



# September Newsletter

*Welcome back to another exciting year at St Gilbert of Sempringham C of E Primary School. I hope you have all had a lovely summer break and have made the most of the sunshine. It has been lovely to welcome the children back and to hear about the amazing memories they have made with family and friends over the last 6 weeks.*

*Class teachers have been busily preparing for the start of term with fantastic learning opportunities planned and many exciting events. Please do keep an eye on our school website, particularly class pages for regular updates.*

## Senior Leadership



I would like to welcome Mrs Tubb to our school community. Mrs Tubb is a designated senior leader across both schools. Mrs Tubb will be onsite most days but will be at Donington every Tuesday morning and Wednesday as part of her leadership role.

We have allocated days for other members of the senior leadership to be onsite as follows- these may vary on occasions due to arising commitments across our schools:

Mrs Millard - Inclusion Leader- Mondays

Mrs Ogden - SENDCo/ Assistant Headteacher- Tuesdays

Mrs Foston - Wednesdays, Thursdays and an additional day as required.

## Safeguarding team

Our Safeguarding Team are: -



**Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)**

Sophie Foston (Interim Executive Headteacher)



**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)**

Sarah Ogden - SENDCo



**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)**

Sarah-Jane Millard—Inclusion



**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)**

Faye Tubb—Year 2/3 Class Teacher



**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)**

Kayleigh Timings - Teaching Assistant

**If none of the DSLs are available our Designated Governors for Safeguarding are:**

**Matt Timings and David Spors**

**Attendance & Inclusion**

You should have received a message regarding some important changes to attendance – particularly absence - that came into effect on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024. Our attendance policy has been updated and will be published on the website as soon as it has been ratified by the governing body.



## Free Training for Parents/Carers

Following the positive feedback received from the attendees of the 'Stop, Understand and Move On' SUMO training we have managed to re-book this.

The course is aimed at providing parents/carers help to better understand themselves and their children. You will gain some simple, but life changing tools to help support the journey of parenting. Please see the attached leaflet which provides further information. The course will take place at Donington Primary School on 4 consecutive Thursday afternoons starting on 26<sup>th</sup> September 1-3pm.

If you would like to join us please contact the office to reserve your place.

We will also be running the advanced course SUMO 2 for those who have completed the initial training. Please see diary dates for information.

## SEND

Mrs Ogden would like to invite you to our coffee morning on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September** at 9am. It would be lovely to meet you and share our experiences over coffee. Please check our website regularly.

## Free School Meals

Even if your child is currently receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals then you can still claim Free School Meal if any of the below applies to you. This will give extra funding to school towards the children and their education.

- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Children who get paid these benefits directly can also get free school meals.



### **Summer Holiday work**

Significant work has been undertaken in our Early Years outdoor area to develop an exciting and vibrant learning environment for our Nursery and Reception/ Year 1 children. I would like to thank our parent volunteer group for their amazing fundraising efforts which have contributed to the resourcing of this area.

We are looking forward to our grand opening next **Tuesday at 11am** - all parents are invited



### **Forest School**

This year all children in Hedgehogs and Hoglets will have Forest School on a Tuesday afternoon. Until Christmas, Red Squirrels will have Forest school every Tuesday morning with Jo from Bluebells and Toadstools. Please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor, waterproof clothing and footwear with them on this day. Class teachers will provide further detail in relation to these arrangements.

### **Reading**

Mrs Tubb will be naming and awarding our new Reading Ambassadors with their badges soon! We will have a busy term organising and preparing events for our Bronze Reading Challenge.



Reading Ambassadors

### **Parent Volunteer group**

We are hugely fortunate to have a fantastic group of parent volunteers who support the school, planning events and raising funds. If you would like to be involved please email the school office to express your interest and one of our members will be in contact to share more information. Any involvement and as much or as little time as you can offer is welcomed. The more the merrier!

# Key Dates



## September

10 September 9am SEND Coffee Morning  
10 September 11am EYFS outdoor area opening  
26 September 1.30 - 3.00pm Stop Understand and Move On course. - At Donington

## October

3 October 3.30pm Aylmerton Residential Y5/6 parent meeting  
3 October 1.30 - 3.00pm Stop Understand and Move On course. SUMO - At Donington  
8 October Parent Consultation Day  
10 October 1.30 - 3.00pm Stop Understand and Move On course. SUMO - At Donington  
11- 14 October Aylmerton Residential Y5/6  
17 October Roots to Food  
17 October 1.30 - 3.00pm Stop Understand and Move On course. SUMO - At Donington  
18 October Pupils Break up for Half Term  
28 October Staff Training Day  
29 October Start of Autumn Term 2  
31 October 1.30 - 3.00pm Stop Understand and Move On course SUMO 2 - At Donington

## November

7 November 1.30 - 3.00pm Stop Understand and Move On course SUMO 2 - At Donington  
14 November 1.30 - 3.00pm Stop Understand and Move On course SUMO 2 - At Donington  
21 November 1.30 - 3.00pm Stop Understand and Move On course SUMO 2 - At Donington  
29 November School Disco

## December

13 December Christmas Fayre  
19 December End of Autumn Term 2

