Gislingham C of E Primary School

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'Belong, Believe, Become'

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September Newsletter

Message from Mr. Benstock

Dear Families,

I hope your children have enjoyed their first week back in school and I am already excited to see how happy and excited they all seem to be in their new classes.

I have seen some fantastic work being produced, which leads me to believe we will be having another successful year here at Gislingham.

Please remember that if I or the school can help in any way, please arrange to come in and talk to me or grab me on the playground before or after school.

Have a lovely weekend.

After School Club

As I explained last year, we will be running an after school club this year from 3.30pm - 5.30pm every day Monday - Thursday and 3.30pm - 5.00pm on a Friday. The club begins on Monday 11th September.

Please sign your children up for the club on Arbor ASAP.

When we were surveying families in the summer term, I calculated an average of 8 - 10 children per day would be using the club, hence making it affordable. Currently we do not have that many children, so please use us if you can. Thank you.

School dinners



We have been pleased to welcome 'Aspens' to school as our new school meal provider and wow… what a wonderful couple of days it has been. The food looks and tastes fantastic. Asking the children, all I am hearing are positive comments! Thanks to Michael and Denise for a brilliant start to new school dinners!



Uniform Policy

Please remember to make sure your child is wearing an appropriate school uniform in line with our policy. Here is a link to the page on our website:

School Uniform on Website

Appropriate uniform includes not using make-up / nail varnish etc, natural hair colour (no hair dye/colouring) and suitable footwear depending on whether your child has PE or not. Thank you for your cooperation.

Meet an Author

Award winning author, Katherine Rundell, is presenting her new novel at Norwich Castle. The tickets are relatively cheap and it will be a fantastic experience for any child.

https://www.waterstones.com/events/katherine-rundell-presents-impossible-creatures-at-waterstones-norwich/norwich-castle-street

Arbor Updates

Please would you all log on to your Arbor account this weekend and make sure everything is up to date, especially the list of names of people who can collect your child and whether (in Years 5 and 6) you allow them to walk home alone and **all emergency contact numbers**. Also, please make sure your school dinner account is up to date without any debts incurring.

Pupil Premium

With the cost of living crisis affecting us all, many families have discovered that they are now eligible for Free School Meals, which in turn creates funding called Pupil Premium. This is extra money given to schools to ensure all those children who are eligible are able to receive extra financial support in schools, including free breakfast club and after school club, discounted rates on school visits, extra support academically through enhanced resources as well as free school meals. If you think you may be eligible, please complete the form on this link. The worst that can happen is that they will say no. It's well worth a try!

https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals

Dates for your Diaries

Here are some key dates for you, but remember, you can access all key dates on the home page of the school website:

September:

11th - Breakfast Club and After School Club starts
11th - Meet the teacher 3pm Years 3 and 4
12th - Meet the teacher 3pm Years 1, 2 & 6
13th - Meet the teacher 3pm Year 5
13th - Class 5 Farm Visit
14th - First Coffee Morning of the Year 9.15am - 10.15 am - all welcome
14th - Swimming starts for Years 2 & 6

October:

2nd - Class 4 Gressenhall Trip
3rd - Full SGC Meeting
5th - Coffee Morning

School Website

Don't forget, you can get more information about school with links to the calendar, policies, menus, governance etc… on the school website.