



Gnosall St Lawrence C.E. Primary Academy

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Colder weather brought some health and safety issues at the start of the week. Thank you to all those parents who took heed to the email I forwarded onto you from a concerned parent last Monday night relating to the waiting area outside the school gates before 8.45 a.m. Also, PLEASE ensure that your child is suitably clothed in the colder weather—especially for when they are out on the playground and doing forest school sessions. Some of them have been coming in still in summer type jackets, no hats and scarves—and we’ve had some quite miserable cold faces after some of the breaks this week :(

Today we all gathered as a school community at the Village Memorial Hall to mark a 2 minute silence at 11.00 a.m. The children commemorated this with great respect and Mrs Malone was able to explain to the children the history of the land and the building and why it is so important for us to gather there to remember fallen soldiers of Gnosall from previous wars.

Enjoy the weekend.

Mrs Edwards

Dear God,

We take time this remembrance week to be thankful. May we never take peace for granted. Help us to remember those who were and who are not as fortunate as to live in peaceful times.

May our remembrance be seen in our actions as we seek to learn the lessons from our past.

AMEN



Christmas Fayre Appeals

This week's Appeals are for:
Monday: **Teddies**
Tuesday: **Jars**
Wednesday: **Chocolates & Sweets**
Thursday: **Boxes**
Friday: **Bottles**



Don't forget that the class that brings the most of anything gets an extra 5 minutes playtime—so if the same class wins all collections, there's an EXTRA 20 MINS available!

Golden Awards

Pre-School: Harrison Looker

Reception: Rylan Holford

Year 1: Grace Beebee

Year 2B: Jack Thompson

Year 2R: Dhara Shankar

Year 3: Leo Mattocks

Year 4: Lucy Clowes

Year 5: Tyler Booth

Year 6: Skye Taggart

Sporting: Locky Hutchinson

Congratulations to you all—well done!



Rotary Books 4 Home Appeal

The Rotary Club of Eccleshall Mercia, which includes Gnosall, are supporting this Appeal, which seeks to make sure every child has at least one book that they can call their own at home. In the past couple of years, over 15000 books have been gifted.

The Rotary Club are asking if this year we will help promote their Appeal by asking you to donate any unwanted books that are in good condition. Please send them in to school so we can pass them on.

The rotary Club then gives the books to schools in the areas they want to support for the schools to distribute. The children choose books and take them home to keep; or, alternatively, once they've finished with it they can bring it back and change it for a new one.

We believe this is an excellent scheme and would strongly encourage you to support it. Thank you!

Parking

If you want to drive down Lowfield Lane to deliver/collect your children, please remember and observe the legalities surrounding parking on public highways, which are that it is illegal to park:

- within 14m of the junction
- On private land (Osborne Park is not yet 'adopted' - it is the private property of Bellway Homes)
- Across a 'dropped kerb' - a driveway.



Many of you will have experienced the difficulties caused by the red Fiesta parked on the 'apron' to the pupil gates on Thursday, when access to the footpath, especially with pushchairs, was so restricted that parents had to walk in the road. We have reported this matter to the Police, with the number plate and photos of the vehicle, so hopefully the owner will be held suitably to account for their lack of consideration.

Road Works

We have had concerns expressed that drivers are ignoring the traffic signals at the road works and going through no matter what colour the lights are; whilst this may well be residents from the Bellway development, could we please urge any parents who are driving through the roadworks to obey the signals displayed. However, we are also aware that there are occasions when the lights at two ends are both green, so regardless of the colour of the lights please be careful!



House Points:



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Remember—from 1 September there is no credit!

Just a brief moan on behalf of Kids Club this week...PLEASE get your booking forms in to Mrs Carn by the deadline on the form, or you will be charged at the higher 'ad hoc' rate. Secondly, please bear in mind that all booked time must be paid for, even if you don't take it up. This is because staff will have been engaged based on the booked numbers, and it may be that just one child means we need to employ an extra adult. Once booked, they have to be paid, so time, once booked, has to be paid also.

