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# Gonerby Gazette

October 2018

It was great to see so many of you at Parents' Evenings this week and see that everyone was pleased with how well their child has settled in to the new school year. The year has started well and we have had a really brilliant and busy term. Our reporters have been busy writing their articles to update you on all that has been happening and we hope you enjoy catching up on all the news.

Have a brilliant half term, everyone!

### **Macmillian Coffee Morning** by Imogen, Y6

The GHF community raise £900 for Macmillan Cancer Relief.

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyid=129>

### **Year 6 Residential Visit** by Isabel, Y6

Y6 have a super time at Caythorpe PGL.

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### **Get On Your Bike!** – By Alice and Katie, Year 5

Year 5 complete Bikeability while Carle & McKee classes do Balanceability.

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### **Grandparents Day Lunch** by Imogen, Y6

A little treat for grandparents on this special day.

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### **Year 2 Wyndham Park and Circus trip**

Fun visiting some of the Gravity Fields attractions

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### **Staying Safe** – By Charlotte, Eliana and Alexis, Y6

Y6 have drug awareness workshops to help them stay safe.

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### **Goodbye and Happy Retirement Mrs Eurich**

On the last day of term, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Eurich who has been a Midday Supervisor at GHF for 28 years. This is an incredible length of service, particularly in this role, and Mrs Eurich will have not only served the children at GHF today but also some of their parents. Lots of children also know her from her time working at Sunshine Playgroup. Mrs Eurich is a very kind and caring lady and is much loved by everyone. She will certainly be missed. We would like to thank Mrs Eurich for everything she has done for the GHF community and wish her all the best in her retirement.

We also said goodbye to Mrs Thompson, Midday Supervisor, this week as she and her family are relocating to Hull in the holidays. We wish her and the boys all the best in their new home and school.

## **Bag 2 School Collection**

The FSA has a Bag 2 School collection on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018. This is a great way of clearing out all your unwanted adults and children's clothing, handbags, belts, paired shoes, bedding, curtains and towels. Sort toys are also collected but NOT SCHOOL OR WORK UNIFORMS. This is also a great way to raise funds, which benefits all the children in the school. Please take your bags to the school office on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you for your continued support.

## **Class Assemblies**

We all look forward to our class assemblies and parents of pupils in the class leading are very welcome to join us. Below are the dates for this term.

- Potter – 1<sup>st</sup> November
- Sendak – 8<sup>th</sup> November
- Ahlberg – 15<sup>th</sup> November
- Carle – 22<sup>nd</sup> November
- Blyton – 29<sup>th</sup> November
- King-Smith – 6<sup>th</sup> December

Please remember that assemblies start at 9am and taking photographs and video is not allowed.

## **Governor Update**

We recently sought nominations to fill a Parent Governor vacancy. We received only one nomination, from Dr Maria Kordowicz, so there was no need to hold a poll. Dr Kordowicz has a wealth of relevant experience and skills and she was formally appointed to the Governing Body on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018. The governors are delighted that she has joined them and look forward to working with her.

## **Parking and Road Safety**

Like all schools, there is always the difficulty of finding a place to park while parents drop off their children but recently we have had a number of complaints about inconsiderate and often dangerous parking. Please note that we pass on complaints to the PCSO who follows them up. In the interest of safety and in not continually upsetting our neighbours, we ask that parents and carers think carefully about parking their cars at pick up and drop off times.

A couple of parents have also raised concerns about some children's road safety. We are situated on a very busy road so we will be reminding pupils to take care crossing roads and to use the crossings sensibly; we hope that parents will also reinforce this message with their children too.

## **Do you have a child ready to start school next September?**

We have already begun hosting visits/tours of school for parents of children who are due to start school in Reception in September 2019. A Lincolnshire county Council Admissions information pack will soon be available from the school office. However, parents will be asked to [complete the application online](#). Applications can be made from 14 November 2018 and must be done by **12 noon, 15 January 2019**. Offers will be available on the 16th April 2019. There is more information about our arrangements for starting school on our [website](#). Please contact the school office if you would like to arrange a visit.

## **Secondary School Transition for Y6**

We would to remind parents of pupils in Y6 that it is important you apply for a secondary place at a school, if you want your child to start Y7 in September 2019. Lincolnshire CC Admissions believe they are around 1500 applications short, which compared to previous years is pretty good at this time, but they don't want anyone to miss out on expressing their preference.

You can apply online at [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions), or make a phone application by contacting the Education Team on 01522 782030. If you live outside of Lincolnshire, then you need to apply to your home Local Authority even if you want a school in Lincolnshire.

The main closing date is 31 October 2018, although the online and telephone application facility should still be available to use until 14 December 2018.

If you think you need support with the application process, please feel free to contact the Education Team on 01522 782030 or email [schooladmissions@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

Please note it is important that you indicate more than one preference of school. Indicating a first choice only does not make it any more likely that your child will get a place at this school and, if your first choice is over-subscribed, the local authority will make your choice for you. This means your child could end up with any school – perhaps one that you ruled out completely.

### **Important Diary Dates**

- Staff InSET Day – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018
- Pupils return to school on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October
- Bag 2 School Collection - Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October
- Reception pupils Nursery Rhyme Dress Up Day – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November
- Children in Need Day – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November
- Choir at Harlaxton Manor – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November
- Choir for Christmas Performance at Walton School – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November
- FSA Discos – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December
- Non-uniform for Tombola donations – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December
- Reception and KS1 Christmas performances – PM 12<sup>th</sup> and AM 13<sup>th</sup> December
- Infant Pantomime Visit – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December
- Christmas Fair – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December
- KS2 Christmas Service – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 11am at St. Seb's Church
- Infant Christmas Service – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 9:15am in school
- Christmas Dinner - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December
- KS2 Christmas Sing-along - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm in school
- Pupils return to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

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>