



Friday 15th September 2023

Gentleshaw Grapevine



It has been a very busy week and the first full week back in school for our children.



Our new reception and nursery children have all settled in well and have had an amazing week, starting their full time hours. No doubt we will have some sleepy children by the end of today!

Music lessons have once again started this week and all children, from nursery to year 6 enjoy a session with our specialist music teachers. We love to hear them laying every Monday & Thursday.



We are very much looking forward to our new cricket sessions starting next week, which will be on Tuesdays during school time. For this term, our qualified cricket coach will be providing each class, from years 1-6, with expert coaching and teaching our pupils some fantastic new cricketing skills! All children will receive two PE lessons a week and our cricket sessions will count as one of these. Please refer to your messages from your class teacher, as to when is your child's second PE day.



Our after school class clubs and football club, will also be starting next week. Please see the letter on our website for further information on how to book a place for your child.

Have wonderful weekend,

Miss Saunders



PARKING

We need your help!

We all want our children, families & the community to be safe.

Please do NOT park on the corner by the Church, as this causes a blind spot for pedestrians and other drivers and is not a safe place to park.

Likewise, please do NOT park outside the school car park along Chapel Lane as this is obstructive and causes unnecessary congestion.

The village hall has kindly agreed for parents to use their car park for morning drop off and afternoon collection.

Please be mindful of residents driveways and ensure that you are parking safely. Drop off and collection times are very busy and it is imperative that we all do our very best to keep our children and their families as well as the community safe.

Thank you for your support.

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IMPORTANT REMINDER

PLEASE REMEMBER

WE ARE A NUT
FREE SCHOOL



Seesame Free School

We have children with severe allergies in school

Please be reminded that we are a nut and sesame FREE SCHOOL and NO products containing either of these should be sent into school



Dates for your Diary

Class Clubs: Begin W/C Monday 18th September

Yr4 Trip to Tamworth Castle: Wednesday 18th October

Inset Day: Friday 27th October

October Half Term: Monday 30th Oct -Friday 3rd Nov

School Re-opens: Monday 6th November



REMINDER

Please may we make you aware that dogs are **NOT** permitted on to the school grounds at any point, with the exception of assistance dogs.

Tuck List

We are pleased to be able to offer our children a range of tuck items, available from Nursery through to Year 6, with the exception of fruit juice, which is available for year groups 1-6.

The children order their own tuck each Monday morning with their class teacher.

Available Each Day

Toast		25p
Teacake		25p
Milk		28p
Apple Juice	(Years 1-6 only)	25p
Orange Juice	(Years 1-6 only)	25p

Available Every Tuesday (In addition to the usual items)

Pancakes		50p
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Available Every Friday (In addition to the usual items)

Croissants		50p
Pain Au Chocolat		50p

Attendance Matters




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





Attendance

Our whole school attendance this week was

95.81%



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 was


PINE CLASS

with

98.77%



If your child is poorly and unable to attend school, please contact the academy office as soon as possible, either by phone or email



Super Spellings

At Gentleshaw we always strive to give our children the best help, support and opportunities in order to achieve their very best.

After evaluating our spelling scheme, this year we are introducing something new which we believe will support all of our children to become better spellers for life.

If your child hasn't already, they will be bringing home a new spelling list and some suggested spelling activities. This will look different to in previous years in that there will be more words for your child to look at and study.

This is because we will be focusing on spelling patterns and rules rather than children learning a specific number of words each week. The children will be tested on a number of words (usually 10) which are taken from the word list. This will test the understanding of the spelling rule rather than simply testing the memory of a set list of words.

The information also shares how you can help your child to learn these spellings at home.

You will also be able to access the lists and helpful resources on our website under 'Curriculum'.

