

# School Newsletter



## Wednesday 23rd September 2020

Dates for your Diary:

- ❖ **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October**- School Photos
- ❖ **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November** - School flu vaccinations. All year groups
- ❖ **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** Half term starts
- ❖ **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** Back to school
- ❖ **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**- Last day of term!
- ❖ **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021**- First day of term

## A message from Mrs Brand:

*Welcome back to all! In these uncertain times it is lovely to be able to welcome all back to our school community. Everyone has adapted brilliantly to the adjustments we have had to make as a result of our risk assessment processes, I am very grateful for the support from pupils, parents and staff to ensure that everything runs as smoothly as possible. I have been so impressed by the positive attitudes to learning that children have displayed since their return, it is a joy to walk around school and hear the buzz of learning from classrooms. I very much look forward to sharing their learning journey for the year ahead.*

## Year 6:

Transfer to Secondary School Year 6 pupils have already gone home with letters from Norfolk County Council. The deadline for applications is **31 October 2020**.



## Flu Vaccinations:

All children, Reception, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 are entitled to a free nasal flu vaccination from the

NHS. The Annual Childhood Flu Immunisation team will be coming to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. We will send a link out to parents as soon as we receive it from the NHS.

## Breakfast Club:

Breakfast club started again on Monday 21st September. The drop off time is 8am. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer food at the moment so the cost has been reduced to £2.50 but children can bring a healthy snack with them if they would like to.

Bookings will need to be made in advance on Parentmail and sessions must be paid for at the time of booking. Bookings will open 2 weeks before and will close 3 days before the day. Spaces have been limited to 15 per day so please ensure that you book early to avoid disappointment.

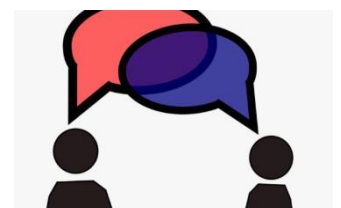
**IMPORTANT** - *If your child has not been booked in, we will not be able to accept them on the day. Any questions please ask the office. Many thanks.*

## Communication:

Many thanks to all of you for following our guidance for start and end of day procedures. I know that staff in school have been keen to offer to support with quick chats at these times where needed.

A reminder if you need to contact the school for any reason there are four main routes to do this:

- Phone: The school number is: 01502 713425
- Out of hours' emergencies please phone



Mrs Brand on 07376299193

- MyEd Message: This is regularly checked by our admin team and can be a useful way of getting an answer to a minor query.
- Email: [office@gillingham.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@gillingham.norfolk.sch.uk)

If you need a telephone appointment to speak with your child's class teacher, please use the routes above to request this and we will get back to you asap.

### **How we will share information with you:**

Our website holds our main body of information; we are currently in the process of improving this. We aim to send regular newsletters when we have useful information to share with the whole school. If there are letters or quick messages to send, we will use our electronic systems to do this. We will also use our social media feeds for sharing news where appropriate - you can see this on our website.

Class teachers are currently working with their classes to teach them how to use google drive (tapestry for Reception pupils) to view homework etc. - they will send you information about this for your class when ready to go live.

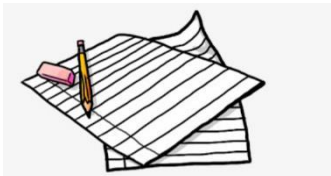
### **Attendance:**

An up to date attendance letter is now on our website. You can either copy and paste the below into your browser or go to the Attendance part of our website.

<http://www.gillingham.norfolk.sch.uk/attendance-at-school-and-legal-intervention/>

Please take the time to read this carefully.  
Thank you.

### **Homework:**



In the next few weeks you will be sent a letter from your child's class teacher detailing what homework

children will be set and when. The letter will also detail how you will be able to find out what homework children have been set. We are currently spending some time teaching children about email and virtual platforms in order to prepare them for this. For children in Y1 or above, homework activities will be listed via google classroom and your child will bring home

their own email address and log in details to be able to access this. If you have any questions once you have accessed this system, please do contact us.

### **Menu:**

We are pleased to let you know that we will be offering our full menu from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Children will continue to order in the classrooms as usual and payments will be taken via ParentMail. Our menu is available to view on our website and Facebook.

<http://www.gillingham.norfolk.sch.uk/office/school-meals/>

<https://www.facebook.com/kingfisher0123/menu>

### **Reading:**

To help you support your children with early reading we have a video that demonstrates how they are taught to pronounce the sounds.

Please click on the link below:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l0j02fq\\_Yrc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l0j02fq_Yrc)

### **Harvest Festival:**

Due to current circumstances we cannot hold our normal Harvest Festival in church. We are looking to record a service that we would then share with families. We are going to create a You Tube channel as the platform to share this with you. We would publish the video as unlisted which means you can only access the video if you have the link so it would not be published publicly where anybody can see it. If you would prefer your child NOT to be in any videos can you please let us know or if you have any questions please see Mrs Munro.

### **Photos of the week:**



### **Music lessons**

Theresa Long offers music tuition on Thursday afternoons. She offers tuition in piano, clarinet, flute, saxophone and recorder. Lessons are 20 minutes long and are £9.00 each. She currently has spaces available so please get in touch with the office if you would like any further information.

### **Stars of the week:**

We have been so impressed with how the children have adapted to being back at school and how they have really embraced all aspects of their learning this week. Well done to everyone! You are ALL our stars of the week!

