



GILTHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Spring 2017



The term has started well and we are already heading for the end of January!

The children have settled back into routines and are working hard. We have been struck by several flu/sickness bugs with a class on one day, having as many as 14 people absent, including the teacher! Some children have come back to school too soon and although we promote 100% attendance we do not like to see children in school poorly when they should be recovering at home. The National Guidance states that children should not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of vomiting or diarrhoea.

Dates

26 Jan - Glennis Taylor to visit to present Rollaston and Mansell attendance awards.
28 Jan – Chinese New Year (join the celebrations at Lakeside Arts at the Nottingham University).
1 Feb – Big School Birdwatch
3 Feb - Cross Country Teams to run at Wollaton Hall.
7 Feb -Y4 visit to the Galleries of Justice.
7 Feb – Parent’s Evening
8 Feb – Bulb planting with the Greenwood Trust.
9 Feb – Parent’s Evening
10 Feb - Last day of Half term
Half term 13 to 17 Feb
23 Feb – Swimming Gala
1 March – Y4 class Assembly
2 March – World Book Day and Games Afternoon.
14 March Y3 trip to Cadbury’s World
21 March Y3 Class Assembly
24 March - Red Nose Day
31 March – End of Spring Term
Easter Break 3 April to 17 April
18 April Start of Summer Term

Next Inset Day - 5 June 2017

Visitors and Events

Our Cross Country teams are running in a county event at Wollaton Hall on 3rd February 2017. We intend to take 48 children to this event. The bus to transport the children has been kindly sponsored by a local firm of Plasterers, which has enabled us to take all children to this event free of charge. Thank you to Mr Widdowson and A&G Plastering Contractors Ltd.

A team of 10 cross country runners have qualified to represent Broxtowe at the county event on the following day, (4 Feb) also at Wollaton Hall. Good luck to all these children and well done to all children who have worked hard during cross country practices every week.

The Greenwood Conservation Group, as part of the Big School Birdwatch, have volunteered to make bird boxes and plant bulbs with our children at Hall Om Wong Park to help the community and highlight the importance of looking after the wildlife in our local area.

On 23rd February we will enter a team of children into the swimming gala to try and retain the trophy we won last year.

World Book Day falls on the 2nd March. This year we are asking all children to come dressed as a character from a traditional fairy-tale or story. We are also inviting parents and grandparents to come into school at 2.30pm on Book Day to come and play table top games with the children to help encourage them to build up their resilience and perseverance. (Fancy Dress optional for the adults!)

A Big Thank You!

Because of your generosity, The Homeless Health Team, who organise the Big Breakfast, were able to give all the homeless people who visited them a food parcel. The staff were overwhelmed by the amount of food parcels they were able to make up from the food we donated. They have sent us a letter to say a big ‘thank you’ to all at Gilthill from the homeless people of Nottingham.

Staff

We say goodbye to Mrs Linda Daykin who has worked at Gilthill School for 30 years. She has decided to retire from her job as a Midday Supervisor. She has helped and cared for many children across the years. She has been part of the Gilthill family for more than 55 years as she and her children came here as pupils. We wish her well and thank her for all her hard work, good humour and dedication to Gilthill children.