



# GILTHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Autumn 2 2018

What a busy start to the year! The children have worked hard and have been enjoying their work on recycling and how they can protect our oceans. We hope you have been enjoying our school story being posted on Dojo.

## Autumn Term dates

**29 Oct** -Half Term  
**8 Nov** – 2.45pm Y3/4 Book Café (**date change**)  
**10 Nov** – Y5/Y6 Girls' Football Eastwood & District Finals  
**13 Nov** – Tag Rugby  
**14 Nov** – Sign a Spot for Pudsey  
**16 Nov** –Children in Need Cake Sale (non-uniform day)  
**20 Nov** – KS1 Gymnastics  
**22 Nov** – YR & Y6 Heights & Weights check  
**29 Nov** -Flu vaccinations YR to Y5  
**5 Dec** – Indoor Athletics  
**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, Y1, Y2 Christmas Party visit to Conkers  
**13 Dec** -**5.30pm** Y3 Christmas Concert  
**14 Dec** – Christmas Jumper Day  
**18 Dec** – **2pm and 5.30pm** Y1 & Y2 Christmas Concert  
**19 Dec** -**2pm and 5.30pm** Y4 & Y5 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.**

**Future INSET days Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019**  
**Monday 3 June 2019**

## Cloakrooms

In each classroom, we have limited space for coats and bags. We have noticed that lots of children are bringing bigger than needed rucksacks which do not fit in the cloakroom spaces. We appreciate that it is easier to bring lunchboxes, reading journals etc in one bag but we cannot accommodate 30 big rucksacks in our cloak areas. Please send the children with small, essential bags only.  
Key stage 1 and YR children need to leave their PE bag in school during each week.

## Independence

Next half term, we are going to have a real push on helping the children to become more independent. We will be looking out for children to be carrying their own book bags and water bottles as well as remembering to bring the items with them for the day ahead. We will no longer be ringing parents to drop off forgotten homework or PE kits!  
You can help them by encouraging them to write a timetable of the things they need and checking it before they leave the house.  
In school we will expect them to collect the things they need for each lesson and clear away afterwards. We will also be encouraging more independence during the lunchtime clearing away their own dishes and keeping their tables tidy.

## Children in Need

### **Sign a Spot - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

Bring £1 to sign a spot on one of the driving instructor's cars which will be here on Wednesday morning.

### **Cake Extravaganza! - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

Bake some cupcakes to sell at our Children in Need Cake Sale. Prizes available for taste, design and originality!

### **Cover Pudsey's head! – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

Bring any loose change to help us cover Pudsey's head.

### **Non uniform day – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

## Sports.

A super performance by all runners in the Broxtowe Schools Cross Country Competition.

A team of 34 runners took part and Gilthill won the team events for Year 5 boys and girls, Year 6 girls and came second in the Year 6 boys' event.

Reece came first in the Year 6 boys' race, Erin came second in the Year 6 girls' race and Lola won the Year 5 girls' race.

Seven children from Gilthill qualify to represent Broxtowe in the district competition later in the year.

Gilthill Y5/Y6 girls have qualified through to the Eastwood & District Finals in their recent football tournament at Larkfields. A great achievement, well done girls!

Gilthill Y5/Y6 boys narrowly lost their football match against Holly Hill on Monday. After taking an early lead, they then lost the game 5-4 on penalties. Great effort boys!

