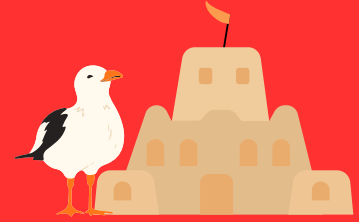




SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

July 2024



Headteacher end of term update

Dear all,

The end of another year with so much to celebrate across the school. With good Ofsted and SIAMs reports as external validation of the fantastic community and culture we have here at GHF, I know we will go from strength to strength next year. I continue to be so proud of our pupils as they excel in all aspects of school life and as I watched the Y6 pupils in their production of Pirates of the Currybean last week I was so impressed by their confidence, articulation and teamwork.

Visits to the zoo, mini-olympics, Belvoir cricket club and local residential homes to name a few have all added to the wider school experience for our pupils. The successful summer fayre run by our FSA to support our pupils next year all show what a wonderful school family we are. Thank you for all their help over the year. Like all families we have our ups and downs but the fact we pull together, listen to one another and forgive shows that success is in the learning, loving, living together.

Next year Mrs Spence is stepping outside the classroom to join our pastoral team working alongside Mrs Shelton to provide ongoing support and nurture for pupils across the school. I know she will have a positive impact on the emotional wellbeing. Miss Tudor will also be supporting the pastoral team a couple of afternoons a week for ELSA (Emotional literacy) support. I am sure you will join me in sending love and best wishes to Mrs Daley who has worked at the school for several years now as she starts her new Headship from September. We also say goodbye to several members of staff who have supported the school this year, Mrs Jessop, Mrs Golovko and Mrs Porter and thank them for everything they have done.

As we look forward to next year, I hope to reinstate the parent forum to enable you to be even more involved in your children's school experience, the partnership between home and school is so important.

Transition points are a time to reflect, whether you are moving school, classroom or seat we can go away, rest and reflect and come back in September ready to learn and live well together. I hope you all have a lovely summer with opportunity for a change of pace and hopefully some sunshine.

Jayne Watson

KEY DATES

- 2/3 September - Inset days
- 4 September - Start of term for all
- 18 September - Year 1 parent phonics and reading open morning
- 25 September - Reception parent phonics and reading open morning
- 16 October - School photographs
- 12 November - Flu spray vaccination

Message from the Governors

On Tuesday I attended the first ever 'Thanksgiving Service' for Years 1-3 at the end of the school year. It was lovely to listen to those things that the children were thankful for, and a reminder of how important gratitude is. I was reminded of the Bible verse that says, 'It is good to give thanks to the Lord' (Psalm 92v1), because 'Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above' (James 1v17).

I would like to thank our amazing staff. This year has again asked a huge amount from them and again they have responded brilliantly. We knew the year would be challenging with the potential for a couple of inspections but, along with all their other responsibilities, they enabled us to be judged a good school by Ofsted, and fulfilling our Christian vision by SIAMS. We wish those staff moving on all the best for the future, and especially Wendy Daley as she takes on her first headship after being head of school at a different school for the last 2 terms.

A big thank you to our children. Last night at our governors meeting we were looking at the achievement and progress of our children and it was pleasing to see good results across the school. But it is not all about results, and the increase I have seen in confidence, especially in oracy, is great to experience. This was perhaps best demonstrated at the recent Y6 performance where I was able to hear virtually every word. Well done to all our children, and we wish Y6 all the best in their new schools.

I would like to thank my fellow governors. It is not an easy role, and the amount of time that needs to be given, in a voluntary capacity, is considerable. We have recently welcomed Karri Davey and Cindy Hudson to the board and look forward to them working with us as we help support the school through some challenging decisions.

And finally, a thank you to you all for your support. I hope you all have a great summer break and find much to be thankful for.

Michael Buckeridge



Well done!



