

Dear Families,

Welcome...



We would like to give an official Gilberdyke welcome to our two new members of the site facilities team; Shaun Douthwaite and John Macdonald

Shaun and John will both work part-time hours taking on different responsibilities encompassing all aspects of our school's health and safety on site.

Our Gilberdyke treasure, Mr Mackenzie, will be finishing with us on Friday 20th October after he has completed a comprehensive handover with Shaun and John over the last two weeks.

Harvest Festival

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We will celebrate the harvest on Tuesday 17th October with a service in school this year. It will be full of poetry and autumnal songs with each class performing their own poem or rhyme to the rest of the school.

We kindly ask, once again, for donations of wrapped/sealed food items in tins or packets please. If your child could bring any donations into their classroom, that would be greatly appreciated. Our year 6 events committee will then organise the produce into a display for the harvest celebration on Tuesday afternoon before we take it to its destination.

The pupils have expressed a strong preference for donations to be taken to Mission Trinity food bank in Goole again this year.

Family Links – The Nurturing Programme

Support for Families At Gilberdyke

Every Tuesday, from 1-3pm, we are running a Family Links Nurturing Programme which aims to support parents in getting the best out of family life.



The 10-week programme has some additional spaces available if you are interested.

It is run by a team of highly skilled and experienced Children's Centre practitioners with a clear focus for every session.

For more information or to book a place please contact:
Howden Children's Centre: 01482 395220
Marshlands Children's Centre: 01405 762614

Topics Include:

- *Understanding why children behave as they do
- *Recognising the feelings behind behaviours
- *Exploring different approaches to discipline
- *Finding ways to develop co-operation
- *Learning the importance of looking after ourselves

Phonics & Early Reading Workshop for F2 (Robins) & year one (Finches) families



On Tuesday 17th October we will hold a phonics workshop to share with parents the key messages about how we teach phonics and early reading.

By attending this workshop, parents will receive valuable insight into how to support their child's early reading development at home.

As well as hearing the key messages about our approach to teaching early reading (phonics) and how we teach the children, you will be given the opportunity to see live lessons happening in your child's class.

We encourage all parents to come and take advantage of this opportunity and look forward to seeing you there 😊

MacMillan Coffee Event

- The MacMillan coffee event, our fundraising charity for this term was as busy and bustling as ever and wouldn't have been possible without your kind donations of cakes, biscuits, buns and everything else you baked or bought and donated to school – a huge thank you.



- After the event in school on Friday, we raised **£520** this year and there is more to be added from the after-school cake sales that have been held.

Many thanks for your kind donations 😊

PTFA News

Coming Up...

GOING LIVE TOMORROW (SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER) ...

- From Saturday 14th October – Halloween Trail Around the Village – maps available from school and from Scalby Grange - £1 per entry - completed forms to be returned to school or Scalby Grange – each one will be entered into prize draw to win an autumnal hamper



A SEPARATE LETTER IS IN YOUR CHILD'S BOOK BAG

Halloween Discos - Thursday 26th October

- Foundation stage – during the afternoon (bring clothes/costume in a bag to change into)
- 4.15-5.15pm - Y1, 2, 3 – Finches, Kingfishers & Falcons
- 5.30-6.30pm – Y4, 5, 6 – Kestrels, Ospreys & Eagles



More Information can be found on our social media platforms:

Facebook Page: Gilberdyke Primary School PTFA

Twitter Page: @PTFA_Gilberdyke

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Open Evening for New Starters

Change of Date

It has been necessary to change the date of our open event for families of children who will be new to the foundation stage from January 2024.

The revised date is: **Monday 13th November**

The event will be advertised locally in the shops and on Facebook but please pass the information on.

If you have neighbours in your street who are not familiar with our school, please share this date and ask them to contact the school for more information or see social media.



Curriculum Workshops for Parents

We are very conscious of giving parents and carers the opportunity to come in to school to see learning in action! By doing this it will give parents and carers an insight into what and how your child learns the vast range of subjects we teach on a daily basis.

Art & Design At Gilberdyke

Starting on Tuesday 17th October with a phonics and early reading workshop for parents where you will be given the chance to learn about the approach and then see your child take part in a phonics lesson, we will continue to host a curriculum workshop for parents every half term. On Tuesday 14th November the focus for the workshop, to be held in the afternoon, will be Art & Design.



Come In & See our Art & Design Curriculum

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to myself or a member of staff who is available at the start/end of the day or arrange a phone call with your child's class teacher.

Take care,

Melissa Shirley