



# Gilbertstone Primary School

## November 2024

### Newsletter

## Christmas Gift Appeal

We are so grateful for the donations that we have had so far for the Birmingham City Mission Appeal. If you are able to, we would really appreciate you donating a gift for a child in Birmingham who will get gifts due to poverty or family circumstances. Families in need are referred by Social Services, shelters, churches and other agencies. Through November and December hundreds of volunteers carefully select and wrap four gifts for each child and put them in a sack with a Christmas story booklet and card ready for delivery. You really could make a child's day so thank you all for your kindness and generosity at what is a very expensive time of year!  
**Can all donations be in school by Tuesday 10 December, thanks!**



## Book Fair

Thank you to all of our families who attended the recent book fair. Your purchases raised £739.20 in commission for the school which we can use for books for the children.  
Thank you all so much.

## Rainforest Projects

A huge well done to Year 4 who have produced some amazing projects all about the Rain Forests. They really look fabulous in our foyer area, thank you for all of your hard work and to parents too for their help and support.



## Parents Evenings

Thank you to all of our families who attended parents evenings. 87% of parents booked which is fabulous so thank you and we hope that you enjoyed hearing how your child is getting on at school and what a fabulous start they have made in the school year!

We are going to be supporting Edwards Trust Charity with donations for Christmas Jumper Day on Tuesday 17 December. Please can we ask for £1.00 donation per child for wearing their jumper, all proceeds will support the charity.

## Marble Jar rewards

Well done to all of the classes who have earned their marble jar rewards! Red group have had a wristband, 1L have had biscuits and squash. 1P have enjoyed the games box and 2W had an extra art session. 2B enjoyed biscuits and squash and parachute games! 3S also had parachute games and 4C had the games box. 5S also enjoyed the biscuits and squash and 6S had fun with the games box and laptops. Finally, 6M took part in parachute games. Well done to you all!



# 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
Tuesday 3 December	Year 4 to Cadbury World trip
Thursday 5 December	Class 3S visit to the church
Friday 6 December	Class 3P visit to the church
Monday 9 December	Green group Christmas Workshop for parents
Wednesday 11 December	Year 4 Assembly 8.50am
Thursday 12 December	Red group Christmas Workshop for parents
Tuesday 17 December	Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 19 December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 20 December	Break up for Christmas
Monday 6 January 2025	School closed for Training Day. <u>Children return to school on Tuesday 7 January 2025.</u>
Tuesday 14 January	Chinese Dragon Workshop Year 3
Tuesday 4 February	Red Group Reading Workshop
Wednesday 5 February	Green Group Reading Workshop
Friday 14 February	Break up for half term
Monday 24 February	Children return to school
Thursday 6 March	Year 3 Egyptian Workshop
Tuesday 11 March	Parents Evening
Thursday 13 March	Parents Evening
Friday 14 March	Strictly ballroom dance workshop Year 6
Monday 7 April	Green Group Paths Workshop
Tuesday 8 April	Red Group Paths Workshop
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
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
Friday 18 July	Children break up for Summer
Monday 1 September	School Closed for Training Day
Tuesday 2 September	School Closed for Training Day
Wednesday 3 September	Children return to school



## Diwali Assembly



Thank you to Mrs Loxton for organizing a lovely Diwali assembly for the children. The children all enjoyed learning about the Diwali celebrations and the festival of lights. If you and your family were celebrating, we hope that you had a wonderful time.

Please can we once again remind parents and families about parking safely and considerately in the local streets and not park on pavements or over local residents drives. Please have some consideration for others and also consider the safety of our children when parking your car. Thank you.