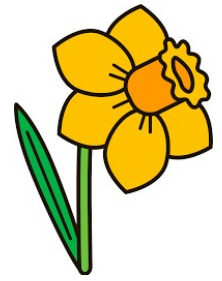




Gilbertstone Primary School

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Newsletter

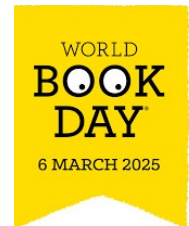


The Spring Term in school

At last we are seeing some sunshine and it feels as though summer is just around the corner! We have some exciting news about our school meals for this year! From September, we are changing our supplier to GROW, who are going to be delivering a new and vibrant lunch service in school. They will be providing innovative, healthy, nutritious food for our children and we are really looking forward to working with them. Watch this space for more information nearer the time including menus and ideas. Please bear in mind, if your child is in Key Stage 2 and you are on certain benefits, your child may be eligible for free school meals. Do not hesitate to contact the school office if you would like us to check your eligibility. In other news, we hope that the children all enjoyed taking part in Comic Relief this year. We are delighted to have raised £223 for the charity so thank you for your kind donations. If you will still like to donate, it is on parent pay.

To all of our families who are celebrating, may we wish you Eid Mubarak! The children in school have been learning about Ramadan in a special assembly and we wish you all well as you celebrate your special day!

World Book Day



We had a fabulous time in school celebrating World Book Day! It was lovely to see all of the children enjoying talking about their favourite books, sharing these with their class mates and teachers and being able to spend some time getting cosy and reading.

We also wanted to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who spent time creating a 'book in a box'. Our school foyer has been looking fabulous thanks to the many amazing competition entries we received! We had a really hard time picking winners, thanks again for all of the entries and the winners are -

Oakley (Green), Freddie (1P), Robyn (2B), Mason (3P), Issac (4C) Cara (5S) Ife (6S)

Thank you to all of our parents who attended Parents Evening this term, we had 86% booked appointments which is fabulous. We hope that you enjoyed hearing about your child's amazing achievements so far this year! Thank you all for your wonderful support from home and for all of the positive parent questionnaires that you completed.

Collection time

Please can we remind you that school finishes at 3.15pm and we expect parents / carers to be here, on site when the children are released. We understand that emergencies sometimes happen and cannot be helped but would ask that you are always here on time for your child. Thank you!



Dates for your diary... so far!

Please note these dates are always subject to change and it is not a definitive list. Thank you!

Date	Event
Monday 7 April	Reception Easter Bonnet Parade 9.00am
Friday 11 April	Children break up for half term
Monday 28 April	Children return to school
Wednesday 30 April	Chinese Lion Dance Workshop Year 1
Monday 5 May	Bank Holiday school closed
Tuesday 6 May	Morris Dance Workshop Year 2
Thursday 8 May	Year 2 trip to Black Country Museum
Monday 12 May	Year 6 SATS week
Tuesday 20 May	Year 1 trip to Safari Park
Friday 23 May	Break up for half term
Monday 2 June	Children return to school
Tuesday 10 June	Year 3 trip to Bosworth
Tuesday 17 June	Sound of the musicals workshop Year 5
Tuesday 1 July	Year 6 trip to Umberslade
Wednesday 16 July	Year 6 Prom
Friday 18 July	Children break up for Summer
Monday 1 September & Tuesday 2 Sept	School Closed for Training Day on both days
Wednesday 3 September	Children return to school

Year 1 Projects



Thank you so much for the Year 1 Old and New Toys projects that our displayed in our school foyer! The children have done an amazing job with their projects, we know that they will have had support at home so thank you for all of your creations, they are wonderful.

Marble Jar Awards

Well done to Red group who's marble jar award was a trim trail session. 3S and 6S have also enjoyed a session on the trim trail. 5S have chosen laptop time for their reward. Well done to all of the children for filling the jar!



Attendance Matters

This term has seen an increase in the number of absences compared to this time last year.

Please remember that it is parents' legal duty to ensure children attend school each day. Refer to NHS guidelines regarding when it is safe for children to return to school, after illness. School advises sending your child in with minor colds and coughs and keeping off school if they have a temperature. School is always happy to administer capol or nurofen, with your permission.

High levels of absence can have a detrimental effect on academic achievement, maintaining and developing friendships, accessing a range of enrichment activities in school and developing good habits such as punctuality. In addition, we have received an unusually high number of leave in term time, holiday requests. Please note that school is not able to authorise these, except in exceptional circumstances. Penalty notices for leave of 5 days and above may result in fines of £80 per child, per parent. If you have any queries regarding attendance or would like support, please email Mrs Hoo on attendance @gilbertstone.bham.sch.uk. Thank you for your ongoing support with attendance across school.

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