If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Key Dates 2023/2024

Date & Time	Event
Week Commencing 18 th September 2023	<i>Clubs Begin</i>
Week Commencing 9 th October 2023	<i>No Clubs (other than football)</i>
Wednesday 11 th & Thursday 12 th October 2023	<i>Parents' Evenings Reception – Year 6</i>
Friday 27 st October 2023	<i>INSET Day</i> <i>School Closed for Staff Training</i>
Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November 2023	<i>SCHOOL CLOSED</i> <i>Half Term</i>
Monday 6 th November 2023	<i>SCHOOL OPENS</i>
Friday 10 th November 2023	<i>School Photographs Individual & Sibling</i>
Friday 17 th November 2023	<i>Children in Need</i>
Thursday 7 th December 2023 10.00am	<i>Ash Class Christmas Performance</i>
Friday 8 th December 2023 1.00pm	<i>Ash Class Watch Pantomime on school Site</i>
Monday 11 th December 2023 1.45pm	<i>Oak & Pine Class Christmas Performance</i>
Tuesday 12 th December 2023 9.45am	<i>Oak & Pine Class Christmas Performance</i>
Wednesday 13 th December 2023	<i>Pantomime Trip to The Garrick Theatre Year 1, 2 & 3</i>
Thursday 14 th December 2023	<i>Pantomime Trip to The Garrick Theatre Year 4, 5 & 6</i>
Friday 15 th December 2023	<i>Christmas Dinner Day</i>
Monday 18 th December 2023 9.30am	<i>Ash Class Grandparents' Parties</i>
Monday 18 th December 2023 1.30pm	<i>Years 1 & 2 Grandparents' Parties</i>
Tuesday 19 th December 2023 9.30am	<i>Years 3 & 4 Grandparents' Parties</i>
Tuesday 19 th December 2023 1.30pm	<i>Years 5 & 6 Grandparents' Parties</i>
Thursday 21 st December 2023	<i>Christmas Jumper Day</i>
Thursday 21 st December 2023 1.00pm	<i>Carol Service at Church Years 3, 4, 5 & 6</i>
Thursday 21 st December 2023	<i>School Closes at 2.00pm</i>
Thursday 21 st December 2023	<i>Squirrels Closes at 4.00pm</i>
Monday 25th December 2023 – Friday 5th January 2024	<i>SCHOOL CLOSED</i> <i>Christmas Holiday</i>
Monday 8 th January 2024	<i>SCHOOL OPENS</i>

Monday 15th January 2024 5.30pm	<i>Year 6 SATS Parents Information</i>
Friday 9 th February 2024	<i>School Closes for half term</i>
Monday 12th – Friday 16th February 2024	<i>SCHOOL CLOSED Half Term</i>
Monday 19 th February 2024	<i>SCHOOL OPENS</i>
Wednesday 21st February 2024 3.30 – 6.00pm	<i>Parents' Evening Reception – Year 6</i>
Thursday 22nd February 2024 3.30 – 6.00pm	<i>Parents' Evening Reception – Year 6</i>
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th March 2024	<i>Year 6 Trip to Paris</i>
Friday 22 nd March 2024 1.00pm	<i>Easter Service at Church Years R, 1 & 2</i>
Friday 22nd March 2024	<i>School Closes at 2.00pm</i>
Monday 25th March – Friday 5 th April 2024	<i>SCHOOL CLOSED Easter Holiday</i>
Monday 8 th April 2024	<i>SCHOOL OPENS</i>
Monday 6th May 2024	<i>SCHOOL CLOSED Bank Holiday</i>
Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th May 2024	<i>Year 6 SATS Week</i>
Thursday 23rd May 2024	<i>School Closes for half term</i>
Friday 24 th May 2024	<i>SCHOOL CLOSED Inset Day</i>
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2024	<i>SCHOOL CLOSED Half Term</i>
Monday 3 rd June 2024	<i>SCHOOL OPENS</i>
Thursday 13th June 2024 9.30am	<i>Reception Sports Day</i>
Thursday 13th June 2024 1.15pm	<i>Years 1, 2 & 3 Sports Day</i>
Friday 14 th June 2024 1.15pm	<i>Years 4, 5 & 6 Sports Day</i>
Wednesday 10 th July 2024 1.30pm	<i>Year 6 Performance</i>
Thursday 11 th July 2024 6.00pm	<i>Year 6 Performance</i>
Friday 19 th July 2024 9.30am	<i>Year 6 Leavers' Assembly</i>
Friday 19 th July 2024	<i>School Closes at 2.00pm</i>
Friday 19th July 2024	<i>Squirrels Closes at 4.00pm</i>