



NEWSLETTER

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**Have a Happy and Restful Christmas!**

The long autumn term of 15 weeks has been exceptionally productive with children's academic progress at the heart. Parent's evening was a joy for all staff in sharing each child's progress and giving you the opportunity to see how your child has grown and moved their own learning forward when guided and taught to reflect on what has gone well, making improvements where needed.

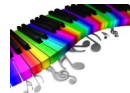
Feedback from children and families about how excited their child is to come to school because of our exciting curriculum has been invaluable this year so far. Our school improvement work for the next year will continue to be focussed on relentlessly adapting teaching and learning to meet the needs of every pupil who comes to Gilberdyke Primary, irrespective of background, difference or any additional need. Our aim is for all children to shine!

Please have an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas holiday with best wishes from all staff.

Christmas Concerts (check out Twitter for pictures of festive fun!)

The Christmas concerts and carol service, as well as *Hanging the Greens* in the Methodist Church have been a great opportunity for us to gather our community together at this important time of year. Parents, the public and staff have thoroughly enjoyed sharing the children's singing, dancing and performing. Whilst everyone has had a part to play, the concerts have given a number of children a chance to shine in different ways. A huge well done to everyone concerned and for the costumes provided by families to help the children look the part!

Music Service There are many children at Gilberdyke Primary who demonstrate talent of a musical nature and this is something we would like to expand further in making sure we support every child in reaching his/her full potential. We currently offer guitar tuition but are now in a position to offer lessons in; keyboard; drums; singing; trumpet and percussion. Lessons cost between £5 and £10 per half hour depending on how many children share the tuition and are available to KS2 pupils. Please express your interest at the school office and fill in the necessary form and we will take care of the rest!

**Attendance Awards**

There are **70** (yes, 70!) pupils who have had 100% attendance over the autumn term. This is something to be incredibly proud of—well done to all those who are constantly aspiring to come to school every day.

Last week, we also celebrated the fact that every Y3/4 class (Kingfishers, Kestrels, and Falcons) have all achieved attendance figures over **98%** for the autumn term. In recognition of their collective efforts and high achievement, we have organised a surprise for them. Mark's Magic Kingdom will perform a magic show for all 3 classes on January 18th. This is indicative of the strong sense of community within these classes, something we recognise in line with our school values.

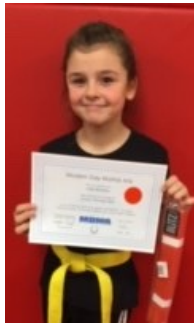


PTFA Raffle A fantastic £253.00 was raised through the raffles and will support future school projects. Many thanks to Mrs Gilson, Mrs Dykes, Mrs Howlett, Mrs Goodhand, Mrs Hardy, Mrs Cotton, Miss Thornham and Mrs Parker for co-ordinating this event and for parents, grandparents and family members for such generous support.



More kick boxing success for Laila.

Laila has been aiming high once again having successfully passed her recent grading and achieving the orange belt. Well done and keep this up Laila!



Toddler Group : Our toddler group has restarted and will be held every **Tuesday** between **2.00 and 3.15pm**. Please pass this information on to your neighbours and friends who have pre-school aged children.



New families are very welcome!

Healthy Packed lunches The new year provides a new start for healthy bodies and healthy minds so I am taking this opportunity to remind you how beneficial a balanced meal is for a child during the school day. Therefore please do not send sweets or chocolate bars in your child's packed lunch please due to the short term sugar fix these give to our children followed by reduced concentration during the afternoon. Many thanks for your support in this.



A swimming sensation! Molly has been aspirational in her swimming and achieved her 800m Rainbow award. Keep up the great work Molly and continue to be a sporting role model for our school.



Dancing Diva! **Emily** has proudly brought her latest dancing certificates into school to share. She has successfully passed exams in ballet and tap dancing—fly the flag of success Emily!



Congratulations to **Gabrielle** on her latest sporting achievement. Two pupils were chosen from her swimming club to receive a 'Swimmer of the Year' award and she was one of the deserving pair. The award celebrates outstanding effort, perseverance and achievement over the year. Fantastic news & well done Gabrielle!

Attendance News



Overall attendance this year so far 96.6

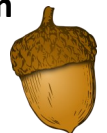
- Wrens 95.1
- Robins 98 well done
- Starlings 100 Excellent!
- Finches 99.2 well done
- Falcons 96.9 well done
- Kingfishers 95.7
- Kestrels 97.9 well done
- Ospreys 94.6
- Eagles 98.4 well done

Workers of the Week for

21/12/18 (please note this assembly is on Friday 11 January 2019)

- Robins **Jasmine**
- Starlings **Jake**
- Finches **Hattie**
- Falcons **Ruby**
- Kingfishers **Roxianna**
- Kestrels **Emily**
- Ospreys **Alfie**
- Eagles **Kiera**

House System



- Ash — 150
- Birch — 150
- Horse Chestnut — 150
- Sycamore — 150

Overall Scores

- Ash — 2450
- Birch — 2450
- Horse Chestnut — 2800
- Sycamore — 2450

Friday's Golden Table from Kestrels

11/01/19 Violet, Amber, Daisy, Reece, Oskar, Harley



Key Dates Autumn Term

These may change, so please check for updates on a regular basis

Spring Term

8 January 2019 — School Opens 8:45 am

10 January — Vision Screening (pupils in Reception only)

14 February — School Closes at 3.30 pm for half term

25 February — School Opens 8:45 am

5 April — School Closes 3.30 pm for Easter

The academy has now finalised the remaining staff training days where the school is closed to all children. In addition to the calendar that has already been sent home, the school will now also be closed on:

Monday 7 January 2019

Friday 15 February 2019

Friday 28 June 2019

The updated term dates print out is now available from the school office for your convenience.

