



Newsletter

Monday 14th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children in Need – Friday 18th November

Pudsey ears are still on sale from the school office for £2.50 each, and wrist bands costing £1. The children will be invited to wear their ears and/or wristbands in school on Friday 18th November or to add something spotty to their school uniform if they wish to do so.

Christmas Fair

We are looking forward to our first Christmas Fair in a number of years. It will be held in school on Friday 2nd December from 3:30pm until 5:00pm.

In order to make sure it is a great success, we are giving the children an opportunity to have some fun in school, in return for donations.

Thursday 11th: Silly Socks day in return for chocolate donations.

Thursday 24th November: Trainer Day in return for bottles for the tombola.

Thursday 1st December: Christmas Jumper day in return for donations of cakes and sweets.

We will also be collecting donations of toys and books from now on. Thank you!

Acorns Class Christmas Singalong

Acorns Class are excited to be hosting a Christmas singalong on Tuesday 13th December at 9:15. We look forward to seeing our Acorns families there.

Year 2 Nativity

Rehearsals will soon be underway for this year's nativity play. In order to make sure all our Year 2 families will have an opportunity to enjoy it, there will be two performances, Tuesday 13th December at 1:30pm, and Wednesday 14th December at 6pm.

The evening performance is for adults only. Thank you.

Christmas Disco

Children from all year groups are invited to join us for our Christmas disco on Friday 19th December 5:00pm 'till 6:00pm. Entrance is £2:00 and children can then have a hot dog, cake, drink and face painting.

Pantomime Trip

We are looking forward to seeing Sleeping Beauty in Buxton on 15th December but we still have 170 contributions outstanding. If you have not yet paid your share of the costs of this exciting trip, please contact the office as soon as possible.

In order for our children to get as much from the experience as possible, teachers will be sharing the story of Sleeping Beauty in class. Why not share a version of the story with your child at home too?

Stars of the Week

Two weeks ago, children in the infants and in Orchard Class revisited the values of "creative," or "brave," in school, whilst the rest of us focused on the British value of individual liberty. Our Stars of the Week were:

Orchard	Eric has been bravely exploring new things in the environment and taking part in new activities.
Reception	Jessica was brave enough to stand up in front of the class and share some super home learning.
Year 1	Alfred a creative thinker and is able to work through problems independently.
Year 2	Freya was creative at the art gallery. She answered questions creatively and produced a lovely piece of art work.
Year 3	Archie B is never afraid to be himself.
Year 4	Jax allows himself to be an individual.
Year 5	Ellie is always herself and is not afraid to express her beliefs.
Year 6 Ash	Faith knows that everyone is unique.
Year 6 Oak	Archie is aware that he is free to make his own choices in life and regularly makes ambitious ones to ensure he challenges himself.

Last week, Acorns Class and Orchard class revisited the value of “Honesty,” KS1 talked about the value “Confident”, while the rest of the school learned about the important British value of “rule of law”. The stars we chose were:

Orchard	Alex is always honest and tells the truth.
Reception	Ella has an honest attitude and always chooses the right thing to do.
Year 1	Jenson is becoming more confident in sharing ideas and working independently.
Year 2	Millie confidently asks questions during lessons.
Year 3	Isabelle always follows the rules and shows respect to all members of staff.
Year 4	Finley always follows the school rules and shows respect to those in charge.
Year 5	Olivia always follows the school rules and understands the importance of being kind and respectful.
Year 6 Ash	Matilda is always kind and respectful and understands the importance of following school rules.
Year 6 Oak	Lewis knows what is expected of him and so he is always following the rules appropriately. He is a true role model.

Our Reading Stars of the last two weeks were:

Reception	Harlow loves to read and is so attentive during story-time.
Reception	Priya always tries so hard with her reading.
Year 1	Delilah works consistently at home and school, to improve her reading and so she is now fluent and confident.
Year 1	Adchu is a really enthusiastic reader.
Year 2	Mia is really enjoying reading and reads a lot!
Year 2	Annabelle has made huge progress in reading. It’s a pleasure to listen to her read.
Year 3	Luca shows real enthusiasm. He’s been bitten by the reading bug!
Year 3	Blake sometimes finds reading hard but still makes an effort to read at home and has a growing enthusiasm.
Year 4	Ava is really enjoying reading. She works hard in Guided Reading lessons and has been visiting the book swap shop to get a new book for home.
Year 4	Clayton reads consistently every night and is eager to start a new book whenever he has finished one.
Year 5	Junior reads consistently at home and is trying very hard in Guided Reading lessons.
Year 5	Dylan shows such enthusiasm towards his reading and reads regularly at home.
Year 6 Ash	Ben loves to read and always <i>gets lost</i> in a good book.

