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Gonerby Gazette

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Welcome to our Term 4 newsletter. This week, we have begun the Easter celebrations with two super services and a fantastic performance from the Y3/4 pupils, where the children have reflected on the Easter story and sung beautifully. There is much to be proud of!

It was lovely to see so many of you at our recent Parents' Evening. We hope you were pleased with your child's learning and progress this year and you came away with a good sense of your child's strengths and areas to improve further. Thank you for completing our annual questionnaires. Once again we are really pleased with the positive feedback and we will report the full results shortly.

We've had a super spring term at GHF and everyone has worked super hard. It has been enjoyable but its clear that everyone is ready for the Easter break now. We hope that you have a lovely break in, fingers crossed, the sunshine and come back feeling refreshed.

Happy Easter!

The Gospel Show

Our Year 3/4 pupils put on a super performance of the Easter story.

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyId=147>

Takeover Day by Sara, Y6

Pupils takeover the school as they learn the grown-ups' jobs for the day.

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyid=148>

Our Favourite Book Characters and Books

Celebrating World Book Day and also supporting Comic Relief.

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyId=151>

Science Week

GHF enjoy a week of being scientists and learning about science related professions.

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyId=149>

Spring Lambs and Chicks

Infant pupils go to see baby lambs at Great Wood Farm and have little chick visitors.

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyId=150>

Grantham Music Festival

Another 'bravo!' performance from the GHF choir.

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Happy Retirement to Reverend Hopkins

It is almost a year since Rev Hopkins announced that he was retiring and, after noting every service since then as being his last one of those, our KS2 Easter service this week was his very last for GHF. It is 29 years since Rev Hopkins led his first GHF school assembly – some parents may remember him from back

then – and many children have listened to his reflections and stories, sung along with him playing the guitar and prayed with him over the years. We really appreciate all that Rev Hopkins has done for the GHF community and we wish him and his wife all the best in their new home and retirement.

End of Term Awards

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

Grantham Large Schools Swimming Gala

Children from across KS2 took part in the large schools swimming gala at the Meres Leisure Centre this term. It was a fantastic morning and the children demonstrated a great team spirit. As well as being well supportive of one and other, they also excelled at the swimming. We came second in the relay races and second in the overall competition. A great big well done to all those involved!

Mini-Police Update

As well as being busy doing their daily duties like monitoring the playground, the Mini Police have been helping the community. They have been working with the PCSO to identify potential crime risks in the local area and letting people know what they can do to protect their property. To keep your belongings safe, think carefully about what you leave on view in your car and make sure all windows and doors are securely shut when leaving your home.

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.

- Lewis – 25th April
- Dahl – 2nd May
- Blyton – 9th May
- King-Smith – 16th May
- Ahlberg – TUESDAY 21st May
- Defoe – 6th June
- Carroll – 13th June
- Potter – 20th June
- Carle – 27th June
- Sendak – 4th July
- McKee – 11th July

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

Secondary School Transition

If your child is starting secondary school in September 2019 they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible, please apply for transport immediately once you have your offer of a school place. Applications can be made online at the website below or a paper application form can be requested from the Customer Service Centre on 01522 782020. For more information about the home to school transport policy and online applications please go to www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooltransport. Queries can be emailed to schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

Jewellery & Uniform Reminder

Thank you to all parents who spotted our ClassDojo message about earrings and watches and ensured their child follows our policy. Earrings had been causing an issue but this has improved a lot since then.

Just in case you missed the reminder, earrings can only be worn in the first few weeks after piercing but, for health and safety reasons, they must be covered by tape at all times in school. Please note that when the children have swimming lessons, they are not allowed into the Meres pool with earrings at all.

Pupils are allowed to wear a watch but, in accordance with our e-safety policies, they are not allowed to wear watches that send messages or take photos. Like mobile phones, this type of watch must be handed in at the office.

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.

SATs for Y2 and Y6

If your child is in Year 2 or Year 6, then he/she will be doing the SATs in May. You can find out more about the SATs and what's involved on our website using this link: www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/sats2019.

During Y6 SATs week, we provide a free breakfast for Y6 pupils to help them relax together before the tests. Pupils should arrive at 8:15am.

Governor News from Michael Buckeridge, GHF Chair of Governors

Another term comes to an end and, if your children are like mine, they need a break! Since my last notes there have been some changes in the GHF governing board:

- As Lin Raistrick stepped back from being Deputy Head she also resigned from the governing body
- Jo Spendlove will be finishing her term of office this year and has decided to not continue

We thank them both for their contribution to the GB over the time they have served.

We have welcomed to the board this year:

- Maria Kordowicz – Parent Governor
- Paul Stokes – Local Authority Governor
- Sarah Garland – Staff Governor

We still have vacancies for Foundation and Co-opted Governors so if you know of anyone who might be interested please let us know via the school office.

Governors have been involved with various meetings to look at Vision and Values, Finance, Curriculum, SEND and Safeguarding as well as attending various events at school. It was good to meet some of you at Parents Evening and thank you to all those who filled out the questionnaire – I am awaiting the results with interest! I have been able to meet with fellow Chairs of the GRACE Schools group to share ideas and good practice. Governors are looking forward to monitoring days next term when we will be looking at the impact of our current school improvement plan.

It is always good to end the term watching what our children are capable of and I thoroughly enjoyed the Y3/4 performance of 'The Gospel Story' – well done to all involved.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable break and hope that, among all your other activities, you will find time to reflect on the words of a song I heard for the first time at our Easter service. I understand it is a new school favourite – as well as being very apt for the time of year!

'This is amazing grace

This is unfailing love

That You would take my place

That You would bear my cross

You lay down Your life

That I would be set free

Oh, Jesus, I sing for

All that You've done for me'

Important Diary Dates

- Pupils return to school – Tuesday 23rd April 2019
- Y2 SATs tests – throughout May
- Y6 SATs tests – w/c 13th May
- Y4 Kingswood meeting for parents – Wednesday 15th May
- Y5/6 Galleries of Justice Trip - Monday 20th May
- Dahl Class starts swimming – Tuesday 21st May
- Class Photos – Thursday 23rd May
- FSA Discos - Thursday 23rd May
- Half term – w/c 27th May
- Reception trip to White Post Farm – Wednesday 5th June
- Book People Book Fair – starts Wednesday 12th June
- Y3 at Mini-Olympics – Tuesday 18th June
- Y4 Kingswood Residential – Wednesday 19th June
- Infant Sports Day – Thursday 27th June
- KS2 Sports Day – Friday 28th June
- Y6 Secondary Transition Day – Tuesday 2nd July
- Y5/6 Performances – Wednesday 10th July – 1:45pm and 5:30pm
- Transition Day – Monday 15th July
- Y6 Leavers Service – Thursday 18th July, 9:30am at St Seb's
- Y6 Parents Gala Dinner – Thursday 18th July

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>