



## NEWSLETTER

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**HCAT news—Excellence Weeks**

Our academy trust have hosted excellence weeks in the last month where schools in the trust showcase best practice for visitors to come and observe. Here at Gilberdyke, our more experienced staff conducted demonstration lessons including reading, maths, science and foundation stage practice. The visitors who came have since passed on many positive comments and emailed compliments about our pupils and how the teaching and lessons they saw have inspired their own practice. In addition, our teachers visited lessons in many other schools in the trust and have benefited from what they saw.

A proud Mrs Shirley



**Introducing... Bertie.** For those who have not seen the news on Twitter, Miss Spivey and her partner, Ben, are very proud parents to Bertie. Huge congratulations to them at the start of their journey.



**Healthy Packed lunches** Whilst we accept that dietary requirements may influence the food parents provide in their child's packed lunch, we have noticed increasing amounts of sugary items, including small bags of sweets appearing in pack ups, which provide short term sugar fixes but leave concentration levels low for the afternoon. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our healthy school agenda and ask that your child's packed lunch contains **No sweets or chocolate bars please** (a chocolate biscuit eg. wafer based/biscuit based is fine). Thank you for your support in this important matter.

**PTFA Cinema night**

An astonishing **148** children attended the cinema night hosted by our fantastic PTFA and volunteers (particular thanks to Rebecca Howlett, Sammi Goodhand, Michelle Parker, Amanda Carlill, Rose Scoffin and Kyler Gilson). Without volunteers, fundraising opportunities would not happen and we are extremely grateful for the support of parents and families—thank you once again.

**KS2 carol concert**

Our annual Christmas family carol concert will take place on Monday 17th December at 6pm. It will be held in St Stephen's church, Newport and we welcome as many families, including grandparents, to join us for the festivities.

**Parent teacher consultations**

It has been fantastic to catch up with all families over the last two weeks through parent teacher consultations. Many, many thanks for the commitment shown to your child/ren's progress and achievements so far this year. Also, we have collected over 50 responses to our consultation on homework so, after collating the responses, we will inform you of any changes to our homework policy in the new year. Thank you again for your responses to this.

**Consultation on admissions for 2020/2021**

We are consulting parents about admission arrangements for the academic year 2020/2021.

Please access the consultation via our website;  
[www.gilberdykeprimary.co.uk](http://www.gilberdykeprimary.co.uk)



**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!



### Attendance News

Overall attendance this year so far 96.8

**Wrens** 95.9

**Robins** 98.4 well done

**Starlings** 94.8

**Finches** 95.5

**Falcons** 97.5 well done

**Kingfishers** 97 well done

**Kestrels** 97.5 well done

**Ospreys** 93.7

**Eagles** 90.6



### Workers of the Week for 7/12/18 and 14/12/18

**Robins** **Iyla** and Oliver

**Starlings** Connie

**Finches** **Lily** and Emily

**Falcons** **Francis/Zack** and Gabri-  
elle

**Kingfishers** **George** and Scarlett

**Kestrels** Gethin

**Ospreys** **Jimbob** and Charlie

**Eagles** **Plum** and Emily

### House System

Ash — 150

Birch — 150

Horse Chestnut — 150

Sycamore — 150



### Overall Scores

Ash — 2100

Birch — 2150

Horse Chestnut — 2500

Sycamore — 2150

### Friday's Golden Table from Finches and Falcons

7/12/18 Evie, Lucy, Charlotte, Hayden, Jacob and Eli

14/12/18 Leah, Rhia, Esmee, Jake, Leon and Ted



## **Key Dates Autumn Term**

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

### **December**

11 December—National Child Measurement Programme (height and weight for pupils in year R and 6 only)

13 December—Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party (pm)

17 December – Christmas Carol Service at Newport Church, 2pm and 6pm. Years 3-6.

18 December – EYFS Christmas Performance - 10am and 2pm.

19 December – KS1 Christmas Performance – 2pm and 6pm.

19 December—Year 3&4 Christmas Party (am)

20 December – Christmas lunch and jumper day

20 December—Year FSU Christmas Party (pm)

20 December – ERYC schools music service performance to whole school

21 December—Year 1&2 Christmas Party (am)

21 December – School Closes 3.30pm

### **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.**