



# GILTHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Autumn 1 2018

Welcome back. I hope you all had a super summer break and have started to settle into the routine of school. We welcome a new group of children into the Reception class. They have made an excellent start to school and we look forward to getting to know and working with all our new families.

## Autumn Term dates

**19 Sept** - Sealife Visit Y1,2,3,4  
**26 Sept** – 2.45pm Y5/6 Book Café  
**28 Sept** – Macmillan Coffee Morning 8.15am in the school hall  
**1 Oct INSET DAY** – school closed to pupils  
**4 Oct** – Autumn Lunch Day  
**8 Oct**- Individual Photos - family groups with preschool children from 8.15am.  
**9 Oct** – 2.45pm Y1/2 Book Café  
**10 Oct** – Y5 visit to Waste Recovery Centre.  
**16 Oct** - SWAC to visit KS2  
**17 Oct** - SWAC to visit KS1  
**16 Oct** – 2.45pm YR Book Café  
**23 Oct** – Parents Evening  
**25 Oct** – Y6 visit to Waste Recovery Centre.  
**25 Oct**- Parents Evening  
**26 Oct** – PTA Fancy Dress Disco KS1/R & KS2  
**29 Oct** -Half Term  
**6 Nov** – 2.45pm Y3/4 Book Café  
**16 Nov** –Children in Need Cake Sale (non-uniform day)  
**22 Nov** – YR &Y6 Heights & Weights check  
**29 Nov** -Flu vaccinations YR to Y5  
**6 Dec** – PTA Movie Night (Y2,Y3,) & (Y4,Y5,Y6)  
**7 Dec** – PTA Christmas Party YR/Y1  
**11 Dec** -**9.30am** YR Christmas Concert  
**12 Dec** –YR, 1, 2 Christmas Party visit to Conkers  
**13 Dec** -**5.30pm** Y3 Christmas Concert  
**14 Dec** – Christmas Jumper Day  
**18 Dec** – **2pm and 5.30pm** Year 1&2 Christmas Concert  
**19 Dec** -**2pm and 5.30pm** Year 4/5 Christmas Concert  
**20 Dec** - Christmas Dinner followed by KS2 Christmas Party  
**21 Dec** – 1pm Christmas Sing with the choir followed by singing with your children and early pick up.  
Last Day of term  
**7 Jan** - **INSET DAY** – school closed to pupils  
**8 Jan 2018** **First Day of Spring Term**  
**Further information to follow on various events this term.**

## Book Cafes

During this term you are invited to a book café. This is an opportunity for the teachers to outline reading in their particular year group and provide information on how you can support your children with their reading. The first part of the Book Café is a presentation by the teachers and a look at resources, while the second part is an opportunity to read with your child. Book Cafés start at 2.45pm and finish at 3.30pm.

## Photographer in School.

The school photographer is in school on 8 October 2018 from 8.15am. If you would like to have a family photograph taken with preschool children, you need to bring them to the hall from 8.15am. All siblings in school will have their photograph taken individually and as a family group within their class slot.

## Sports

We are running several clubs and sports groups this term. Boys and girls football has been offered to Years 2,3,5 & 6. Y5/6 boys football is Monday after school, Y5/6 girls football is Friday lunchtime and Y2/3 Football Club is Tuesday after school. Fencing club will run on a Wednesday after school for Year 3 & Y4 followed, after half term, by a table tennis club for Year 5 & 6. On a Friday, Dodgeball will run as a breakfast club for Year 5 and 6, followed after half term by a Multiskills club for Year R. Friday lunchtime club will run for Year 1 for the first half term followed, after half term, by an after school Badminton Club for Year 4 children. All of these clubs are subsidised by our sports funding and some require parent payments to enable them to run. Several of these clubs are run by outside providers.

## Reminders

Please name label all uniform and PE kit. Last year, we collected three boxes of lost property! Please remember that water bottles should contain water only. Juice drunk throughout the day rapidly increases tooth decay.

The change to Academy status in April brought more administration changes than we were expecting which has proved a challenge for our Admin Team. However, they have embraced the challenge and the new systems are becoming more familiar. Thank you for your understanding with our speed of response in some communications. We try to communicate with parents via paper copies of some letters, email, text and Class Dojo. We try to give advance notice of dates on our newsletters and then other letters and text go out as reminders. Please remember to let us know if your contact details change.