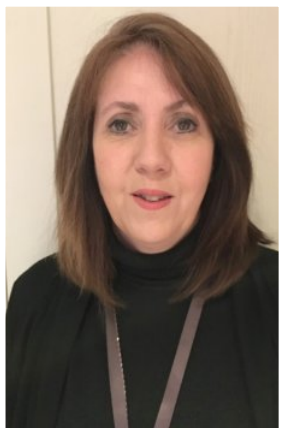


September 2021 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back to the new school year! This week all of our new reception class children will begin their full time education at Primary School! They've all already settled so well and it's been lovely to see them and all our new children in other year groups making good friendships already.

In the next few weeks we will hold an online PTA (FROG's) AGM where we will share some school information for all parents and consider how we can work together in the best interests of our children. It's been some time since we had a parent/teacher/friends group (FROG's) get together and this has impacted

on the school and children, so it would be great to have as many parents attend the meeting as possible. We have much that we can do together and just offering a little time to the school makes a very big difference for us. Details to follow.

In this newsletter, Year 6 will share some of their learning with you. Each half termly newsletter will always include learning from one of our classes. The children's responses around our 'differences and diversity' learning experiences have been inspiring. What thoughtful, compassionate children we have! Please read on to the end of the newsletter to see key dates for the term and other notices. We will also use Tapestry and Class Dojo to send communications but please make sure you view the school website for any further information you may need. We are also going to re-establish our school Facebook page to alert you to events and shared opportunities and we'll send that information out too, once the page is up and running.

As always, if there is anything that concerns you or any questions you'd like to raise, do speak to your child's class teacher. If you require a further conversation then speak to our Key Stage Leads, Mrs Butler (EYFS and KS1) Mrs Hartley (KS2 and Deputy Head). I am then happy to offer you an appointment to speak with me should you still need to raise a concern. I also try to be out on the school gate as much as possible at drop off and collection times. I do love to hear your feedback and am always happy to listen to any ideas that will make Galampton an even better school than it already is!

Katy Burns Headteacher



Our Vision Statement and Gateways

We are pleased that you've chosen a Church School education for your child, although we appreciate that not every family wants to take part in the Church life side of things! Equally, you are welcome and included! Our Worships and Services are invitational. When we meet together for Worship, we usually share a secular (non religious) story to start with and then look at what Christians believe about a value and how they show this. We link stories in the Bible to our gateways so that the children understand that our vision and values have theological roots. Your child will be able to tell you about our gateways, although we are still embedding these and Covid most certainly hasn't helped us!

Please look at the graphic below which shows how we embed our vision of everyone achieving and flourishing. Over the year we will continue to develop this with children and will include our work on this in each newsletter. If you have any questions or would like to get involved with the School's Ethos Committee please come and speak to Mrs Burns who can give you further information.



Citizenship



Leadership



Explorers



Expression



Flourishing

Y3

Trip to Kents Cavern



Year 3 enjoyed a trip to Kents Cavern to kick-start their learning on the Stone Age. We handled Stone Aged artefacts and passed around skulls, weapons and tools. After this, we journeyed deep into the dark, prehistoric caves and learnt all about cave life - including the difference between stalactites and stalagmites! Finally, we completed a woodland trail, picking up lots of facts about the Stone Age along the way.

In true Galmpton spirit, the children were polite, respectful and behaved brilliantly - the staff at Kents Cavern were most impressed! Well done, Year 3!

11+ Exams

For those families who may be considering the 11+ exam process for grammar school spaces in September 2023, please be advised that you will need to review each grammar school website for relevant information (how to register and dates of exam's etc).

Galmpton (along with all other local schools) do not tutor / prepare children for these examinations.

It may be beneficial to look into a specialist tutor for preparing your child. There are many in the area and so probably the best method of finding one is to seek recommendations from friends and relatives who have been through the process in previous years.

Child Absence



Please ensure that you contact the school office before 9.30am each day if your child is absent from school due to illness. Feel free to leave a message on our pupil absence line (option 2) stating your child's name, year group and you must ensure you give details of the illness, which we will record. If insufficient information is left, our admin team will be in contact.

Y4 Cake Sale



For the outcome of our learning enquiry, 'How can we support refugees from Afghanistan?', we decided to hold a cake and coffee sale to raise money for the Red Cross who will in turn use donations to support the lives of refugees around the world. It was lovely to see so many

parents supporting us in baking cakes and drinking coffee! We wrote our own poems about refugees and these were on display for our visitors to read. We raised a whopping £316.46. to such a great cause

School Website

www.galmptonprimary.org

Please make sure you check the newsfeed on our School Website regularly for updates and in house news. The site contains a wealth of information including:

- Our Church School and School Improvement Plan for 2021/22.
- A calendar section, which details term dates and upcoming events.
- A policies section (should you have any need to check admissions criteria / attendance etc).
- A news feed which we will update with information relating to school events / news.
- Class pages, which your Teacher will update with information on your child's learning in class.

