



# GILTHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Summer 3 2017



We are heading for our last few events in school this year, finishing on Monday with our whole school party to celebrate our ten years in the new school. Thank you for all your support. It has been a busy end of term. We wish all the children who are heading to secondary school the very best of luck and thank all the adults who have supported them through their primary years. I hope you all have a lovely summer break with your children and we look forward to seeing you in the new school year in September.

## Dates

- 21 July** KS2 Movie Night (PTA)
- 24 July** Whole School Party/Activity Day
- 25 July** Last day of term
- 26 July** Start of school summer holidays
- 5 Sept** INSET day – school closed to pupils
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- 7 Sept** First day of school term
- 29 Sept** Macmillan Coffee Morning from 8.15am

## Staff

As you are aware, we are saying goodbye to several staff this year. We wish them all the very best and thank them for their contribution to the lives of the children at Gilthill.

Mrs Clay has just secured another job in a school in Derbyshire. It is closer to her home and the school holiday pattern will link up better for her with her own daughter. Mrs Clay is another long serving member of staff and has worked at Gilthill for 19 years. She is an excellent teaching assistant and has always helped to provide a caring and exciting environment for the children. We will miss her at Gilthill and wish her well in her new job.

## Achievements

We have had two super music assemblies this week, where the children, especially the Year 6, were able to showcase their talent in playing the guitar or the drums. We have had more gold medal awards for guitars and Grade exams taken in drums this year than ever before. Super work everyone, keep practising!  
(Good luck to Drew who takes his Grade 4 drums on Sunday!)

All the children have worked hard across the year to achieve and improve in all subjects. Our SAT results for combined achievement, reaching the expected level in all three subjects of reading writing and maths, have increased from last year in both Key stage 1 and Key Stage 2 which is excellent.  
KS1 – 53% (up by 14%) and in line with other schools locally.  
KS2 – 67% (up by 28%) and better than the national at 61%  
Keep working hard everyone!  
Full results can be viewed on our website.

## Spare clothes

We often need spare clothes for children at different times in a year and our stocks of spare underwear are getting low. If anyone one has items that your child/children have grown out of, please send them into school.

We are trying to build up our collection of outdoor wear for children to use for lessons outside. We especially need a variety of sizes of wellington boots and raincoats. If anyone has any of these items they no longer need, we would be extremely grateful.

Thank you for your support.

## Attendance

We had 28 children with 100% attendance all year who enjoyed lunch with the Governors at Frankie and Benny's yesterday. Thank you to the Governors for taking them and to Frankie and Benny's who support us with this event.

## Dojo

Staff are not available to reply to messages during the summer break, however some staff like to hear how the children are getting on during the holiday. All children will be transferred on Dojo to their new classes in September.

## Sports Day

This is the first year I have known when we have had to delay Sports Day I hope you can join us tomorrow afternoon. I know it will be difficult for some with work commitments but we can never predict the British weather!