



March 2020 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents & Carers

Thank you for your overwhelmingly patient and measured response to what is undoubtedly a very challenging time for all of us.

We continue to receive daily updates from the DfE and Public Health England, and are very clear about our response to the Coronavirus situation.

The best guidance the school can give is to wash hands well and consistently. All our Teachers are giving this advice regularly. We had taken measures some months ago, before any news of the virus, to install a wall mounted hand gel sanitiser dispenser as children enter and leave the dining room. When more become available from suppliers, we will install further dispensers around School. Hand gels are available in all classrooms and toilets are regularly inspected to ensure a plentiful supply of handwash. As well as the hand hygiene message, we also need to reassure our children. They need to know they are looked after, that we can all look after each other and that a measured response without panic is what will really make a difference in a potentially more difficult situation. We would also ask Parents to avoid speculating and raising their concerns on social media, such as Facebook and Whatsapp, as this is not helpful to the situation.

Do ensure you log in and read our newsfeed on our website. We will update this regularly and in the event of any closure it will be posted here. It was good to see recently, the number of views from parents really accelerating.

Within this Newsletter you'll find the results of the recent 'Parentview' Questionnaires from Parent/Teacher evenings. Thank you for some extremely useful feedback and for your continued support for the work we do. We are so lucky at Galmpton to have a positive and supportive Parent / Carer body ... but then we shouldn't be surprised, because our children are the best and are our continual joy! We know how lucky we are to teach them and to have an impact on their lives.

Katy Burns Headteacher



Thank you for all of your support this year for the Red Nose Appeal. The day was a great success. We thank all those who donated or bought cakes on the day and made cash donations. We raised a massive £217.90 for the Red Nose Appeal, which is amazing. We will continue to support this important appeal and to show compassion to others.

Cookery Club - A big thank you!

Cookery Club would like to thank Mrs Ansell, for the fabulous aprons she has kindly made for our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Chefs. Her skills are much appreciated by all the children and will be used by many children.



Home learning preparation

In the event that we are forced to close the School for a period of time due to Coronavirus, Teachers and staff are preparing learning packs. These will be made available to each child, with suggested timetables. We are looking at a range of online resources and virtual learning packages, which can be accessed from home. We will of course keep you up to date with everything relating to learning via the newsfeed, emails, Dojo and texts.

WORLD BOOK DAY!

We had a fun filled day of reading and sharing books during this year's World Book Day. Thank you to all of the Parents and Carers who joined us for our 'Booky Breakfast' and 'Secret Readers'.

The costumes were wonderful, individual and highly creative. We were amazed by the 'Book in a Jar' competition entries and we are pleased to announce our winners (see below). We would also like to thank all those who made donations. We raised £79.00 for Book Aid International. We will continue to support our children and encourage their love for reading.

Book in a Jar winners 2020:

KS1 - Bethan Davidson and Harriet Budd

KS2 - Noah Fisher and Sunny Kenning-Brown



MESSAGE FROM

The Manor Inn

We have been contacted by the Landlord at the Manor asking for your assistance and understanding in his asking our Parents not to park in their car park facility when collecting / dropping children to / from school.

"We lease the car park from Punch Taverns, and it is a strict condition of the lease agreement that the car park is for the exclusive use of pub customers, suppliers and staff. If parents use it as a pick up waiting area, they are putting us in breach of our lease. We also lose revenues, because passing potential customers see that there is nowhere to park, and go on somewhere else. It also contributes to the wear and tear of the car park, for the cost of which we are financially liable".



The Landlord has however stated, "If the parents waiting for their children would come in and have a coffee or something else while they are waiting, then they would be customers and we wouldn't be in breach of our lease, but only one or two do so. That doesn't stop others coming in to use our toilets, costing us gas and water charges, yet without spending any money in the pub".

The Landlord did also state "I hate to moan, and I do appreciate the problem, but parking in the pub car park is not the answer. We don't want to have to take Draconian steps (wheel clamping, etc) but we may have no alternative if it carries on like this".

Attendance Data for the period 04.9.19 – 10.01.20

Whole School	95.57
Year Group	% Attendance
Reception	95.78
1	96.67
2	96.01
3	96.18
4	95.35
5	94.80
6	94.33



Well done to Year 1
who have achieved
the highest attendance
since the start of term!



