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Gonerby Gazette

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Welcome to our Term 3 newsletter.

Our value this term has been 'Excellence' and we have certainly applied this value in everything we have done. We believe that excellence is not just about doing our best for ourselves but also helping others to achieve and be their best too. Next term is all about 'Individuality' so we will be respecting and appreciating each other's differences as well as understanding how together we are stronger as a team.

We have had a very busy and productive term with so many exciting things going on including new events such as the inter-house sports competitions.

This is a round up of all those events, with news articles written by staff and pupils:

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READING

Thank you everyone for continuing to support your child by reading at home. We are so proud and impressed with how quickly so many of our children have progressed in their reading. Please remember to keep reading with your child at least 4 times a week – it makes all the difference.

Many thanks for those who attended our parent workshops in school in the last week of term. It was great to see you all and to know you are still so interested in how to help your child further.

World Book Day

Further information will be released soon but just a pre-warning that World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March the children will be asked to dress up as their favourite book characters.

School Premises

Just to remind you that NO DOGS (except guide dogs) are allowed on the school premises under any circumstances and that we have a strict NO SMOKING and NO VAPING policy on the school grounds.

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 January, 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. This includes the local estates nearby as some parents and their children can't access the pavements due to cars being parked on them. 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.

Mobile phones

Just a reminder to parents to remind their children that if your child brings a mobile phone to school, they MUST hand it in at the office, it must be labelled with their name and it must be switched off.

Jewellery & Uniform Reminder

This term, we sent out a parent mail reminder about school uniform and jewellery.

The biggest reminder is about footwear. Children should wear black shoes, these should not be trainers or boots. They are allowed to bring outdoor shoes if they think it is necessary (this could depend on weather conditions) but they must change back into their correct footwear when going back into the classroom.

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.

And finally, some **Exciting news!**

We are very pleased and excited to announce that Mrs Rhodes is expecting a baby later on this academic year. Baby Rhodes is due at the end of June and we can't wait to meet them.

Important Diary Dates

Thursday 27th February – 6pm Music Service meeting at school for parents (see parent mail).

Wednesday 4th March – Swimming Gala

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Friday 6th March – Author visit to school

Monday 9th March – 13th March – Science week

Tuesday 10th March – Year 1/2 at Magna

Wednesday 11th March – Grantham music festival

Friday 14th March – Sport Relief Day

Tuesday 17th March – 5-7:30pm Parents Evening

Tuesday 17th March – Blyton class final swimming lesson

Wednesday 18th March – 3:30-6pm Parents Evening

Tuesday 24th March – Dahl class start swimming

Monday 30th March – 9:30am and 4pm Y3/4 “We’ll meet again” performance

Tuesday 31st March – Non-uniform day and coffee morning (run by school council)

Thursday 2nd April – 9:30am KS2 Easter Service at St. Sebastian’s Church

11am Infants Easter Service at school

Thursday 2nd April – Last day of term

Children will return to school on Monday 20th April

You can find all our [term dates](#) here for the 2019/20 academic year.