Congratulations to Julia Jeruzska in Pathfinders ES and William Watkin in Pathfinders NG for winning the Boundary Outlet 'design a beachball' competition. They were presented with a goodie bag full of gifts for their wonderful designs. Well done!

Reception



We have been looking at wild animals and where they live. How is it different from where we live? We have studied their fur and the different patterns.

We have explored printing with everyday objects to see what shapes they make.

We walked up to Gonerby village to see inside St Sebastian's church. Mr Thompson is a local historian and he told us so many interesting facts and stories about the church. The children and adults really enjoyed it.

The Explorers class had their class assembly and also their first sports day! They worked so hard on both and we are very proud of them all. They also had their end of term disco and showcased some fantastic moves!



Year 1



What a busy term we have had, but also lots of fun!

EYFS and KS1 had a very sunny sports day and enjoyed the beautiful weather outside, taking part in lots of activities. Smiles all round!

KS1 had an amazing trip to Twycross Zoo. We saw so many animals and especially loved seeing the penguins flapping and swimming.

And well done as always to our diamonds throughout the summer term!



Year 2



Year 2 Pathfinders have had a wonderful summer term!

We have been making some amazing puppets which will be available to our families at our summer fair - there are some great creations!

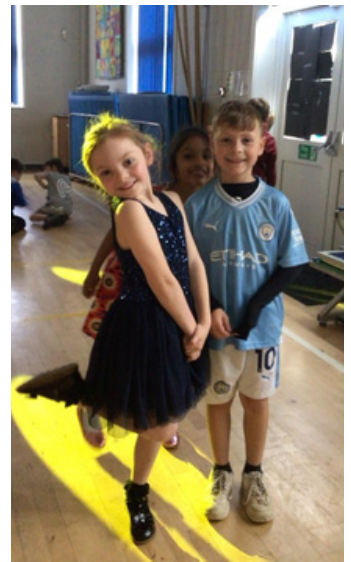


We made bird feeders - it was sticky and messy but lots of fun!

Our end of term disco was a blast and the dance floor was full of happy jumping children.



The Twycross zoo trip was a fantastic success! We saw giraffes, flamingoes and penguins, to name only a few. Some children even found a gruffalo! Oh no!



Year 5 and 6



What an action packed last term of the year for our year 5 and 6's! The year 6's had their residential trip to PGL and had the best time trying new activities and going beyond their comfort zones - we were very proud of them all.

After working so hard on their SAT's we had a visit to the local park to let off some steam and more than one of the children got far too dizzy on the roundabout! The year 5s had a taster day at Walton Academy to see what a secondary school day is like - they were so well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the day. West Grantham also visited us to show us some Science experiments.

We had so much fun designing and making our own chocolate bars, and hopefully enjoyed eating them too!



The next chapter for Year 6



What an end to the term! Performances, leavers party with pizza and water fights, and the gala dinner for parents to celebrate your success. We have seen you grow from Reception to Year 6, and we know you will grow into amazing young adults in your next phase at secondary school.

We will miss you, and we wish you a bright and happy future.



Free! FUN POP UP LEGO PLUS!

Build with Lego

Lego Bible Story!

Subtitled Version

Craft

Food

AT ST SEBASTIAN'S CHURCH

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More info at: **2pm-3.30pm**

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Busy Bees Lunch Club

We are delighted that Busy Bees Lunchtime club has continued to be very popular with our children at GHF. It's great to see so many children attending and actively exploring their personal interests, developing new skills and making new friends all whilst having fun.

We hope you all have a fantastic and well deserved summer break and we look forward to seeing you back at Busy Bees in September.

Miss Tudor and Mrs Wright

JUST keep being you

SUMMER SWIMMING LESSONS

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Small Groups, 6 maximum
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From age 4 years upwards

Monday to Friday 9am-10.30am

Week one - July 29-02 August 2024
Week two - August 05-09 August 2024
Week three - August 12-16 August 2024
Week four - August 19-23 August 2024

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