



June Newsletter

The final few weeks of the academic year are fast approaching. This has already been a very exciting, busy half term and there are still lots of fantastic events to look forward to...

Staffing

I would like to offer the greatest of thanks to Mrs Gray who has been Acting Assistant Headteacher this academic year. Mrs Gray has been a huge support for the school during our period of transition. From September Mrs Gray will resume her role as class teacher.

I am excited to welcome Mrs Faye Tubb to the St Gilbert's team as Rabbit's class teacher. With over 20 years of teaching experience, Mrs Tubb is a valued member of the senior leadership team at Donington Cowley Endowed Primary School and is excited to develop her leadership role across our school partnership with St Gilbert's. Mrs Tubb will be working in both schools as Key Stage 1 Leader and Designated Senior Teacher. I would like to congratulate her on her new role and look forward to working with her at both school sites. Due to the nature of her leadership role, Mrs Tubb will be working at Donington one day a week and this will be covered by Mrs Sarah Dougill, an experienced member of our Donington team.

Mrs Tubb will be around after school on **Tuesday 2 July from 3.30pm** if any parents and children would like the opportunity to meet her.

On days when I am not onsite at St Gilbert's a senior leader will be present; Mrs Tubb, Mrs Ogden (Assistant Headteacher/ SENDCo) or Mrs Millard (Inclusion Lead). I will always be available when needed at either school.

Classes

As the end of this academic year approaches we begin to think ahead to September 2024. Class teachers for next year will be:

Hedgehogs and Hoglets - Mrs Markley

Rabbits - Mrs Tubb

Red Squirrels - Mr Adams

Badgers - Mrs Gray

There will be a transition morning for all children on **Thursday, 18 July**.

Attendance

We are nearly at the end of this academic year... only 14 more mornings of getting up and getting ready for school!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our families for their support with attendance this year. We do understand that sometimes there are struggles which make coming to school difficult for families so please continue to communicate with school so we can put any support needed in place.

Wellbeing

A big thank you to everyone that has joined us for coffee mornings and training events and feedback received has been positive. We will be hosting more of these events in the next academic year. Additionally, the school website has information on support services.

SEND

This month we have continued with several new interventions which include sensory circuits and Gilly (self-esteem) it has been lovely seeing children enjoying these sessions. Over the summer holidays, Mrs Ogden will be looking into new interventions including 'Theraplay'.

PGL 2024



The Year 6 children from Badgers class made the short journey to PGL at Caythorpe earlier this month, to spend three days experiencing some amazing activities. They took part in abseiling, canoeing, archery and laser tag, amongst other things.

A good time was had by all, and the children represented our school brilliantly. They all tried something they had never done before and showed great resilience and perseverance.

Topic Days

Children from Years 1 & 2 at Pointon and Donington schools joined together for a day of exciting activities relating to our summer topic “Planes, Trains and Automobiles” at Donington school. There was a fire engine, lorry, campervan, tractor, sports car, motorbike and fold up bike for the children to look at and climb into! It was very exciting. The children were also able to ask the drivers lots of questions.

During the day, the children also made rockets, paper aeroplanes, boats and parachutes which they were able to test out. They also had a fantastic experience in the immersive suite where they could “ride” a huge rollercoaster, watch aeroplanes flying through the sky and zoom into space to see all the different planets!



Children in Years 3 & 4 enjoyed an Ancient Greek day at Donington.

The children were split into groups of Athens, Sparta, Corinth and Argos. From there, they enjoyed a variety of activities including crown and medal making, Greek alphabet writing, and they also had a fantastic time in the Immersive Suite exploring Ancient Greece. Some students were selected to do cooking and made Falafels, Greek Salad and Tzatziki.

To end the day, children designed their own Olympic games mascots and took part in Olympic events including long jump, javelin and discus.

Sports

June has been a busy month on the sports front!

With Euro 2024 well underway, the children have all been learning about their chosen countries and have been participating in various activities related to the tournament.

Sports Day was a huge success – the children were fantastic on what was a particularly hot morning! Thank you to you all for coming along and showing your support and to the PTA for the refreshments.

The children from Badgers also travelled to Lincoln to participate in The Brownlee Foundation Mini Triathlon Event. They all had the opportunity to sample the different parts of a triathlon and represented our school brilliantly.

Our 'Path to Paris' has been a success and the children have now virtually travelled from Athens to Paris, in preparation for this summer's Olympic Games. Over the coming weeks we will be looking at a variety of sports.

Reading

This half term we have continued our work towards the bronze reading pledge and are excited to announce that coming soon are our new school reading ambassadors! This will be a small group of children to help champion reading across the school and to help with reading events and paired reading sessions with our younger children. We are looking forward to this exciting time at St Gilberts so watch this space for more information.



Parent Fundraising Group

We are busy organising the last bits for our Summer Fair which will take place on **Friday 5 July, 4.30-6.30pm.**

It will be a lovely afternoon for you to spend some time with your friends and family, so we hope to see lots of you there. There will be a BBQ, Ice cream van, bouncy castle, facepainting, games, some lovely local stalls, tombola, raffle and lots more!



We have some incredible raffle prizes up for grabs including quite a few family days out at various places such as Skegness Aquarium and Tattershall Farm Park. If you have any Tombola donations, please can these be brought into the front entrance next week. Thank you.

Production - Thursday 11th July 7pm, Pointon Village Hall



Ahead of the performance of **The Wizard of OZ** the children are busily learning lines, checking stage prompts and thinking about costumes, scenery and props. Tickets for the performance will be allocated shortly - with priority given to our year 6 leavers and their families.

To support our production please help the children in learning lines and stage directions- they all have a copy of the script.

Key Dates



JULY

Thursday 4 July

Thursday 4 July 10.30-11.30am

Friday 5 July

Monday 8 July

Thursday 11 July 7pm

Friday 12 July

Thursday 18 July

Friday 19 July 1.45pm

Friday 19 July

KS1 Trip – Yorkshire Wildlife Park

EYFS Transition

Summer Fayre 4.30-6.30

Y5/6 Cadbury World

KS2 Production

Reports Out

Transition morning for all classes

Leavers' Assembly

Break up for Summer Holiday

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 4 September

Return to School

