



Newsletter
Thursday 16th May 2024
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Dear Families,

1. Dressing for summer in school

Please always send your child to school with a light weight waterproof jacket – preferably with a hood – every day during the summer term. We will be playing out in all weathers if at all possible unless it is exceptionally wet!

In the warmer weather, the children tend to take off coats, jumpers etc when they are playing and abandon them on the field! Do make sure everything is clearly named so we can reunite clothing with the correct owners.



Although we haven't seen much sunshine so far, we are still hoping for warmer weather. Children are encouraged to wear sunhats when they play out. Again, please label them clearly.

2. School Trips

We are very aware that school trips are becoming increasingly expensive. This is partly due to the fact that we are often booking them for single rather than double classes in Key Stage 2, so the cost of hiring a coach is being split between fewer families.

However, we are also committed to giving the children as wide a range of experiences as possible. Our plan going forward is to develop a rolling programme of shared trips to make them as affordable as possible for everyone and we will be sharing the autumn term visits with you as soon as possible to help you to budget.

In the meantime, we have some good news about the upcoming Year 1 and 2 trip to Chatsworth Park on **Thursday 6th June**. Mrs McEwan has made a successful bid for a £500 charity grant from the Chatsworth Estate, which means we will be offering families who have already made their full contribution either a refund or the opportunity to transfer this money to the visit to Lytham St. Anne's which is on **Tuesday 9th July**.

We are also aware that the planned Year 4 trip to play with the Halle Orchestra on **Tuesday 18th June** was quite expensive for some of our families. We have therefore decided to travel on the school minibus instead to save on the cost of the coach. Unfortunately, this means that this visit will only be open to a limited number of children and will be offered on a "first come" basis. If you have already booked and paid your contribution, your child's place is secured as long as you make the new reduce contribution of £8.00. A letter with more details has been set to our Year 4 families.



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3. Family Learning: Story Sacks

Please ring the school office to book a place!

Storysack Making
Storysacks help bring stories to life.

This course is for you if you have a child in Nursery, Reception or Year 1 and would like to create some exciting resources to support you with your child's learning journey and make reading together fun. You will be able to take the storysack home with you to keep and enjoy together.

Venue: Gamesley Primary School
Date/Time: Monday 10 June – 8 July 9:30am – 11:30am
To book a space please contact school reception

4. Stars of the Week



Congratulations to our recent stars who are:

Friday 3 rd May 2024		
Class	Value	
Nursery Conkers	Patient	Tillie is always patient with other children and is able to wait for her turn.
Reception Acorns	Patient	Raina demonstrates patience in every situation in school.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Patient	Abbie has a mature kindness and patience and always waits for her turn.
Year 2 Willow	Patient	Lincoln has such a calm and patient demeanor. He shows great politeness waiting for his turn to speak or ask for help.
Year 3 Holly	Creative	Mittziee has creative ideas for her writing and also thinks of creative ways to present information.
Year 4 Chestnut	Creative	Natasha has shown creativity in her written work this week, using different vocabulary and sentence structures.
Year 5 Elm	Mindful	Nyah has shown fabulous focus in our English lessons this week and has produced some amazing written work.
Year 6 Oak	Mindful	Toby always shows awareness of others and is respectful and kind to everyone.



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Orchard	Motivated	Freddie is enjoying everything in Orchard at the moment and is staying focused on the tasks he chooses.
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Friday 10 th May 2024		
Class	Value	
Nursery Conkers	Curious	Reenie show great interest in our projects and talks with enthusiasm about her own learning.
Reception Acorns	Curious	Reggie is a curious learner who asks some great questions.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Curious	Harlow loves to learn new things and makes enthusiastic contributions in all our lessons.
Year 2 Willow	Curious	Florence is so interested in our "Magnificent Monarchs" history project and she is eager to find out as much as she possibly can.
Year 3 Holly	Confident	Freya has been working incredibly hard to master the tricky maths concept of "time", and is now tackling new tasks independently.
Year 4 Chestnut	Confident	Riley has worked so hard and gained in confidence in his swimming lessons; so much so that he has moved up to the next group.
Year 5 Elm	Kind	Mia is a kind and thoughtful member of Elm Class who always considers the views of others.
Year 6 Oak	Kind	Ellie has kind words for staff and classmates alike
Orchard	Curious	Eric loves exploring the Orchard learning environments.

