

Guyhirn Church of England Primary School &



Pre-School



February 2020 Newsletter

Another busy and exciting start to the term with author and illustrator Steve Smallman, working with all the children, creating some great stories and illustrations to complement these. It was wonderful to see the children excited and engaged in this wonderful activity.

Roland from Djibo art has also joined us this week sharing his childhood history, and how and what inspires him to create his art. The children created art using a comb, peg and string. The whole school have contributed to the art work and this will be displayed in the school.

Next week is British Values week, with a visit to the Sikh Temple and different visitors from different cultures throughout the week.

Lunchtime changes

Many parents ask us to monitor what their children eat at lunch and say that their children are eager to get out and play. This means the children are not eating their lunch, and most behavioural incidents between children occur during lunchtime. We have had 15 new children join us since October 2019, however, our school hall and playground has not increased in size, therefore, we have made a decision to alter lunchtimes across the school. Lunchtimes will be staggered, with a maximum of two classes in the hall at once and only two classes out on the playground at a given time. Children will be seated for a minimum of 15 minutes to ensure that they eat their lunch before rushing off to play. Less children in the school hall will enable a quieter, calmer place to eat and a calmer playground area with less children, ensuring more space for activities and a higher level of supervision. In order to ensure a maximum of two classes in any one place, we will be reducing the time of the lunch break. This will allow for additional quality learning time for Tigers and Lions class. Cubs class will have a 15 minute break in the afternoon.

Lunch times will be as follows:

Cubs - 11:45-12:30pm

Tigers - 12- 12:45pm

Lions - 12:15 - 1pm

If you have any questions or concerns about this please come and speak to me.

Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the recycling survey online . We reached our goal of responses so we will be receiving £500 that will go towards the final part of upgrading our playground over the half term holidays

Parent Consultations

These will be held on Wednesday 5th February. Please contact the office if you need a reminder of your appointment time. Please can we ask that you arrive ten minutes before your appointment to view books before speaking to the class teacher.

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Term Ends Friday 14th February

Term starts: Monday 24th February

Parking outside school

Please can I remind you again, not to park on the zig zag lines even when dropping children off and picking them up. We have asked for an improved police presence, as we feel this is a very important matter regarding the safety of all of our children.

Dates

Wednesday 5th February - Parents Consultations

Friday 7th February - Year 3 and 4 Netball tournament at Wisbech Grammar School

Monday 10th -Friday 14th February - British Values Week

Monday 17th - Friday 21st February - Half term

Thursday 5th March - World Book day- Children can dress as their Favorite character

Tuesday 10th March - Arctic Day

Friday 13th March - James Nicol - author visit

Wednesday 1st April- Term Ends

Thursday 2nd April - Training Day

School term & holiday dates for 2019-2020 and 2010-2021 are located on the school website or available at the school office.