

Guyhirn Church of England Primary School & Pre-School



March 2020 Newsletter

We hope you all had a wonderful half term.

The next part of our playground makeover has taken place over the half term and I hope you will agree how wonderful it looks. The children are enjoying the new areas and the different ages of children are using the decking platform for varying activities. It is wonderful to see them engage with the new facilities. The next part of the makeover is for the fence, to the right of the playground and the potting shed to be painted by Street Art.

Our two new traffic children (Models) are out during school time and we hope that this deters people from parking on the zig-zag lines.

Our British Values week was a great success with the children taking part in Hindu dancing, Chinese plate painting, dragon dancing, and a visit from Mr & Mrs Parker giving the children an experience of Judaism.

Attendance

The current attendance for the whole school is 95.14% and is below the expected percentage. Please ensure that where possible appointments are made for after school or during school holidays. Any children collected from school early will now be recorded on the school attendance system, detailing the time and reason they were collected. We work very closely with the Local Authority Attendance Officer, which includes sending out letters when attendance declines. Regular attendance and punctuality is extremely important as missing school has a detrimental effect on pupils learning.

Lunchtime changes

The changes to lunchtime have been very positive. We are able to spend more time encouraging the children to eat their lunch, and the reduced numbers on the playground have had a great impact on play and reduced first aid incidents during the lunchtime. We will continue to monitor this throughout the term.

Funky Cones Day - Tuesday 3rd March.

All children will need their PE kit in school to take part in the Funky Cones Day. They will be taking part in sporting challenges using electronic cones to record timings etc. Please can I take this opportunity to advise you that due to health and safety guidance, hair must be tied up and earrings and watches removed. Staff are not permitted to remove earrings and if the child is unable to remove them for themselves they will need to wear tape to cover these.

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day (Including Pre-school) & Parents Craft Afternoon

All children are invited to dress as a book character and they will be taking part in book activities throughout the day. We are also holding a World Book Day lunch for the pupils. If a flyer was not brought home please ask the office for details.

Parents/Carers are invited to join us at 1:30pm to work with your child/children to create a 3D character. You will collect your children from class, find a work station and get creative. Craft materials will be available but if you have your own ideas and would like to bring in your own craft materials that would be great. Once the characters have been created your child/children will use that character when they write a story during the next week.

On **Monday 30th March at 2pm** Parents/Carers are invited back for afternoon tea to see the stories and characters that have been created.

Parents Lunches

Parents/Carers are invited to join their children for lunch. The options for lunch are Fish and Chips or a vegetarian dish (flyers have been sent home via the pupils with the options). The cost for each lunch is £2.30 payable at the office. Please order your lunch before the day so the school cook can cater for these events.

Cubs: Friday 6th March at 11:45am- 12:30pm

Tigers: Friday 13th March at 12noon - 12:45pm

Lions: Friday 20th March at 12:15- 1:00pm

Class Assemblies

Please come and join us on the following dates to listen and watch what your child/children have been learning throughout the term.

Pre-School - Tuesday 24th March at 9am

Tigers Class- Wednesday 25th March at 9am

Cubs Class - Thursday 26th March at 9am

Lions Class - Friday 27th March at 9am

Key Stage 1 Circus Skills- Thursday 19th March

All of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be taking part in Circus Skills, delivered by our PE provider, Improve It. Please ensure children have their PE kit in school.

Poetry Festival

Tigers class are taking part in a poetry festival during March. On Monday 2nd March they will be having a visit to the school and then on the afternoon of Wednesday 18th March they will be attending a Poetry Festival at Thomas Clarkson School in Wisbech.

Uniform and PE Kit

Please can we remind you of our school uniform. Children should wear black/grey trousers/skirt/ pinafore, white or red shirt/polo shirt, red sweatshirt/cardigan and black shoes/trainers.

PE is an important part of the curriculum and all children need a PE kit that should be kept in school for the week. PE sessions are every Wednesday and additional sessions take place throughout the week. Hair should be tied back.

FROGS

Can you help us organise some fund raising events in school? Can you get us some raffle prizes? Can you make some posters? Do you have any ideas to raise money for our children? Please join myself (Mrs Milnthorpe) and others in the school hall at 2:30pm on Thursday 5th March. We need your help!!!

Dates

Tuesday 3rd March- Funky Cones Day

Thursday 5th March - World Book day- Children can dress as a book character

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day Lunch

Thursday 5th March - Parent/Carers Craft afternoon to create a 3D character

Thursday 5th March - FROGS meeting 2.30pm

Friday 6th March - Cubs Parent Lunch

Tuesday 10th March - Arctic Day

Friday 13th March - James Nicol - author visit

Friday 13th March - Tigers Parent Lunch

Friday 20th March - Lions Parent Lunch

Monday 30th March - Afternoon Tea for Parents/Carers at 2pm

Wednesday 1st April - Parents/Carers Craft morning 9:00-10:30am

Wednesday 1st April- Easter Service at Wisbech St Mary Church at 1:30pm

Wednesday 1st April- Term Ends

Thursday 2nd April - Training Day