

24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Families,

Here is the bulletin from me for this week. There have been many exciting things happening in school and many to come.

This week we welcome our new member of staff. Miss Jade Proctor has joined the Midday Supervising Assistant team. We are sure she will have a big impact, bringing previous Teaching Assistant experience to the role. Although as a parent, she is already a valuable member of our school community, I hope you will all join me in welcoming her to Gislingham as a staff member.

I know the Office Newsletter provided some information about booking on to sessions in After School Club, so I won't repeat this. Please could you all ensure that your children are booked into the club as we are becoming more popular every day and have limits on numbers. Please note that if you call to book in at the last minute, you may not be able to take the space as we may be full already.

If you are late to collect your child from school at 3.30, please call ahead to let us know where possible. If you do not call, we will keep your children in the reception area under supervision until you arrive. Your child will not automatically be placed in After School Club due to limits on numbers. Having said this, we would encourage you to be on time for collection, whether that is at 3.30 or from the After School Club. Thank you for your cooperation.

Next week we will be sending 14 children and two adults to represent the school at the grand opening of the new footpath at Thornham Walks. The children selected will receive a separate email from me on Monday. This is an exciting event, but is for invited guests only I'm afraid. General public and parents are sadly not able to attend the event. We will no doubt have plenty of pictures and I have been told there is Press coverage also.

Today saw a group of KS1 children represent the school in the latest sports tournament – Multi Skills – at Hartismere High School. I am excited to find out on Monday how they got on and will inform you all in the next newsletter.

Finally, Mrs Holden is hosting a Cheerleading session in the holidays. See the attached flyer for more information.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

**Richard Benstock**  
**Head Teacher**