4

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyid=119>

Darwin Rocks

An amazing performance from Year 5/6 pupils – *by Isabel, Year 5*

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyId=124>

Grantham Mini Olympics

Y3 have a fab time at the Inspire+ Mini-Olympics – *by Ruby, Year 3*

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyId=120>

Belvoir Cricket Day

A super cricket and countryside day for Year 3 – *by Lily-Rose, Year 3*

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyId=121>

Y5/6 Lincoln Castle and Cathedral Visits

Why is it so cool to visit Lincoln? Y5/6 have been finding out – *by Scarlott, Taelah & Daisy, Year 6 and Isabel & Imogen, Year 5*

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyId=123>

Summer Fair Thank You

Thanks to your wonderful generosity and the hard work of pupils, staff and the FSA committee, we raised over £2000 from the summer fair. Not only is this a record amount, it was a lovely afternoon and everyone had a great time too. We really appreciate all that the FSA does for school. The children had a great time at the discos this month and the committee have funded some of the Y6 leavers events – super fun bowling on Transition Day and pizzas while cooking the Gala Dinner were brilliant.

School Uniform

Please remember that pupils should wear a white shirt and red tie along with a school cardigan or jumper when they return in September. They can wear trousers, skirts, shorts or pinafores as long as they are grey. Shoes should be black and sensible (no heels) and boots can only be worn in bad weather. Please also ensure that your child has a full PE kit (including swimming kit for KS2 pupils) and this is in school so your child is well prepared for lessons. All pupils need a PE kit in school every day which consists of: a red T-shirt, red or black shorts, a pair of trainers for outdoors and plimsoll for indoors. Your child will also need a dark tracksuit when the weather gets cooler.

School uniform can be purchased online from Nationwide Uniforms by following the link on our website. It can also be purchased at the office or from Grantham Clothing.

Governor Update – from Michael Buckeridge, Chair of Governors

As another busy school year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have made it such a successful year. It is always pleasing when recognition is received for the excellent work that is going on and so it was fantastic to have Ofsted confirm that we remain a good school. While SATS are always going to be debated, we are pleased that the positive results this year reflected the hard work that has been put in by staff, pupils and parents.

We have been able to see first-hand the good work that is going on through various monitoring activities and enjoy the positive ethos and atmosphere of the school. We wish our Y6's well as they move on to secondary school and are sure they will do us proud.

Collaboration between schools is vital for our improvement and so, while the plans for the formal collaboration of an academy trust came to an end, the collaborative work at all levels has gone from strength to strength. It has been a privilege of mine to meet with Chairs of Governors and headteachers of other schools regularly through the year and to see the challenge and support this has given, as well as reports of teachers meeting and supporting one another. With plans already in place to see these links deepened further I look forward to seeing the continued impact in school.

We wish those staff leaving us our best wishes for the future and thank them for the service they have given while they have been with us.

We would like to include Reverend Shallow too; she has been a foundation governor at GHF for the past year or so and the children will recognise her from sharing the Bishop's letter at our services. Rev Shallow is moving on now and cannot be a governor anymore but we would like to thank her for her service to the school.

I hope you all have a great summer break.

Important Diary Dates

- Staff InSET Day – Monday 3rd September 2018
- Pupils return for the new academic year on Tuesday 4th September
- Y6 Residential Meeting for Parents – Monday 10th September, 6pm
- Lewis class start Swimming Lessons – Tuesday 11th September

- Y3/4 Flag Fen Visits – Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th September
- Y6 Caythorpe PGL Residential - Monday 24th September
- Y5 start Bikeability – Monday 24th September
- Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 28th September
- Individual Photos - Friday 12th October
- School Nursing Team in for Flu Vaccinations (Rec to Y5) – Monday 15th October
- Book Fair starts – Tuesday 16th October
- Break up for half term – Friday 19th October
- Staff InSET Day – Monday 29th October 2018
- Pupils return to school on Tuesday 30th October
- FSA Discos – Thursday 6th December
- Infant Pantomime Visit – Thursday 13th December

You can find all our term dates for the 2018/19 academic year on our website via this link:

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1445&type=pdf>