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Gonerby Gazette

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It's been another packed and enjoyable term in school. We had a great start through Arts Week where the children strived to produce some excellent still life drawings.

Excellence has been our focus core value for the term and we have thought a lot about how difficult it can be to achieve. The children recognise that they need to be a good learner, giving things a go and never giving up, until they achieve their goals. We have been singing The Climb alongside this – it's become one of our favourite songs and inspires us to keep on going.

We hope that you have a lovely half term 😊

It's a Masterpiece – GHF Arts Week

Pupils produce some fantastic still life drawings for our annual Arts Week.

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyid=145>

Young Voices 2019 Amy and Millie, Y3

Our choir enjoy another fantastic Young Voices in Sheffield.

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyid=141>

Adventurer, Sarah Outen visits GHF by Trulli and Lacey, Y4

Once again Sarah inspires us all with tales of her amazing adventures.

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyid=142>

Y3/4 Living Faith Trip by Ruby, Y4

Y3/4 pupils had a fantastic opportunity find out first-hand about different places of worship.

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyid=143>

Sam Ruddock Visits Y5 by Francesca and Holly, Y5

Y5 are challenged to think about emotions and stress while having fun.

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyid=144>

Safer Internet Day

This month we were raising awareness of how to be good digital citizens on Safer Internet Day. The focus theme was around consent and we talked to the children about the importance of getting permission for anything they do online, especially if it affects someone else. In addition to the activities in all classes, Y6 classes had a workshop delivered by Dan Hawbrook, an e-safety officer from Lincolnshire County Council. There are some great resources to help you talk to your children about issues that concern you around their internet use: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2019/education-packs/activities-parents-and-carers>. You'll also find loads of useful information for keeping your child safe online via our website www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/esafety

We are concerned with the growing number of fallouts we have had to deal with this term which have started with children (mainly boys) falling out while they are playing on games such as Fortnite when they are at home. We are aware that through the online chat facilities within the games, children are

using or subjected to unkind and often inappropriate language – usually because someone is not happy with how their game has progressed. This does not only impact on a child's emotional wellbeing, bringing the argument into school has also impacted on their learning. While many parents have decided to allow their child to play these games, we strongly advise that they carefully monitor this activity.

Rotary Club Swimathon

We had a fantastic group of swimmers who took part in the annual Rotary Club Swimathon at The Meres on Sat 2nd February. Together they swam a huge 327 lengths and raised £674.50. Miss Dowsett and Mrs Daley were greatly impressed with their determination and were proud to accompany them.

TakeOver Day

On Friday 8th March we have our TakeOver day. This is an opportunity for the children to learn more about the world of work and responsibility. When the children return after half term, they will be writing letters to apply to takeover a role within the school for the day. There are many roles they can apply for, such as a school cook, a teacher and even a headteacher! During half term, the children could be thinking about which job to apply for and what they might include in their application letter.

World Book Day and Red Nose Day

We're really looking forward to celebrating our love of books and reading after half term. This year World Book Day is very close to lots of other events in school so we are going to cease the opportunity to dress up as our favourite book characters on Red Nose Day which is on Friday 15th March. Mrs Daley has sent home some brilliant ideas to get involved in World Book Day and she is hoping that lots of parents and grandparents volunteer to come in and read to the children on any day from 2:45pm during the week commencing 4th March.

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 next term.

- King-Smith – 28th February (*apologies for the mix up with dates on the previous newsletter*)
- Potter – 7th March
- Ahlberg – 14th March
- Sendak – 21st March
- Carle – 28th March

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

Packed Lunch and Snacks Reminder

We have had a number of children bringing sweets, chocolate and nuts to school as part of their packed lunch. We would like to remind parents that these are not allowed. We have several pupils with severe nut allergies and it would be very dangerous for them to come into contact with nuts.

At playtimes, pupils are allowed fruit or cheese as a snack. This does not include fruity cereal bars or biscuits. Pupils are allowed a chocolate covered biscuit in their lunch box but not a bar of chocolate.

Parking and Road Safety

We often include reminders in our newsletters about parking and road safety. Unfortunately, our messages do not have much impact on the problem that parking causes us. Below is an email we received recently. It is typical of the many emails, letters and phone calls we receive from members of the public, local residents and from parents of pupils most days.

'I wanted to voice my concern (and disbelief) over the parking outside your school by parents at both sides of the school day.

It's a particularly dangerous area with so much going on with the crossing, shop pull in, lorry distribution centre, bus lane as well as school, and yet I see every day on my way to work parents 'abandoning' their cars in the bus lane opposite the school, on the zig zag yellow lines and generally dangerous parking with seemingly no care or thought for other road users, pedestrians or children - whom some of these legal controls are put in to protect.

I abide by them, why don't the parents?

Is it not time to come up with a more positive solution that does not leave us drivers blind, and children in danger?'

The email ends with a good question. The last thing anyone wants is to put a child or another person in danger. If anyone has any suggestions about this, we'd love to hear from you. In the meantime, we are asking again for everyone to think carefully about where they are parking.

Important Diary Dates

- World Book Week reading volunteers - w/c 4th March
- Swim Gala – Wed 6th March
- Infant Lambing Visits – 7th & 8th March
- TakeOver Day – Friday 8th March
- Grantham Music Festival – Wednesday 13th March
- Red Nose Day & WBD Book Character Dress Up – Friday 15th March
- King-Smith Class starts swimming – Tuesday 19th March
- Parents Eves – 19th and 20th March
- Mother's Day Lunch – Thurs 28th March
- Y3/4 Performances - Wednesday 3rd April
- KS2 Easter Service at St. Sebs – Thursday 4th April
- Infant Easter Service in school – Friday 5th April
- Pupils break up for Easter holidays - Friday 5th April
- Pupils return to school – Tuesday 23rd April 2019
- Y2 SATs tests – throughout May
- Y6 SATs tests – w/c 13th May
- Dahl Class starts swimming – Tuesday 21st May
- Class Photos – Thursday 23rd May
- FSA Discos - Thursday 23rd May
- Half term – w/c 27th May

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>