Year 6 Ash	Lilly S always reads, never fails to bring her reading record and always meets her Lexia goals.
Year 6 Oak	Ceira reads regularly at home and is pushing herself to make great progress answering questions in Guided Reading lesson.
Year 6 Oak	Amelia is developing into a great reader who loves to explore a wide range of text types

Mrs Meredith

You might have noticed that Mrs Meredith hasn't been in school for a couple of weeks. She has unfortunately broken her wrist and is now resting at home after having surgery.

Mrs Meredith is of course desperate to get back to work and will soon be back at the helm. I'm sure all of our families will want to join with the Gamesley School staff and children in wishing Mrs Meredith a very speedy recovery.

Kindest regards,

Caroline Sutherland

Dates for your Diary	
Tuesday 15 th November 22	Flu spray administered to all children in school
Friday 18 th November 22	Children in Need
Friday 18 th November 22	Orchard Class Family Dinner Day at 12pm
Friday 2 nd December 22	Christmas Fair
Friday 2 nd December 22	All after school clubs finish today.
Tuesday 13 th December 22	Reception Class Christmas Singalong at 9:15am
Tuesday 13 th December 22	Year 2 Nativity Play at 1:30pm
Wednesday 14 th December	Year 2 Nativity at 6pm
Thursday 15 th December 22	Whole school trip to Buxton Opera House: "Sleeping Beauty".
Tuesday 20 th December 22	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day.
Tuesday 20th December 22	School closes for Christmas holiday
Monday 9th January 23	School Opens for Spring Term 1
Wednesday 1 st February 23	Year 5 "Young Voices" concert
Tuesday 17 th January 23	Year 6 visit to Ashton Central Mosque
Thursday 2 nd February 23	Year 2 Flower arranging workshop in school
Thursday 2 nd February 23	Year 3 visit to Poole's Cavern in Buxton
W/B Monday 13 th Feb	Year 4 field trip to Manor Park (river study)
Friday 17th February 23	School closes for Spring half term holiday
Monday 27th February 23	School Opens for Spring Term 2

Tuesday 21 st March 23	Acorns and Orchard trip to Hartley's Garden Centre and Pony Patch
Thursday 23 rd March 23	Year 5 First Aid Training in school
Tuesday 28 th March 23	Year 2 trip to St. Anne's
Wednesday 29 th March 23	Year 1 Bus Tour of Manchester
Friday 31st March 23	School closes for Easter holiday
Monday 17th April 23	School Opens for Summer Term 1
Wednesday 19 th April 23	Year 6 visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelters
Tuesday 25 th April 23	Acorns and Orchard trip to Peak Wildlife Park
Thursday 27 th April 23	Year 3 visit to Heaton Park Synagogue
Monday 1st May 23	School closed – Bank Holiday
Thursday 4 th May 23	Year 5 Ancient Greece workshop in school
Monday 8 th May 23	Year 6 SATS week
Friday 19 th May 23	Year 4 Ancient Egypt workshop in school
Thursday 25th May 23	School closes for Summer Half Term holiday
Monday 5th June 23	School Opens for Summer Term 2
Wednesday 7 th to Friday 9 th June 23	Year 6 residential trip to Kingswood Centre in Penistone.
Thursday 8 th June 23	Reception Acorns trip to Formby Beach
June (tbc)	Year 4 "Come and Play with the Halle" concert in Manchester
Wednesday 5 th July	Year 2 trip to Skipton Castle
Thursday 6 th July	Year 3 trip to "Crocky Trail"
July (tbc)	Year 5 trip to Alton Towers
July (tbc)	Year 1 Canal Boat Trip
Friday 21st July 23	School Closes for Summer Holiday