School lunch debts



We would be grateful if Parents / Carers could please keep their ParentPay accounts in credit for KS2 children who are ordering a school lunch in class. These debts can quickly escalate over the weeks and can become harder to clear once they build up. It is possible to add a credit, eg £20 to your account to pre-pay a couple of weeks lunches in advance. We would however, prefer all Parents to pre-order their child's lunch on ParentPay in advance, which not only helps with ordering in supplies to the kitchen but also eliminates lunch debts.

Thank you.

Internet Safety

Our School Council led an assembly last week informing the school about internet safety and the recommendations of social media (ages and appropriateness). We have a new School internet safety code, "Zip it, Block it, Flag it", which the children were taught by our school council.



Zip it!



Block it!



Flag it!



Head Boy & Head Girl

The School Council appointed our New Head Girl and Head Boy on Wednesday.

All those who took part had to deliver a speech to school council on how they would improve our school and endured a formal interview with questions from School Council members. The standard was amazingly high and it was a difficult decision for us to make. However, School Council members democratically voted to appoint Victor Aram and Ella Gill. Thank you to all those children who were brave enough to put themselves forward, you are and were amazing!



Parents Evening Questionnaire Results

Question / Statement	Yes	No	Don't know	Optional Comment
My child enjoys coming to school	99	4	1	
My child is safe at school	103	1		
The school communicates well with me on the progress of my child	92	6	5	1 no answer
There is an excellent standard of behaviour	93	3	8	
The school deals with any cases of bullying effectively	52	2	50	
My child's class teacher is approachable and effective if I have any concerns	103			1 no answer
The senior leadership team (Mrs Burns, Mrs Hartley, Mrs Butler) are approachable and effective if I have any concerns	94	1	9	
The school is well led and managed	94		6	4 no answer
The school office are approachable and effective if I have any questions	104			
I regularly read the newsletters	99	5		
The school environment is welcoming	103		1	
The school communicates effectively about school events and activities (e.g. texts, newsletters, letters, website)	97	3	4	
The school provides a stimulating range of after school activities	84	11	9	
I value the school's distinctively Christian Character	86	4	8	6 no answer
I would recommend Galmpton to another parent	102	1	1	

Thank you for the overwhelmingly positive feedback. It was heartening to read all the positive comments around Galmpton being such a caring School with amazing Teachers. It was also heartening to read the feedback around the school's Leadership. Thank you!

However, we also take on board the very few concerns, which you have communicated to us. We are very happy to answer any of these points

individually with you. Therefore, do please come and talk to Mrs Burns or the Leadership team should you wish to. Clearly, we need to communicate the work we do around anti bullying. Whilst children may understand how we respond to potential bullying incidents, Parents are less sure. We will update you on our policy and the work we do in our next newsletter. Should you need this information any sooner please do come and see us.

Galmpton Primary School SPRING TERM DATES

2020

Mon 23rd Mar	Relationship and Sex Education Focus Group for Parents,
Thur 26th Mar	FROGs Egg Rolling KS1 9.10am & KS2, 10.45am & FROGs KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade, 2.30pm
Fri 27th Mar	Last day of Spring Term, 2.15pm finish
Mon 30th Mar – Mon 13th Apr (Inclusive)	Easter Holidays
Tues 14th Apr	Pupils return to school – Summer Term
Sun 19th Apr	Galmpton Open Gardens (Community Garden)
Tue 21st Apr	Tempest Photography in School for Class Photo's
Wed 29th Apr – Fri 1st May	Y5 Hill House Residential
Fri 8th May	Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Mon 11th May -Thur 14th May	KS2 SATs
Sun 17th May – Fri 22nd May	Y6 Bude Residential
Thurs 21st May	Census Day (please could KS1 and all FSM children pre-order lunches)
Mon 25th May – Fri 29th May	Half Term Holidays
Mon 1st June – Wed 3rd June	3 x Non Pupil Days
Thurs 4th June	Pupils Return to School
Sun 21st June	Confirmation Service at Churston Church, 10am

Confirmation



The Mission Community Confirmation Service will take place at Churston Church on the 21st June at 10.00am.

Candidates for confirmation are now

invited to contact John Gay (845692; email: johngaybmc@gmail.com) to put their names forward. Confirmation classes will be announced in due course.



Peace

Compassion

Integrity

Trust

Forgiveness

Responsibility