

# Gilbert Scott Newsletter

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer, either at home or travelling. All children are now back and we have had 15 new children join us across all year groups. This is really positive and shows that our reputation is growing and that the work we started last year is showing impact.

The end of last term was very difficult, as sadly we had to make six members of our support staff redundant. Between them, they had over 100 years of experience and that is obviously a big loss.

Mrs Billingham 13 years, Mrs Daws 17 years, Mrs Marriott 20 years, Mrs Sabine 20 years, Mrs Jacques 25 years and Mrs Denne 25 years. We wish them either a wonderful retirement or good luck in their new posts.

We also lost Mrs Wilson from the office, who has gone to be a PA at Trinity school. We have not been able to afford to replace her and so our office staff are having to adjust their workload accordingly, so **please** be patient with them!

Miss O'Leary left the nursery to go to Courtwood Primary School. We therefore have a new member of staff in the nursery, Miss Greenway.

Please remember to come in and discuss any issues and thanks as always for your great support.

Paul Thomas (Principal)

## New After School Club

As promised, we now have an after school club. This is run by Tiny Tots and they are based in what was the Willow Tree Nursery classroom. The club runs from 3:15 through to 6p.m and costs £12 per day. If this is successful, then we will take over the after school club making it a permanent part of Gilbert Scott, so please do use it or we may lose it. We are in the process of providing the club with additional resources. To book or find out more details, please ring Michelle on 07960586782.

## Year 5 and 6 Secondary Transfer Meeting

Secondary transfer meetings have taken place this week for year 5 and 6 parents. If you were unable to attend or want more information, please pop in to see me. Year 6 parents, remember you have until 31<sup>st</sup> October to apply, but supplementary forms may be needed before then.

We have arranged for Quest to give a private viewing for our year 5 and 6 parents on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September from 9a.m to 10:15a.m. Parents need to inform me through the office that they would like to attend.

## Extra-curricular

Letters regarding clubs will be sent out over the next week or so. Please check in your child's book bag!

Our second cross country championships will take place on Friday October 4<sup>th</sup> at the Quest sports ground, starting at 9:30a.m. More details will follow soon.

We had a super harvest this year with apples, pears, tomatoes, courgettes, beans and peas all growing successfully in our wonderful garden.

The girl's football team are to be mascots again for the Crystal Palace Ladies match against Aston Villa on Sunday. This is taking place at Bromley Football Club, Hayes Lane and kicks off at 2p.m. Adults are £7 and children under 16 are free. If you have a Palace men's season ticket, then admission is £2.50.

## Attendance and Punctuality

It is vital that your child is in school every day and that they are here on time. The pupils who make the least progress are very often those that are not at school regularly or who are consistently late. Please make every effort to get your child in to school. Remember they need to be on the playground by 8:45. They will also get a bagel if they here on time.

**If you are having a problem, please come and talk to us, do not ignore it! Our Education Welfare Officer is in school each week.**

## Website and Social Media

Our website is up and running at [www.gilbert-scott.org](http://www.gilbert-scott.org)

Also try our twitter account @SchGilbert for up to date information on school events including our sports teams.

On the website, we now have class blogs. Staff tried them out last term and will be writing their first ones of the year next week.

## PTA

We have a wonderfully enthusiastic group of parents who organise and run our PTA. There are a lot of events being planned for the year including the Christmas Fair (date to be agreed). The money they raise and the community events they organise are vital to the schools ongoing development and progress. Please support them in any way you can. There will be more information coming out soon on how you can help.

## Office

Please ensure that you keep your Parentpay account up to date so that you can pay for school lunches. If you are in debt on parentpay, then so is the school.

If your home address, phone numbers, (including emergency contacts) or email address have changed then please ensure that you let the office know. If we do not have the correct numbers, we may not be able to contact you in an emergency.

Lastly, let the office know of any changes to your child's medical needs including allergies.

## Future Events

MacMillan coffee afternoon - date to be confirmed

Parent's meeting to discuss the new phonics scheme and early reading (letter to follow)

Parent Consultations - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October (a separate letter will be sent out)

Break up on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Return to school on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October

School Journey 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November

Learn and Lunch for years 1, 5 and Robins on 6<sup>th</sup> November at 11a.m

Learn and Lunch for years 2, 4 and nursery on 20<sup>th</sup> November at 11a.m

Learn and lunch for Little Owls, 3, 6 and reception on 27<sup>th</sup> November at 11a.m

**(The learn and lunch is subject to change)**

Nativity on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December (letter nearer the time)

Christmas Jumper day and Christmas lunch on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Break up for Christmas on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at **2p.m**

Return to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

## Term Dates for 2019 – 2020

### Autumn 2019

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Training Days

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – School opens to children**

**Half-term:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October – School opens to children**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December **at 2 pm – School closes**

### Spring 2020

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – School opens to children

**Half-term:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - School opens to children

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April **at 2 pm – School closes**

Easter Holiday – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April

### Summer 2020

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – School opens to children

Bank Holiday **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

**Half-term:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - School opens to children

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Staff training, school closed.**