Very well done too to the last two weeks' curriculum stars who were:

Friday 3 rd May 2024		
Nursery Conkers	Reading	Alfie loves our class library area. He knows the books well, has his favourites and often asks staff to read with him.
Reception Acorns	Reading	Tamsin is making great progress and working hard to improve her reading.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Maths	Riley has completed some fantastic capacity work in our maths lessons this week.
Year 2 Willow	Reading	Harrison is making such a great effort to learn his sounds in school and always practises his reading at home as well.
Year 3 Holly	Maths	Franky is such a good listener and works hard to grasp new concepts. He always tries to work independently before he asks for help.
Year 4 Chestnut	Reading	Barclay reads at home every day and makes great contributions to our guided reading lessons in school.
Year 5 Elm	Maths	Shaynie listens carefully to the teaching and is able to explain her thinking clearly.



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Year 6 Oak	Reading	Charlie is developing a deep love of books. He ensures he reads regularly and at length at home.
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Nursery Conkers	Reading	Delilah loves books and can retell stories and ask lots of questions.
Reception Acorns	Maths	Tilly works hard to complete all her learning in our maths lessons.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Reading	Mylah is becoming such an enthusiastic and confident reader who is making great progress.
Year 2 Willow	Maths	Ben has been applying his sound understanding of place value to order dates on a timeline in our history learning.
Year 3 Holly	Reading	Annabelle has been making some super contributions to our guided reading lessons.
Year 4 Chestnut	Maths	Evie has been working so hard to learn all her times tables. She has identified which ones need extra attention and has been practicing them at home.
Year 5 Elm	Heidi	Heidi loves her books and always makes sure she practices at home.
Year 6 Oak	Maths	Thiyosh shows such good understanding of new concepts and can give detailed explanations of his thinking.

Dates for your Diaries

Friday 17 th May 24	Year 3 Holly Family Dinner Day: 12.20pm
Tuesday 21 st May 24	Year 6 Oak Class visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelter
Thursday 23rd May 24	Schools close for Half Term Holiday
Monday 3rd June 24	Schools open for Summer Term 2
Tuesday 4 th June	New Reception Families visit to school: 6.00pm
Wednesday 5 th June 24	Orchard trip to Peak Wildlife Park
Thursday 6 th June 24	Year 1 Silver Birch and Year 2 Willow Classes visit to Chatsworth Estate
Wednesday 12 th June 24	Year 5 Elm Class trip to Alton Towers
Friday 14 th June 24	Year 2 Willow Family Dinner Day: 12.15pm
Tuesday 18 th June 24	Year 4 Chestnut Class taking part in "Come and Play with the Halle" concert.
Thursday 20 th June 24	Orchard Class take part in music concert at St. James Church, Glossop.
Friday 21 st June 24	Year 1 Silver Birch Family Dinner Day: 12.10pm



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Friday 28 th June 24	Reception Acorns Family Dinner Day: 12.00pm
Friday 5 th July 24	Year 3 Holly Class visit to Poole's Cavern
Tuesday 9 th July 24	Year 1 Silver Birch and Year 2 Willow Classes visit to Lytham St. Anne's
Wednesday 10 th July 24	Reception Acorns 2024 transition afternoon: 2.00pm to 3.00pm
Thursday 11 th July 24	Year 3 Holly Class take part in "Victorious Voices" choir concert.
Thursday 18 th July 24	Reception Acorns 2024 transition afternoon: 2.00pm to 3.00pm
Tuesday 23rd July	Schools close for Summer Holiday
Wednesday 4th September	School Opens for start of Autumn Term
Monday 14 th – Wednesday 16 th October 24	Year 6 Oak Class residential trip to Whitehall Centre.
Monday 25 th to Wednesday 27 th November 24	Year 5 Elm Class day trips to Whitehall Centre

Kindest Regards,

Deborah Meredith