



## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

I hope you have all had a lovely summer break and have enjoyed time spent making wonderful memories with family and friends. As the academic year 2023/2024 begins, I am delighted to welcome you back to St Gilbert's of Sempringham C of E Primary School.

I am greatly looking forward to leading our fantastic school through this stage of its journey as Interim Executive Headteacher and am incredibly excited and grateful for the opportunity to be part of such a wonderful learning community.

In 2022, I was appointed as headteacher at a school, Donnington Cowley Endowed Primary School, prior to which I worked in Cambridgeshire as headteacher within a small rural primary school. I am now looking forward to new adventures ahead as we continue to build upon the strengths of our school during this period of transition.

I look forward to meeting you all - Please do say hello at the school gates!



Kind regards

*Sophie Foston*

## STAFFING

As you will be aware we have had some changes to our teaching staff team, and I would like to take the opportunity to introduce you to our Leadership and Teaching Team. We would like to invite you to informally meet members of staff on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 3.20pm** in the school hall. Any queries in relation to your individual children's curriculum provision and progress should be directed to class teachers.

## **Leadership/ Teaching Team Sarah Gray - Acting Assistant Headteacher/ Y5/6 Class Teacher**

Hello everyone

My name is Mrs Gray, and I can't believe how quickly my first year at St Gilbert's has gone. After relocating from Devon last year, I am now starting to explore the local area a bit more. If you have any suggestions for places, I should visit please let me know.

I live with my family in Newark, although as my children are both at Lancaster University it's usually just me and the dog, a black working cocker spaniel called Cromwell.

When I'm not at school I enjoy running (slowly) and reading thrillers.

I am very much looking forward to the next year and sharing all the exciting things we have planned with you.



## **Sarah Ogden- Interim SENDCo**

Hi I'm Sarah. I am looking forward to working with St Gilbert's one day a week to lead SEND provision. My usual day of work will be a Monday, however, this may occasionally vary due to external commitments. My contact email for any concerns or queries in relation to SEND is [sarah.ogden@pointon.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:sarah.ogden@pointon.lincs.sch.uk)



## **Hailey Markley- EYFS Leader/ Class Teacher**

Hello everyone

My name is Mrs Markley and I am so excited to be your teacher in September. This will be my first-time teaching at St Gilbert's of Sempringham C of E School, so we will start our learning journey together. I can't wait to get to know each of you and your families.

In my family I have 3 children, called Amelia, Anna, and Lewis. I have a very bouncy dog called Parker and a gecko called Gary! How many people live in your family, what are their names and have you got any pets?

I look forward to hearing all about you.



## **Natalie Hawkins- Y3/4 Class Teacher**

Hello everyone!

I am Miss Hawkins. I have met most of you already when I started teaching Year 3/4 last term. I am continuing to teach the Red Squirrels this year and I am very much looking forward to working with you all this year. I am excited to be working at St. Gilbert's and I hope the children are excited to do lots of fun and active learning this year! See you all soon!



Hello! My name is Miss Wilson and I teach in Y1/2. I have taught in Y3/4 for the last 2 years so am excited about getting to know our little Rabbits at the start of their journey through our lovely school. I am from Lincolnshire `born and bred` but I have been lucky enough to travel and lived in Barcelona for a year while I was at university. From this, I have been able to introduce teaching Spanish at St Gilbert`s over the past two years and am so proud of the children`s skills. I am also a tennis coach as well as an avid horse rider (seriously don`t start a conversation with me about horses unless you want to lose half an hour of your life!). I am so excited to start our new year at St Gilberts; there is so much to learn.



## **ATTENDANCE**

Good attendance and punctuation 'is' essential in ensuring that your children have every opportunity to access learning and maximise progress. Our school gates open at 8.40am and registration is at 8.50am with lessons starting immediately - it is extremely important that all children arrive at school on time. If your child is unwell and will not be in school, **please** ensure that this is communicated directly with the school office *before* the start of the school day, so that accurate attendance records are maintained, and safeguarding procedures followed. Regular updates in relation to school attendance will be shared within school newsletters.

## **PE KITS**

Each class will have their own specific P.E Day, these will be communicated to you by the class teacher at the beginning of term.

P.E kit, should be appropriate St Gilbert`s kit that is suitable for both inside and outside P.E sessions. We have a small amount of used P.E kit available for purchase in our community larder, which can be found in the entrance hall.

## **FOREST SCHOOL**

As in previous years, Forest School sessions will run on a Tuesday. Individual class teachers will inform you as to when your child`s sessions will take place. Please ensure that children have appropriate clothing for the Forest School sessions, particularly as we head into Autumn and Winter.

## **KEY DATES**

Further information relating to specific events will be shared in further correspondence and more dates may be added to the list below:-

## September

7<sup>th</sup> 3.20pm - Welcome and meet the staff  
29<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival

## October - Black History Month

17<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultation Day  
20<sup>th</sup> **Break up Autumn Term 1**

30<sup>th</sup> Teacher Training Day

31<sup>st</sup> **Start of Autumn Term 2**

## November

17<sup>th</sup> Children in Need

## December

12<sup>th</sup> Nativity  
18<sup>th</sup> Christingle  
20<sup>th</sup> **End of Autumn Term 2**

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