

Gilberdyke Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 19th April 24



Dear Families,

Welcome back to the summer term – although any signs of spring weather would be gratefully appreciated as we relentlessly wait for our school field to dry out!!!!

Your child will bring home a curriculum newsletter this week to inform you about what they will study in each subject from now until the summer holidays.

The summer term diary has already been published with dates for sports days ect so that you can plan ahead.

Dance Show – Finale!!

Our dance show finale, involving every child in the whole school will be on Wednesday 24th April from 2.30pm. Every class will perform their finished dance routine and we would love you to join us and see the improvements we have made.

The event will take place on the playground (so will be weather dependent on the day) – just make your way onto the playground via the main entrance gate to the school and we look forward to sharing these performances with you.

What's Been Happening Over the Last Weeks...

Birthing Chicks



There has been a whole school buzz about the eggs that we have nurtured in the foundation stage over the last 2 weeks!!

The awe and wonder has been immense and we are now the proud carers of 10 healthy chicks.

Next up... tadpoles and caterpillars!!!!

Outdoor Playground Project Plea

We have planned the second stage of our outdoor playground project to make break and lunchtimes more activity led and enjoyable.



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking to revamp our lunch time outdoor provision to excite, enthuse and enrich our pupil's school experience further. We would be grateful if you or anybody you know could help with sourcing any of the following:

- Decking boards/wooden planks
- Tyres
- Plastic crates
- Tarpaulin
- Cable reels
- Plastic wash pegs
- Metal pans
- Cooking utensils
- Mixing bowls
- Wooden pallets
- Guttering

Donations will be gratefully received at the school office at your earliest convenience.

Kind regards,

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Having worked with the children to generate these ideas, we are building a giant mud kitchen on the corner of the playground near the external fence (under the conifers) with the help and expertise of Mr Douthwaite and no doubt Mr Macdonald will get involved too!!!! In addition, we will create a large construction area for the children to be able to build dens, large models and anything they please.

We would welcome your support in the form of donations as per the list above.

Extra-Curricular Clubs for Summer!!

All summer term clubs will start next week from **Monday 22nd April**.

They will run for 6 term-time weeks, with a break over the half term holiday.

The summer term programme of clubs has been altered to reflect the feedback gathered from parents and carers at the spring term parent's evenings. Many thanks for offering your thoughts and ideas, we have been able to add additional clubs like Zumba to the programme and tailor the ones that we had planned like cooking club and craft club in response to the ideas that you gave.



Design & craft club will include 3 x weeks of diamond art and 3 x weeks of cross stitch – led by PTFA members for years 4, 5 and 6 pupils.



Netball club has been extended to include Y4 pupils as well as Y5 and 6.



Cooking club will have a theme each week in the style of bake-off – starting with Miss Mould's Mexican week, followed by Mr Shepherdson's Pastry Patisserie for Years 3 and 4!!!!



Please collect your child from the office at 4.30pm.



The Smarties Challenge

Huge thanks for participating in the Smarties Challenge over the Easter holiday. The tubes that were returned have raised £139,00 so far with a few still being returned.



On Sunday 25th March, an extremely well attended Family Bingo Event was organised for our families at The White Horse pub by Danielle, Claire and Laura and what a success it was!!

£352.00 was raised and the support of a willing, enthusiastic and organised parents in pulling this fantastic event together was very, very much appreciated by Kirsty, Lorraine, Emma, the committee and all of us in school.



Many thanks for your continued support.

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

REMINDER: Getting Ready for Summer



Prior Planning & Preparation for spring weather

As the seasons change, we need your support please.



We firmly believe that fresh air and a chance to let off steam in the outdoors is a vital part of our busy school day, therefore we still take the children outside when it is lightly raining. When this is the case, they need a jacket in school to prevent them having damp uniform during the afternoon please.

Please write your child's name in his/her uniform

As the weather gets warmer, jumpers and cardigans tend to go missing and they are expensive – a name inside helps tremendously!!

Cricket Club Opportunity

Gilberdyke Cricket Club are running the 'All Stars' cricket programme for 5-8 year olds and Dynamos for 8-11 year olds.

These are fun-based approaches to learning cricket skills and to develop understanding and experience of the game with opportunities to be active, meet new people and develop new hobbies.



Further information is available from Neil Butler on 07725 983223



Enjoy the week and let's hope for some sunshine and dry weather!!

Melissa Shirley