



Friday 26th January 2024

Gentleshaw Grapevine



It has been a busy start to the new year which has seen both year 4 and 5 head off on residential trips. Year 4 attended Laches Wood at the start of the term and this week year 5 have been at Whitemoor Lakes. Both classes had a brilliant time away taking part in a number of exciting activities and experiences including rock climbing, shelter building and fire making!

Back in school all year groups have been thoroughly enjoying working on our new school laptops. From carrying out research to support their work in topic to word processing in English, the laptops continue to prove invaluable in aiding our children's learning.

Please read on in this newsletter for important upcoming dates in school. Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Saunders



Staffordshire Wildlife Trust



REMINDER:

The year 6 Paris trip meeting will be held on Monday 29th January at 5.30pm, in school.

REMINDER:

Year 3's class trip to The Wolseley Wildlife Centre Wednesday 7th February



Reading Helpers



We are looking for volunteers to hear readers across all year groups. If you are interested, please contact Miss Martin to find out more details.

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SMART WATCHES IN SCHOOL



We have seen an increase in the number of children bringing smart watches to school. While we appreciate that they have many uses outside of school, we would ask that children do not wear them to school.

Smart watches can be very expensive and we would hate to see a pupil's watch to get lost or damaged. As well as this, some smart watches have cameras and the ability to send messages/make calls which is inappropriate and distracting during school hours. We appreciate your support on this matter in encouraging children to leave their smart watches at home.

REMINDER:

Year 4's class assembly is on Monday 29th January at 2.30pm
Parents welcome

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Thank you





Dates for your diary

Monday 29th Jan	Yr4 class assembly 2.30pm
Monday 29th Jan	Yr6 Paris meeting 5.30pm
Monday 29th Jan	After school Class clubs begin
Wednesday 7th February	Year 3 Trip to Wolseley Wildlife Centre
Friday 9th February	School closes for half term
Monday 19th February	School re-opens
Wednesday 21st February	Parents evening
Thursday 22nd February	Parents evening
Monday 11th March	Year 6 trip to Paris
Friday 22nd March	Easter Church Service Reception, Yrs 1&2 1pm
Friday 22nd March	School closes at 2pm
Monday 8th April	School Re-opens
Monday 6th May	School closed Bank Holiday
Monday 13th-16th May	Year 6 SATS week
Thursday 23rd May	School closes for half term
Friday 24th May	Inset Day-school closed
Monday 3rd June	School re-opens

Attendance Matters

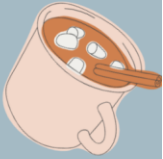
Good attendance has a positive impact upon children's learning.



Attendance

Our whole school attendance this week was

96.05%



Each week the class with the highest attendance receives a certificate. At the end of the half term, the class with the most certificates has a party!

This weeks winners for class attendance are

Willow CLASS

with

99.58%



Lateness can lead to children losing valuable learning time and we want each child to be able to achieve their very best in school.

Gates open at 8.40am and close at 8.55am

This weeks **MOST PUNCTUAL** class winners are

Oak Class





PE Days

Spring one



Starting from week commencing Monday 6th November
until the end of the academic year.

Reception: 

Thursday

Year 1



Monday & Thursday

Year 2



Thursday & Friday

Year 3



Monday & Tuesday

Year 4



Tuesday & Friday

Year 5



Tuesday & Friday

Year 6



Monday & Wednesday



Our School Fundraising Projects

Your support and donations make a huge difference to our academy. The fundraising events of 2023/2024, will enable us to purchase items and resources which otherwise would not be possible. If you are able to support any of our events, please contact the academy office.

This years Wishlist

School Minibus



ICT Equipment



Eco Recycling Bins for inside & outside



Exciting books to support our new reading scheme



Resources for our sensory room & woodland garden



Updating our KS2 Library

*Thank you
for your continued support*

We will update you with all monies raised from each event and with all purchases made with your donations.