

Gilberdyke Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 25 September 2020



Dear Parents and Carers

What a week of weather we have had (and thankfully no indoor lunchtimes up to the point of compiling this news letter)! Big shout out to our Kestrels class who were hunting bugs (arachnids they tell me!) at the furthest point on the field yesterday afternoon when the loud rumble of thunder erupted followed by marble-sized hailstones 10 seconds later!!!! Despite the shock and unfamiliarity of this sudden weather change, they reached the shelter of the PE store sensibly, dried out and laughed about it once Miss Crossmore had explained some of the reasons for what they had experienced. Go Kestrels!! 😊



Gilberdyke Primary School PTFA

Our fantastic PTFA committee have been extremely busy behind the scenes adapting to the changes that the current situation has brought upon us and planning for our fundraising adventures 2020-2021!



In the last week Michelle, our chairperson, has set up a Facebook group which we warmly invite you to join. It's called; Gilberdyke Primary School PTFA. The purpose of the group is to network, gather ideas and organise volunteers for events when needed.

Our annual Halloween disco cannot be accommodated this year so the first venture is a pumpkin trail around the village – further details to follow and will be available on the Facebook page too.

Superlingo Spanish Club with Claire Barber

Superlingo is pleased to announce that during the autumn term we are continuing to offer our Spanish Club as online sessions via Zoom for Gilberdyke Primary School pupils.

The sessions are taking place during the autumn term on Mondays 4.00-4.45pm for Years 1-6. All children are welcome! The sessions are a fun-packed mix of new language learning through games, songs, dance and creative activities.

We are also offering French Club which is taking place each Wednesday afternoon 4.00-4.45pm for Years 1-6, also on Zoom. All children welcome. Try out your first session for FREE with either club!

For more information please contact Claire on: Facebook: @SuperlingoUK Email: superlingo@outlook.co.uk

Call/Text/WhatsApp: 07468 320374



Internet use and keeping children safe

This week, we have had to deal with a few E-safety concerns, especially with older members of our school community. Please talk to your children about how to keep their personal data safe when online and the importance of not talking to strangers especially through online games such as Roblox and Fortnite. For more top tips on e-safety please visit:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

which is full of useful information on how to keep your children safe online. As ever, we are reinforcing this message through our morning circles and e-safety lessons in school.

Parking

Please ensure you park sensibly and respectfully on the road near to school. The Village Hall kindly allow us to use their car park for drop-off and pick up times and, although the weather is not always kind to us so you may get a little wet walking onto the school site, it is a safer option than parking cars on both sides of the road, leading to difficulties for passing traffic.

Birthday Treats

As sad as it is, we are unable to hand out birthday treats for pupils in the classroom or on the door as they leave at this time. As I'm sure you will understand, we need to reduce the amount of items brought into school at the minute, any food preparation must be undertaken in the strictest of conditions and the need for staff to be vigilant on the doors at drop-off and collection times is given the highest priority. We can sing happy birthday and celebrate birthdays in other ways with the children, just not in the traditional sense many children enjoy of sharing a small food-based treat.

Many thanks for your feedback, sharing of ideas and suggestions at this current time – we welcome an open dialogue with our families in the interests of keeping everyone safe and ensuring our children get a great deal.

Any questions, please don't hesitate to get in contact via our enquiries@gilberdykeprimary.co.uk email account.

Take care

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