

Gilberdyke Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 26th January '24



Dear Families,

2024 is in full flow in our classrooms with the children stepping into the new year with enthusiasm and energy!



Our 2024 Resolutions and Targets

Your child/ren may have told you about some of the resolutions we are working towards, mostly based on being 'fluent' at different things including;

- Fluent speaking - communicating to others clearly and politely wherever we are in school and to everyone we come across
- Fluent presentation - presenting our work to the best of our ability – which may lead to them being awarded a pen licence so that they can use ink instead of pencil in their books
- Fluent manners - in the dining hall by using a knife and fork well to cut their own food



With their usual enthusiasm, our proactive pupils have proudly launched into this and brought many smiles around school. Mrs Johnson and Mrs Smith have already been blown away by a new level of courtesy and manners that children have shared when visiting the office 😊.

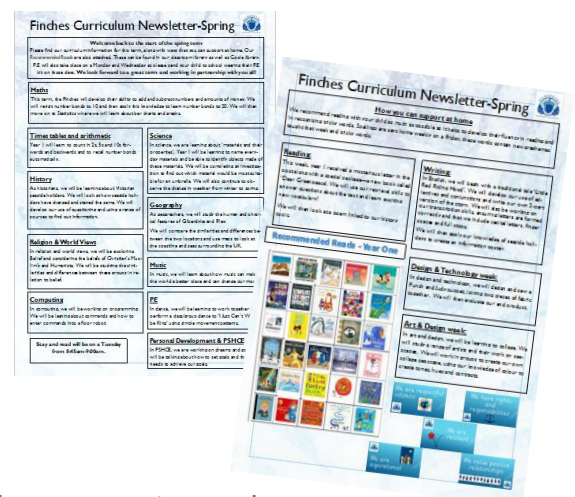
Curriculum Newsletters

You should have received a class curriculum newsletter last week about the different areas/aspects that your child will study in each subject this spring term. This is useful for those times at the dinner table or when walking home from school to discuss their day and especially what new things they have learnt and new knowledge or skills they have acquired that day or week.

It will definitely help with that age-old problem and scenario that many of us can relate to which goes a bit like this;

Parent/carer: "What did you do at school today?"

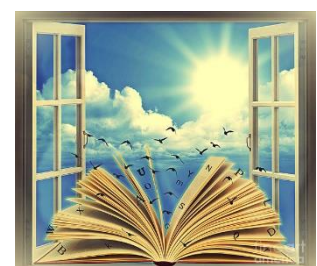
Child: "Nothing!"



If you didn't receive one, please call in at the office where we have spares in a rack next to the hatch.

As well as information on how you can help your child at home in line with our 'little and often' homework policy, the newsletter lists the 'recommended reads' that have been selected for his/her year group and some of these texts are now being stocked in Goole library for you to borrow.

'Reading is the Window to the World'



Local Business Support for Us



Organised by Miss Scargill and our school council, we are lucky enough to have established a great connection with Warburtons bakery through the depot based in Howden.

From this term, they have started to donate a variety of bread-based products to our school including crumpets, bagels and loaves of bread which we intend to use in the breakfast and after school clubs as well as to provide a fulfilling snack at morning break for key stage two children.

This is a huge help and is very gratefully received.



PTFA News

- Valentine Disco...

Valentine Disco
Thursday 8th February

Years 1-3 4:15pm-5:15pm
Years 4&5 5:30pm-6:30pm

£3.75 per child
to be paid in advance via Parent Pay
includes pizza, crisps and drink

sweets
50p on
exit



Next Meeting...

- To Be Confirmed

More Information can be found on our social media platforms:

Facebook Page: Gilberdyke Primary School PTFA

Twitter Page: @PTFA_Gilberdyke

Email address: gilberdykeprimaryptfa@gmail.com

Admissions 2025/26 Consultation

Hull Collaborative Academy Trust (HCAAT) are taking its admission policy to consultation for the year 25/26. The consultation runs from 20 December 2023 to 31 January 2024 and the document is available for you to review on the school's website. Should you have any comments please email admin.gilberdyke@hcat.org.uk

Health & Safety - Choking

Whilst it is a common occurrence and often a sensory based need for many young children to place objects in their mouths which are not food or drink, we have needed to be very strict about not doing this over recent months following two cases where children have choked in school.

Our message is simple;

If it Cannot be Swallowed, Do Not Put It In Your Mouth.

We are asking for your support in teaching and reminding your child of the very same message please.

Sweets in Packed Lunches:



It is the duty of all schools and educational establishments to promote key guidance and messages published by the NHS.

Their guidance around nutrition for young children is based on a balanced diet where foods from different groups are eaten in proportion. Sweets are a treat and as such, should be enjoyed occasionally.

For two reasons, *please do not send sweets in your child's packed lunch:*

- Health guidance as supported by the NHS
- The choking hazard they can often present if not chewed properly

We have spoken to the children about this and they understand the need for this guidance around not having sweets in school. They asked us to clarify what we mean by sweets. These include things like Haribo jelly sweets, lollipops, popping candy etc.

The pupils also asked whether this included chocolate and we clarified that, as part of a balanced diet, a chocolate biscuit meets the NHS criteria as a sweet treat suitable for a packed lunch.

Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Take care,

Melissa Shirley