The parents section covers practically everything! Please do take a look through all the information it contains. We would encourage you to create a login on the website as this ensures you will receive notifications when items are added to the newsfeed. Please make this your first port of call for school related queries. Should it not be contained on the website, please then contact the school office.



Census Day in Schools

Please Help us to Raise Funding for your Children

Thursday 7th October 2021

The funding for Universal School Meals which applies to Reception, **Year 1 & Year 2 classes** is allocated on this day and is based upon the number of meals taken by pupils on this day. If your child is in Reception, **Year 1 or Year 2 please encourage your child to have a school meal on this day** (including the deli bar lunch and jacket potato option)

Please order via parent pay in the usual way - this will help ensure we maximise any funding available.

As I am sure you can appreciate the school needs to take every opportunity to ensure we secure as much funding as possible for your children and this is a fun way to help us do this!



MENU

Chicken Fillet Burger in a Bun
Vegan Sausage Roll

Homemade Wedges
Spaghetti Hoops & Seasonal Veg

Banoffee Pancakes



Celebrating our

NHS



The church is open :-

Saturday 9th October @ 10am to 4pm

Sunday 10th October – open after service until 4pm

Sunday Service 10am "Celebrating the NHS"

Flower & Craft Festival



St Mary's Church, Churston
Churston Ferrers

Supported by Galmpton C of E Primary School



HEAD BUMPS

Sometimes there are accidents in school where first aid is administered by our trained first aiders (appropriate paperwork for head bumps is then sent home).

Parents / Carers will not be contacted by phone unless we feel that a child needs to be taken to seek further medical advice.

However, we will always make a courtesy call / text to let you know if your child has received a bump to the head. It may not be

that your child needs to be collected (staff in school will monitor for the remainder of the school day), but we do want to bring the bump to your attention in case any symptoms of delayed concussion should occur after school.

Please be aware that we no longer send home an accident form for what first aiders deem to be very minor injuries such as small grazes, paper cuts and bumps.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Online Safety Tips for Children

Wow, it's September already! The month when autumn officially starts and ... oh yeah, the beginning of a new school year. Every cloud has a silver lining though! Another term means new friends to make, different stuff to learn, fresh online trends to jump on and exciting new games to play on your phone, computer or console. We've compiled a list of our top tips to ensure that – whether you're going online to chat, research things or just have fun – you can do it safely.

Be cautious with your profile

Be careful not to give out too much info on your social media or gaming profiles. Details like your full name, address or school's name could all help strangers to actually find you offline. A trusted adult can help you make your profiles private – so only your family and actual friends can contact you.

Lock your devices

Taking your phone or tablet to school? Turn password protection on. It keeps your private info safe and stops anyone accessing your device without permission. Passwords should be memorable to you – but difficult for anyone else to guess. Get a trusted adult to write it down in case you forget it!

Be smart with screen time

Too much screen time, especially just before bed, can affect your quality of sleep. Losing sleep, or not sleeping well enough, messes with your concentration and energy levels. Try muting notifications so you don't get pinged late at night: you'll feel fresher and more focused the next day.

Know how to deal with bullies

Sadly there are people online who enjoy picking on other users. If you ever feel like you're being bullied online – by anyone, not just someone from school – talk to a trusted adult about it. Together, you can discuss possible steps, such as blocking or reporting the person who's targeting you.

Manage online relationships wisely

Most people in a relationship chat to their partner online. Just be mindful that once you send a pic or message (even if it's private), you no longer control who else might see it. Messaging someone you've never actually met – and who might not be who they say – is definitely best avoided.

React well to inappropriate content

When you're researching something online, there's always a chance of finding content that makes you feel uncomfortable or upset. If this happens, you can report it as inappropriate and (hopefully) get it taken down. Tell a trusted adult what happened: they'll help you decide what to do next.

Report offensive in-game chat

If you game online with your mates, you'll know things can get competitive and heated on the in-game chat. Playing against people you don't know (especially if they're older) raises the risk of offensive comments and even threats. Our advice? Find out how to block or mute those bad losers.

Learn to spot fake news

If you're looking into a topic for homework or a project, be careful not to get taken in by fake news: content that's deliberately created to mislead people. Check the story with credible sources, like the BBC or Sky News. Trust your instincts, too – if it seems too unbelievable to be true, it's probably fake.

Keep it 'real' with online friends

Everyone enjoys adding friends and followers on social media. It's important, though, that the people you interact with online really are your friends. If they're just random people you've connected with to increase your contacts, you don't know if they could be trolls or bullies (or worse).

Galmpton Primary School

Calendar Dates

Thursday 7th October - Census Day

(please remember to pre-order lunches for each YR, Y1, Y2 child and all children eligible to FSM)

Monday 8th November - Parent / Teacher Evenings

3.30-6.30pm (Zoom) (Booking details TBC).

Tuesday 9th November - Parent / Teacher Evenings

3.30-6.30pm (face to Face) (Booking details TBC).

Tuesday 16th November

Virgin healthcare Flu immunisation
(Consent link to follow.)

Wednesday 15th December

School Christmas Lunch.