



# NEWSLETTER

8 October 2021



Dear Parents, Carers and Children

This half term is whizzing by and the teachers are looking forward to the first Parents' Evening next week. If you haven't already done so, please remember to book your session on the online system. Hopefully you will have no problems, but if there are any connection difficulties please ring or email the office as Mrs Rodley will be available throughout the evening to offer advice.

On Monday we had our first Governor Meeting and we were proud to share our internal data from last term and outline the school priorities for the academic year ahead. We are pleased with children's progress, especially considering the disruption of the last couple of years, and our main area of focus will continue to be on improving writing outcomes, both content and presentation. Last year we launched 'Perfect Presentation' and I have attached the checklists that are on display in all classrooms. Children also have 'bookmark' style reminders on their tables whenever they are writing, including during maths and the foundation subjects. It would be helpful if you could also remind children to adhere to this in their homework.

Also discussed were the ways in which we can improve communication with parents and the process to follow if you wish to raise an issue. Most concerns can be resolved by the class teacher – preferably by email via the school office as it is very busy at the doorway. You can also contact me via the office email and I will aim to reply as soon as possible. If you feel your issue has not been resolved, there is a more formal complaints procedure and you can find the policy on the website.

Pre-pandemic we had started to discuss the best way to establish a parent forum as we are keen to promote parental voice. This is something we would like to introduce later this year and would like your help with suggestions as to how you feel this would be most successful. If you have any ideas please could you email me and I will share them at the next Governor meeting for discussion.

The Parent Group had their meeting this week and have a lovely idea for a Christmas activity. Here is a message from them:

"The Parents Group are organising a Christmas Trail this year that families can do in their own time. The children will be decorating posters in class and we are looking for volunteers who live in close proximity to the school and have a window that is visible from the pavement to display a poster. If you would like to volunteer your window please send an email including the street you live on to [guiseleyparentsgroup@gmail.com](mailto:guiseleyparentsgroup@gmail.com). We are also on the lookout for new members for the group including a Treasurer. If you are interested, or would like to find out more about what we do please get in touch at [guiseleyparentsgroup@gmail.com](mailto:guiseleyparentsgroup@gmail.com) for details of our next meeting."

It has been another busy week with National Poetry Day where staff shared their favourite poems with the class and we also celebrated Dyslexia Awareness Week. The classes have watched informative videos about the specific learning difficulty which affects some of the children in school.

Mr Ljustina and Mrs Salmon took 10 children from Year 4 to a cricket competition on Thursday. They practised 5 different skill activities followed by 3 competitive matches against other attending schools. The children were fantastic, and they represented the school extremely well! They all really enjoyed the experience and Mr Ljustina says he is thrilled to have sporting events back at Guiseley Primary!

#### Reminders:

- Please remember not to send anything that contains nuts into school as some children have an allergy.
- Please do not share photographs taken at school events that contain other children.
- Please park with consideration in the school car park. We have a number of parents that have a blue badge and access to the designated parking spaces, including the additional one by the railings, are on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Best wishes

Mrs Buckton, Headteacher

## Stars of the Week



- Nursery** - Ariya for having a really good day, Alaini-Mae for playing nicely and being caring, Darcey B for really good tidying up and helping, Lucas for being so polite and sharing toys in the water area & Lily F for always joining in with our wake up and shake up exercises
- Red Class** - Dana for a fantastic effort in phonics this week and Oliver for using our new maths vocabulary during play
- Orange Class** - August for super blending and segmenting and Lucy for some lovely letter formation
- Yellow Class** - Sophie for coming in to school smiling this week :) and Leo for working hard on number formation in maths this week
- Green Class** - William for cooperating very well in group work this week and Havana for being a kind and helpful member of the class
- Blue Class** - Tobias for his super maths work this week and Alfie H for his fantastic Australian Outback setting description
- Indigo Class** - James M for his concentration and focus in lessons and Hannah for super hockey skills in PE., Hannah showed good control of the ball
- Violet Class** - Grace for her fantastic setting description of Stig's den and Verity for her excellent Stone Age tool!
- Pink Class** - Megan for excellent work in science learning about what soil is made of and Violet for always trying her best and producing consistent excellent work!
- Coral Class** - Charlie for his knowledge and enthusiasm in the PSHE lesson and Lennan for his fantastic ideas and enthusiasm for his writing
- Amber Class** - Sam for dealing with an accident in a very mature manner this week and Ralph for developing a good attitude to learning, being sensible and working hard
- Jade Class** - Ben for some excellent vocabulary choices in his adventure story! Well done Ben! Also Ava for exceptional, perfect presentation in every lesson and for an excellent explanation of our sundial investigation in Science this week. Well done Ava!
- Lime Class** - Max H for improving his handwriting and for being so resilient in his maths learning! Well done Max! Also Esme for having a positive and enthusiastic attitude towards every piece of learning and for being such a kind friend! Well done Esme!
- Purple Class** - Sienna for always presenting her work to the highest standard and Effie for always being ready to participate in whole class discussions and to share her understanding
- Turquoise Class** - Arthur for constantly pushing himself and his learning during lessons and Jacob S for his excellent attitude to learning. He listens well and applies everything he's been taught
- Well done everybody!