If you feel you have a justifiable reason for cancelling, speak to Mrs Carn and if appropriate adjustment will be made to a future bill; however the original bill will stand in its entirety and will need to be paid in its entirety.

We are aware that this might seem harsh, but Kids Club is not a charity and has to pay its way. We cannot have staff whose wages are not recovered via fees.



TERM DATES FOR 2016-2017 (PUPILS)

Autumn Term: Wed 7 Sept–Thurs 15 Dec Half term: 24–28 Oct	Spring Term: Tues 3 Jan–Fri 7 Apr Half term: 20–24 Feb	Summer Term: Mon 24 Apr–Fri 21 July May Day: Mon 1 May Half term: 29 May–2
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Spotty-Mufti
(Spotty clothes please—who's the spottiest?)
18 November
£1.00 donation per child



This week we have, again, not very much! Hurray!!

A pair of joggers, but otherwise just odd socks, a red hairband, and a couple of water bottles.

As always, PLEASE check names are still displayed in all your child's clothing, and if you have anything you don't recognise please send it back into school so it can be reunited with its rightful owner.

Many thanks!

REMINDER: NO ZUMBA on 15 November!



NITS

There have been several instances this week, so PLEASE PLEASE remain vigilant. All that's needed is basic good hair care—if your child gets infested, treat with a proprietary product. If they get infested a few times, use different products—like all insects, immunity to a particular formulation can build up if the colony isn't completely eradicated. Also treat the areas the nits have been in contact with—pillows, cushions, jumpers when they're pulled over the head and so on—re-infestation often happens from these sorts of sources. And don't forget to keep long hair tied up—infestation occurs by contact, and tied-up hair comes into contact with other places much less frequently.



Clubs next week

- Monday before school—Gymnastics
- Monday after school—Gymnastics
- Tuesday morning **NO ZUMBA THIS WEEK**
- Tuesday Lunchtime Active Plus (by invitation only)
- Tuesday after school—Art Club
- Wednesday morning gymnastics including breakfast
- Wednesday Year 6 Reading Club (by invitation only)
- Wednesday after school Mini-Olympians
- Thursday morning Gym Club
- Friday morning Sports Acrobatics Club
- Friday after school Football Club **UNTIL 25/11 ONLY.**

Preparations for the Christmas Fayre really start in earnest this week, with Appeals for items for all the stalls running each day. Please do send whatever you can—'lucky dip' type prizes don't all have to be great! Of course, road works are continuing; they tell us things are going well and they may well be finished before schedule...but of course some inclement weather might well change that. We welcome PCSO Wright into school on Monday to lead our Assembly, and there is no Zumba on Tuesday morning. On Friday, we have another Whole-School forum event, whilst Reception have an Open Afternoon from 2.30pm .



Parent/Carer's Coffee & Chat! - 9.00 a.m.
PLEASE DO COME IN FROM THE COLD TO HAVE A COFFEE OR TEA! Next Tuesday and Friday



DATE & TIME	EVENT	DATE & TIME	EVENT
13/11/16 @ 10.45am	Remembrance Service at Church	12/12/16 @ 6.30pm	KS2 Carol Concert—Church
18/11/16 @ 2.30 pm	YR parents and carers open session - YR classroom	14/12/16 @ 2.00pm	KS1 Nativity Production
25/11/16 @ 2.30 pm	Y4 Class Assembly followed by cake sale	14/12/16 @ 6.00pm	KS1 Nativity Production (No children under 7 please)
2/12/16 @ 3:45 pm	Christmas Fayre in the school hall	15/12/16	Juggling Skills Circus Day
3/12/16 @10:15 am	School choir singing at the Victorian Christmas Market—St Lawrence Church	15/12/16	Christmas Dinner—school closes for Christmas
9/12/16 @ 10.15	Pre-School Christmas Performance		