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The children have all been amazing this week settling quickly back into routines. There has been a lovely buzz and noise around school as the children have enjoyed catching up with their friends and teachers.

We are starting to get back into a rhythm at drop off and collection times. However, please make sure you follow the procedures below to keep everyone as safe as possible. COVID is still very much in the local community.

**To help us keep everyone safe please**

- **do not arrive earlier than your drop off/pick up time**
- **wear face coverings on site**
- **keep to the left on your way in and out**
- **leave immediately with no congregating on any part of the site**
- **only one adult on site to drop off/pick up**
- **if you have more than one child in school please drop and collect at the later time**
- **enter the site from our school gate. Do not enter via Broadway East's playground or through St Oswald's gate**
- **Keep children by your side to help others maintain social distancing**

Thank you for your support  
Mrs Lamb

## Think COVID first

If you or your child is unwell and have any of the following symptoms please do not send them to school. Think COVID first and book a test.

- A new or continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A change or loss in taste or smell

## Bikes and Scooters

We are encouraging our families to walk, cycle or scoot to school wherever possible. Please maintain social distancing when parking and collecting bikes and scooters from the rack and observe the one way system on the playground. **Please do not cycle or scoot anywhere on the school site.**

## Thank you so much!

Huge thanks and well done to the Mancini Family who completed their challenge at the weekend running 4 miles every 4 hours for 48 hours including through the night.

“Myself and Anthony cannot believe how much GPFS community came to together to support us and the school, not just with donations but also different people offering to run legs with us, this certainly helped both of us get through the second day and successfully complete the challenge in the early hours of Monday morning, we both really do thank them all.”

*Christina*

The family have raised £1431 giving a fantastic boost to PTA funds.

Thank you so much to everyone who supported their challenge.

Mrs Lamb



The last 12 months have been incredibly tough for all of us, but we're so proud of how our pupils have managed. As parents and carers, you've also had your lives turned upside down, and we're so grateful for all of your efforts at home.

That's why I want to let you know that I think you're the best. And amazing. And could do with a laugh right now!

Which is why we're so excited to get involved with Red Nose Day on Friday 19 March.

I know there's a lot going on, and things will look a bit different this year, but we can't wait to raise a smile and some life-changing money.

On Friday 19th March children can come to school dressed as a superhero. From Wonder Woman and Superman to Air-Guitar-Girl and Bakes-Brilliant-Cakes-Boy, choose or create a superhero. If you are able to, you can donate £1 via Parent Pay

Whether or not you can donate, we're all in this together so we'd love you all to join us.

However much or little we raise, we'll be helping change lives in the UK and across the world.

So get Friday 19 March in the diary and prepare to have some fun.

With massive thanks for all your support  
Mrs McClurg



Some exciting things to look forward to over the next few weeks ...

- WB 15<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day!
- WB 22<sup>nd</sup> March – STEM week
- WB 29<sup>th</sup> March – Easter fun and egg decorating!

More information to follow soon ...

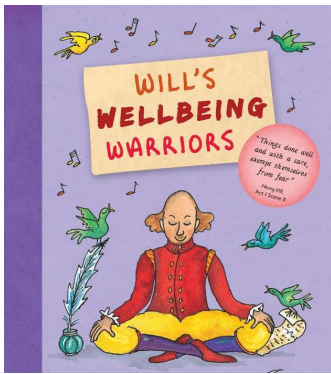
## GPFS Nursery

If your child will turn three before September 2021, now is the time to apply for a Nursery place. The deadline for applications to Nursery for September 2021 is **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March**.

Although we would love to have invited parents to visit our Nursery, obviously that has not been possible this year. However, we have created a virtual tour of our Early Years setting, which can be found on the school website. Please go to the 'New Nursery and Reception Parents' section to find our tour, we hope you enjoy having a look around! You can also find application forms and the information you will need to apply in that section of the website too.

If you have any further queries please contact the school office.

Thank you  
Miss Gasper  
Nursery Teacher and Early Years Lead



**SHAKESPEARE WEEK**  
Join the national celebration

It's Shakespeare week 15-21<sup>st</sup> March – They have produced a beautifully-illustrated notebook full of wellbeing activities. Illustrated by award winning children's author Marcia Williams, the activities cover key aspects of children's emotional wellbeing in a fun and engaging way. We'll send a link on Seesaw!



**Healthy School**

It's been lovely seeing more bikes and scooters in the racks this week! I often receive emails from the Sustrans organisation, a charity who are custodians of the National Cycle Network and who work to promote cycling so as to benefit our environment and our safety. This week I received a timely emailed reminder that I should really check my children's bikes over and Sustrans have some excellent advice on how to check them thoroughly here:

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/get-active/2019/everyday-walking-and-cycling/the-m-check-for-your-bike-in-11-steps/>

There is also a step by step guide to cleaning your bike, which is in clear steps so that children can help follow along. It can be accessed if you enter, "how to clean your bike" in the search box on their website - <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/>

Happy cycling!

Mrs Wells



Well done to Yellow class for holding on to the trophy. Violet class have been working hard this week too, and almost caught up to Yellow - fantastic work Violet!

Sahib Singh Dhaliwal, Ella Sinclair and Maisie Rivett are our Mathletes of the week. Super work everyone!



Jemima Bond, Elizabeth Muldoon-Smith, Isabel Gent are still our Rock Legends, with Millie Anderson and David Taylor very close behind! Fantastic work everyone!

Ms Gasper



Eve Wotherspoon in Green is Oxford Reading Buddy this week- well done!

Mrs Lambert

### School Uniform

**PLEASE REMEMBER** - Preloved uniform is available to buy anytime through Kate Watkins. Please contact her on 07947846974.

This includes not only official school uniform but also grey items priced as low as 50p.

If you have any pre-loved uniform in a good condition that can be passed on, please leave it at the school office. Thanks