## Mathlete of the Week



The Mathlete of the Week for this week are:

KS1 - **Alfie (Blue)**

KS2 - **Theo (Pink)**

**Mathletics Gold Award - Ellis (Coral) & Theo (Pink)**

If your child is in KS1 or KS2, please encourage them to use Mathletics. There are a variety of maths activities and games tailored to your child's stage of development.

Please let the class teacher know if your child does not have access to Mathletics at home.

## Permissions Form and Data Collection Sheet

Please remember to complete the online Permissions Form and check, date, sign and return the Data Collection sheet. It is important we have correct and up-to-date information about your child.

Thank you

## Diary Date Reminders

**Tues 12th Oct** - Parents evening (video call) 3:30pm-6:30pm. Please refer to the email that was sent 6th October for details of how to book.

**Wed 13th Oct** - Parents evening (video call) 5:30pm - 8:30pm. Please refer to the email that was sent 6th October for details of how to book.

**Thurs 14th Oct** - KS2 Cross Country event. Children taking part need to bring a packed lunch, filled water bottle, PE kit and trainers.

**Mon 18th-Fri 22nd Oct** - Harvest Celebrations. During this week, please send any donations to school for us to use in our Harvest Assembly on Friday 22nd Oct.

**Mon 18th Oct** - Stone Age Day for Year 3. Full details have been emailed home. Please remember to use Parentpay to give permission for your child to take part.

**20th Oct** - NCMP and vision screening team in school to see Year 6 children.

**22nd Oct** - School closes for half term

## Change of Music Lessons

A reminder that from Monday 11th October, the small group music lessons will be:

**Year 4 Flute** - Thursday 12:30-1:00pm

**Year 5/6 Flute** - Thursday 1:00-1:30pm

**Year 5/6 Guitar** - Thursday 1:00-1:30pm

**Year 4 Clarinet** - Thursday 2:50-3:20pm

**Year 4/5/6 Saxophone** - Thursday 3:20-3:50pm

## Nut allergy reminder

Please remember not to include any item containing nuts in your child's packed lunch or snack. This includes chocolate hazelnut spreads such as Nutella.

Thank you

*Remember to keep looking on the school website [www.guiseleyprimary.org](http://www.guiseleyprimary.org) for more information about what we are doing in school.*

## Houses

**Nethermoor**, **Nunroyd**, **Parkinson** and **Springfield**

Children can earn points for their house by displaying behaviours that follow our Rainbow Code:

**Respect** (for all)

**Achieve** (always do your very best)

**Inclusive** (we all matter)

**Nurture** (we care and are considerate)

**Belong** (it's good to be part of something)

**Outstanding** (effort and perseverance)

**Whole** (whole child, whole family, whole community)

The points for this week are:

<b>Nethermoor</b>	163	<b>Nunroyd</b>	184
<b>Parkinson</b>	184	<b>Springfield</b>	182

Well done to everyone in **Nunroyd** and **Parkinson**!

## Covid-19 Testing Reminders

Please remember the Covid-19 testing requirements:

- Anyone who has Covid-19 symptoms must take a full PCR test at a testing centre or by requesting a home testing kit (this is not the LFT Lateral Flow Test which can be routinely taken at home). If you have taken a LFT and it is negative, you must still arrange a full PCR test if you have symptoms.
- If you take a LFT and have a positive result, you must self isolate at home and arrange a full PCR test, even if you have no symptoms. If the PCR test result is positive the self isolation period will be notified by NHS Test and Trace. If the PCR test result is negative, you can end self isolation.
- School need to see a positive PCR test result, or the NHS Test and Trace notification for your child, to authorise their self isolation absence.
- If children have Covid-19 symptoms themselves, school need to see their negative PCR test result before they can return to school.
- Screenshots of test results, and / or NHS Test and Trace notifications, can be emailed to [office@guiseleyprimary.org](mailto:office@guiseleyprimary.org)

For more information please check the government website: [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test)

## Covid-19 Self Isolation for Close Contacts

The self isolation rules changed on 16th August. To check if you are required to self isolate, please use the latest government guidance:

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance)