



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

July 2023

HEADTEACHER END OF TERM UPDATE

Dear Parent/Carer

The end of another amazing year has arrived, there is so much to celebrate for all our pupils, staff and wider community as we reflect on the memories and achievements. We have welcomed many people into our family and said goodbye to a few. We will miss those leaving us this week but know that they will always be a part of us and are welcome to visit whenever. This week we will say goodbye to Mrs Tosh, Mrs Williams, Mrs Plummer, Mr Laing and Mrs Trueman - we wish them well as they move on to new adventures, you all have a place in our hearts.

We have welcomed back Miss Melinn and Mrs Newton from maternity leave, they are both doing a fantastic job back in class and working hard!

We have enjoyed our summer fayre, sports days, music concerts, visit to the Cathedral, leavers events and time to meet our new classes in the last couple of weeks with a fantastic Y5-6 production and Y6 Gala dinner and leavers disco all adding to the buzz and excitement of the end of year celebrations. As we prepare to say goodbye to our Y6 we are proud of all you have achieved and know you will continue to flourish and achieve your dreams. Work hard and enjoy the challenges, you are ready!

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support, our school is a vibrant and busy place to be where we work tirelessly to provide exciting opportunities for all pupils to Learn, Live and Love well together and we are already planning for an exciting start to next year.

Jayne Watson

KEY DIARY DATES

- 6 SEPT - START OF TERM
- 19 SEPT - PARENTS EVENING
- 20 SEPT - PARENTS EVENING
- 21 SEPT - YEAR 1 PHONICS WITH PARENTS
- 21 SEPT - ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOPS
- 26 SEPT - EYFS PHONICS WITH PARENTS
- 29 SEPT - MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING
- 3 OCT - HARVEST FESTIVAL
- 17 OCT - ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOPS
- 31 OCT - ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOPS
- 3 NOV - ROOTS TO FOOD YEARS 3 & 4
- 13 NOV - ANTI BULLYING WEEK
- 17 NOV - CHILDREN IN NEED
- 12 DEC - EYFS/KS1 NATIVITY
- 13 DEC - EYFS/KS1 NATIVITY
- 19 DEC - CHRISTMAS SERVICE, KS1 IN SCHOOL, KS2 ST SEBASTIANS
- 20 DEC - CHRISTMAS SINGALONG



Message from the Governors



Part of the GHF vision is to 'Offer an ambitious educational experience, developing a lifelong love of learning for all.' It is a continuous challenge to meet the needs of all, and I am proud of the way that our staff have worked hard to support our children through this year. It has been good to hear of opportunities for parents/carers to be able to visit school to give our children the opportunity to show off what they have learned. My hope is that this is just one way of many that they are learning to love learning.

As the school year draws to a close, the governors have been encouraged to see the positive feedback from your survey responses. We know there will always be ways to keep improving, but we are pleased to see your overall confidence in the school.

We would like to say a big thank you to those members of staff leaving us this summer. From those who have just been with us this year, Mr Redford and Mrs Plummer; to Mrs Trueman who has worked resiliently as a Midday Supervisor, to Mr Laing who has been with us a couple of years; to Mrs Tosh and Mrs Williams who have served the school for many years; we thank each one for what they have contributed to our school community.

To our Y6's we say, 'do us proud'. Go on to secondary school and continue to love learning; remember each of you are worth so much; be compassionate, respectful, resilient, and respectful citizens of our world, remembering that to serve, in love, will bring a richness and fullness to your life.

Moving on can be challenging, exciting, and sometimes scary. I am so glad that in all the changes we face, it is said of Jesus that He is 'the same, yesterday, today, and forever'. He is the one constant that can be relied upon and, for those who trust in Him He promises, 'I will never leave you, nor forsake you'.

I hope that you all have a safe, relaxing, and restoring break from school.

Michael Buckeridge, Chair of Governors



Year 5 – Walton Academy Enrichment Day



Our Year 5's had an amazing day at Walton Academy, getting a taste of what it will be like to go to a secondary school. They took part in lots of activities throughout the day, including craft, dancing, and making their own bread. The children were there for the whole school day in order to get the full 'big school' experience and they all enjoyed their time at the Academy.





KS2 Sports Day



Our KS2 Sports Day took place a bit later than planned due to bad weather forecasts, and thankfully the sun was shining for us. The children took part in lots of fun filled activities in the hope of gaining some points for their school houses. The focus is on team building, so there were three legging races (with lots of tumbles) and sack races (with lots more tumbles) to name a few. The day finished with sprints from each class. The children all had a wonderful afternoon and we hope that everyone who came to watch had a great time too.





Belvoir Cricket

Our Year 3 and 4 Groups visited the Belvoir Cricket ground, and had a wonderful day. They learned how to develop their team skills, working in groups and learning how to play cricket. They then had their packed lunch picnic before meeting the very exciteable Belvoir hounds, and giving lots of dog fusses.



Roots to Food Cookery Class



We had a visit from Roots to Food, and the chef taught the children how to cook a recipe from scratch, by following instructions to prepare their own meal. The children worked together to chop ingredients and made a delicious pasta dish. The cooking smells from the hall made us all hungry and the children were all engaged throughout the process.





St Wulfram's Choir Festival



Our choir took part in the school choir festival held at St Wulframs church, which was also attended by several local primary school choir groups. Each school took it in turns to sing or perform, and in some instances joined to perform together. The event was organised by Dr Tim Williams, the director of Music at St Wulframs, and it promised to be a very special occasion. To make it all the more magical, the schools were joined by choristers of St Wulfram's Church, and it proved to be an amazing opportunity to hear the amazing school choirs in the beautiful acoustic and historic setting of St Wulfram's on a summer evening.

Message from the Grantham Choral Society

- We are planning our Diamond Jubilee Celebratory Concert in Grantham on 18th November. We'd like to have as many voices as possible singing at the concert! You don't need to have experience (or do an audition) – we are simply looking for people with an interest in singing in a choir, and commitment to a weekly rehearsal from early September (Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm).
- We are running a free informal workshop on the morning of Saturday 2nd September, 10am at Harrowby Lane Methodist Church, which will be a brilliant way for people to find out more and meet some friendly faces. Ideally, people can let us know if they plan to come, so that we can confirm details of numbers, but it would also be fine to just turn up on the day.



<https://www.granthamchoralsociety.co.uk>



Play Park Opening



A small group of children were invited to the opening of the new play park on Gonerby Road. They had a lovely time trying out all of the new play equipment but unfortunately couldn't stay all afternoon as they may have liked!

It will be a great asset to the children and the community, and the sunny weather has proved it to be a very popular place to visit already.





Mini Police

Our fantastic Mini Police Team were on hand throughout the week to mark the children's bikes with names and postcodes. This will hopefully help any missing bikes to be returned to their owners should they go missing.

Lots of bikes were booked in to be marked at lunchtimes and the Team were very busy ensuring the job was done properly.
Good work, Mini Police!



Pencil Cases

We have made the decision that KS2 children will not be allowed to bring pencil cases next year to school, we will supply it all. The reason is because not only do they cause a distraction and some conflicts, there are also many children who can't afford them and we don't like to see that clear difference so everyone will be treated the same and fairly.



"The FSA would like to thank everyone for their contributions to the Summer Fair held recently. The total raised for our school (including ice pop sales) was an amazing £1997.50. Items that were left over have been distributed to local charities including the Grantham Foodbank. We really appreciate all of your support and wish you and your children a wonderful summer".

**Many thanks
Jo (FSA chair)**

WELL DONE, FSA!



I'M AN 11-YR-OLD

Get Me Out Of Here!

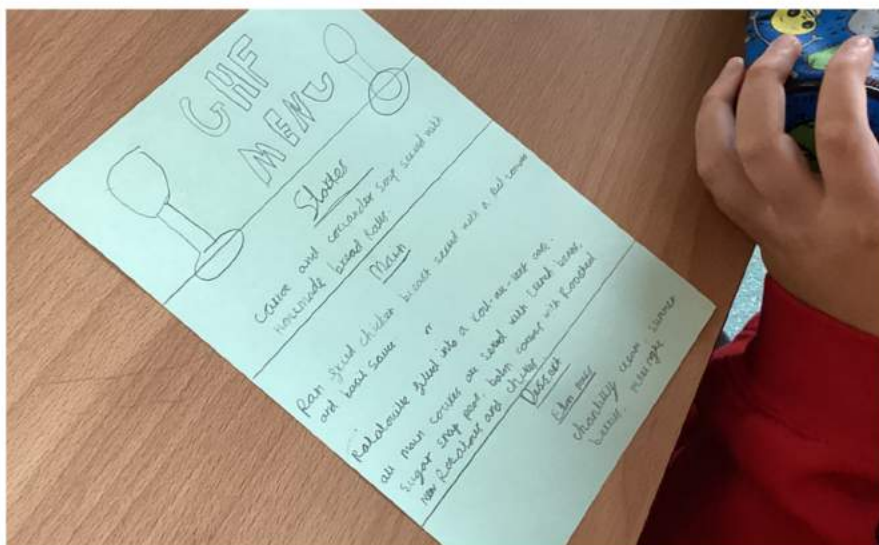


The Year 5 and 6 team excelled themselves as always, with an amazing end of year production. This year was 'Im an 11 year old, get me out of here', and it was filled with endless jokes and songs, all performed with the greatest execution. The children all worked extremely hard to learn their lines and all of the songs, helped along the way as always by their hard working teachers and staff. Thanks must also go to the parents who begrudgingly took part in the audience participation section!

The show was performed to the children in school, before being showcased to families . We hope you enjoyed it as much as they enjoyed creating it for you.



Year 6 Gala Dinner



The Year 6s worked throughout the school day to prepare a dining experience for their parents later that evening. The children, under the supervision of the Roots to Food chef and their teachers, learned how to prep the entire three course menu. They created place cards for their parents, and designed menus, and made table decorations and folded napkins.

They were also taught how to lay a dining table, and how to serve guests. The children then split into different groups of table service, and waited on their guests impeccably throughout the evening. Staff and students worked an extremely long day and parents were rewarded with a memorable and special evening to conclude the school year and the end of Year 6.



Gold stars for GHF staff!



On Sunday, 25th June 2023, Mrs Hills, Miss Stephens, Miss Rowland and Mrs Spendlove took part in the 10 km Race for Life in Nottingham to raise money for Cancer Research UK – a cause close to all of their hearts. Despite the 30 degree heat on the day and very little shade, they all managed to make it across the finish line, raising a combined total of £970!

Inspired by the atmosphere on the day and the support from family, friends and the wider community, Mrs Hills has signed up to run the Manchester Half Marathon on behalf of Cancer Research UK on the 15th October this year – a challenge that is going to require lots of training and plenty of grit and determination. If you would like to find out more or support Mrs Hills by donating to Cancer Research UK, check out the link below. Most importantly, if you see her running around Grantham, give her a wave and a cheer in support! 😊

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/peggyhills?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=peggyhills&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=a8e19a25df794753b19574122ede8055