



## Gonerby Hill Foot Church of England Primary School

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# Gonerby Gazette

October 2019

The school year has started brilliantly and we have had a super first half term. We particularly enjoyed our harvest festivals and we were pleased to send all your generous contributions to the Grantham Food Bank. This week's Parents' Evenings went well and teachers enjoyed catching up with parents. We hope you have a great half term and look forward to you on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

### **Year 6 PGL Residential** by *Caitlin and Fran, Year 6*

Y6 have a fab time - in the rain!

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyid=163>

### **Serving Others with Reading** by *Isabelle & Scarlett, Year 6*

How Y6 pupils are helping younger pupils succeed with reading.

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyid=164>

### **KS1 Visit to Sudbury Hall**

Year 1 and Year 2 pupils deepen their understanding of how toys have changed over the years.

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyid=165>

### **Kids Who Read Succeed**

Why reading is a priority at GHF and support for parents.

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyid=166>

### **GHF School Vision**

At the end of the last school year, we reviewed our school vision so that our distinct aims are set out more clearly. As a Church of England school, our vision is distinctly Christian but is also unique to our school and underpinned by our core values, which everyone knows and shares. We have also taken into account parents' views on what things are most important in their child's education – as expressed through [this year's parent questionnaire](#). Our new vision has been published in the children's learning journals this year and it can also be found on our [website](#).

### **Mini Police Update** by *Amaris, Year 5 and Alice, Year 6*

During this term, elections were held to decide who would be our new Year 5 Mini Police. Years 4, 5 & 6 all voted for the candidates and four candidates (2 girls and 2 boys) were chosen. These were Amarris, Isla, George C and Alfie E and they will join Alice, Ruby, Zachary and Adam from Y6 to work with the PCSO. We now have our new mini police kit which includes a hat, a lanyard, a coat, notebook and other stationary. We also get some cool gear including a high visibility jacket, polo shirt and bag. All of the mini police team had their photos taken in their new uniform!

We have been learning about anti-social behaviour this term and how it can affect other people. It is really important to report anti-social behaviour if we see it so that the police can deal with it. Last year, we did an assembly on anti-social behaviour so this really helped us when we were learning about it. Next term we will be looking at secret acts of kindness which we are really looking forward to learning about. It has been a great new term and start to the year for all of the Mini Police team!

### **Harvest Festival** by Talia, Year 4

On Thursday 19th of September, the school held its annual harvest festival celebrations, one for Key stage 1 and another for Key stage 2. For our KS2 celebration, we walked up to the church and sang our harvest songs including 'Autumn Days', 'Harvest Samba' and 'Thank You Lord'. Some classes also read out poems and stories - they did a great job! Mr Buckeridge told us a story about teaching and inspired us to try our hardest throughout our school year.

*A massive thank you so much for all your food donations. Using these, the Grantham Food Bank were able to provide 130 meals to local people in desperate need.*

### **Grandparents' Day Lunch** by Olivia & Eleena, Year 4

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, the school held a special grandparents' lunch. During lunchtime, some grandparents came into school for a school dinner and sat with their grandchildren to eat their lunch together. It was great to see the children and their grandparents chatting and enjoying their lunch with one another. We look forward to next year's!

### **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 – 31<sup>st</sup> October
- Ahlberg – 7<sup>th</sup> November
- Year 1 – 14<sup>th</sup> November
- King-Smith – 21<sup>st</sup> November
- Blyton – 28<sup>th</sup> November

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

### **School Uniform**

Please remember that pupils should wear a white shirt and red tie along with a school cardigan or jumper in the Autumn and Spring Term. 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 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 plimsolls for indoors. Your child will also need a dark tracksuit now the weather is colder. School uniform can be purchased online from Nationwide Uniforms by following the link on our website.

### **Bag 2 School Collection**

The FSA has a Bag 2 School collection on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November. 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 Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you for your continued support.

### **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 2020. 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 2020**. Offers will be available on the 16th April 2020. 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 like 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 2020 and don't want to miss out on expressing your preference.

You can apply online at [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions), or make a phone/paper 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 2019, although late applications and changes can be made until 13 December 2019.

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.

## **Parking and Road Safety**

Like all schools, there is always the difficulty of finding a place to park while parents drop off their children. Since returning in September, 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. There have also been complaints about parents waiting to collect pupils with their engines running; it is much kinder to the environment and your pocket, to switch your engine off while waiting.

## **Important Diary Dates**

- Staff InSET Day – Monday 28th October 2019
- Pupils return to school on Tuesday 29th October
- Y3/4 Leicester Museum Visit – Monday 4th November
- FSA Bag2School collection – Wednesday 6th November
- Boys Football Tournament at The King's School - Thursday 14th November, 12:00 – 16:30
- Children in Need Day – Friday 16th November
- FSA Discos – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December
- Choir perform at Walton Academy - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December
- Non-uniform for Tombola donations – Monday 9th December
- Reception and KS1 Christmas performances – PM Weds 11th and AM Thurs 12th December
- Infant Pantomime Visit – Thursday 12th December
- Christmas Fair – Friday 13th December, 3:20pm
- KS2 Christingle Service in St Seb's, Monday 16th December 2pm
- Infant Christingle Service in school, Tuesday 17th December 9:15am
- Christmas Dinner, Thursday 19th December
- KS2 Christmas Singalong, Thursday 19th December, 2pm
- Break up for Christmas – Thursday 19th December
- Staff InSET Day – Friday 20th December
- Pupils return to school on Monday 6th January 2020
- Young Voices performance in Sheffield – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020

You can find all our term dates for the 2019/20 academic year on our website via this link:  
<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1555&type=pdf>