



Our Vision

To inspire a love of learning

St Gilbert's Church of England Primary School

Foundry Road Stamford Lincolnshire PE9 2PP

Monday 9th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As we move through the current lockdown and ongoing pandemic, I feel it is important we continue to do as much as we would normally do to maintain the routines for our children. Therefore, I hope the information below will give you a picture of some of the organised events for this term.

Remembrance Day – 11th November 2020

Along with the rest of the nation, we will be marking this day at 11am. Fr Neil, will be leading the service virtually and all pupils will take part in the 2 minute silence. Rather than selling poppies in school, children will be making two in school, one to wear and one for a display. We will be collecting donations for our veterans and should you wish to donate, please put your donation into an envelope, marked **Remembrance Day**, which you child can give to their class teacher. We will then pass these onto the British Legion.

Children in Need and World Kindness Day

On Friday 13th November, Children will remain in school uniform of PE Kit if it is still a PE day but will also be able to wear a spotty or stripy item in support of Children in Need, in exchange for a small donation. If you wish to contribute, please put your donation into an envelope marked **Children in Need** which your child can give to their class teacher. We shall also be observing World Kindness Day UK, which is a nationally recognised day for the celebration of kindness in society and day to day life.

Y5.6 Collective Worship

In line with the measures in place, classes will be filming their parts separately. We are very much looking forward to sharing this with you; to follow is a form which you will need to complete in order for us to do so. Unfortunately, if you do not give permission, then your child will not be able to take part. As usual, please do not share this publicly via social media, only keeping it for your private viewing. You should receive the film around the 11th December 2020.

Immunisations

These are taking place on 16th November for all pupils that have been registered by parents via the NHS online consent form. Please refer to latest Parentmail reminder, sent on 28th September, for details.

Advent

This will be led virtually for our pupils by Fr Neil at 9am on 30th November 2020. Pupils in KS2 will also be leading us in prayer.

Christmas

Father Christmas will be visiting the school once again this year. Thanks to our PTA, each child in KS1 will be also be receiving a small gift as part of the festivities. As we do each year, we will be marking Save The Children's 'Christmas Jumper Day' on 11th December in return for a small donation. Again, please place your donation in an envelope marked **Christmas Jumper Day** which your child can give to their class teacher.

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Nativity

EYFS and KS1 are currently planning and organising this very exciting part of the children’s school life. All pods/classes in EYFS and KS1 will be taking part, completing their section separately. We will then be putting this together and sharing this with you. This should be with you by 16th December 2020. As above, please do not share this publicly via social media, only keeping it for your private viewing. You will soon receive a form to complete giving permission for your child to be filmed and for it to be shared with our parents. Unfortunately if you do not give permission, your child will not be able to take part.

Carol Service

Unfortunately, due to the safety measures in place, this will not be happening this year. We are very much looking forward to the time when safety measures can be relaxed and our children are able to sing together as a whole school once again.

Christingle

At the present time, plans are for Fr Neil and Mrs Camp to film this and then place this on Facebook/website so you can take part virtually. We will provide greater detail later on in the term.

Christmas Lunch

We intend for all our pupils to enjoy Christmas lunch. Currently pupils are eating their lunches in their pods, and we have introduced hot lunches for pupils in receipt of Universal Infant Free School Meals and Free School Meals. This has required a lot of added organisation and therefore providing hot meals for the whole school requires us to do it over two days. Therefore, we will be running Christmas lunch over two days. EYFS and KS1 will take place on 9th December and KS2 on 10th December. Separate information will be coming out to you in the next couple of weeks.

Rotary gifts

As we do each year, the school will be donating gifts to The Rotary Club, for children who will not be receiving gifts this year. I do feel this is even more important this year, when families may be losing their jobs or have experienced real challenges during this ongoing situation. We want all children in our local area to feel the joy of Christmas and to know that there are people who are thinking of them and their families.

I do hope this provides you with an informative picture of the term ahead and we will keep you updated. Finally, in regards to the donations suggested for specific events taking place this term, I am acutely aware that financial circumstances for families may have changed and therefore, please feel free to donate as you can, no child will be disadvantaged because of their circumstances and all will be involved in all events.

My best wishes to you all.

Kind regards



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