

### GUSTON Church of england primary

NEWSLETTER 8th September 2023



Welcome Back

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break and have slotted back into the school routines well. Whilst it is fabulous to have some glorious sunshine, it is a shame it didn't come when we were off school!

**Attendance** 

The DfE has an attendance target of 95% or

above. This equates to approximately, 10

days absence in a year.

Educational outcomes for children with less

than 95% attendance are statistically poorer

than for those with attendance above 95%.

This is because if a child is not in school (for whatever reason) they will not be learning the things their peers will be.

Last year at Guston, 73 pupils (48% of the school) had attendance below 95%.

Letters will be being sent to relevant families

next week and we will be monitoring

attendance very closely in the coming

months.

We will obviously be working with families to

improve attendance and in cases of

unavoidable illness absences, working with

families to support with missed learning.

Thanks.

We will be running a coffee morning for our

new YR parents. It will be a very relaxed affair and hopefully be an

opportunity to ask any questions you'd like to

ask and identify any training you wish to receive.

We hope to see you there.

Best wishes

Coffee Morning for Willow Class

Parents

18th September at 8.45am

Community Room.

With that in mind, please remember sun cream and sun hats for children and perhaps remove any additional layers your children are wearing. Thanks.

#### Registration

08.30 - 08.45am

Just a reminder that registration is between 8.30 and 8.45 now.

Doors and gates will be locked at 8.45am.

This is particularly relevant because the children come out to do 'Physical 15' at 8.45 - 09.00am before lessons begin at 9am.

Thanks

#### Uniform!

Please can you ensure children are wearing the correct uniform to school.

School uniform: Light blue polo shirt and grey bottoms or Blue gingham dresses. PE Kit: Blue shorts and light blue top with dark blue hoodie and jogging bottoms if needed.

Dad Away? Please could you let the school know if you or your husband are away on exercise or deployment. It helps us support children that may be missing you/them. Thanks

#### The Cabin

We are currently building 'The Cabin' in our EYFS area to support pupils with sensory needs. We are very excited about this new addition to the school. Watch this space for pictures!



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Happy Birthday to:

Aylan, Ruby, Esme, Rafe, Kyle, Tamara, Muyeng, Ayaan,

Danial, Ezra K & Ngawang

We hope you have had or still to have a wonderful day celebrating

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#### 2023/2024

TERM 1

Week 2

Monday 11th September

Tuesday 12th September

Wednesday 13th September 3:10—3:25pm Y1 & Y2 Meet the Teacher 3:30—3:45pm Y3 & Y4 Meet the Teacher 6-7pm Karate Club

Thursday 14th September 3:10—3:25pm Y5 & Y6 Meet the Teacher

Friday 15th September 2:30pm Celebration Assembly—All welcome



<u>Monday 18th September</u> 8:30—3pm Reception Class in Full Time

Tuesday 19th September

<u>Wednesday 20th September</u> 6-7pm Karate Club

<u>Thursday 21st September</u>

Friday 22nd September 2:30pm Celebration Assembly—All welcome

HOUSE POINTS TERM 1 THE FINAL RESULTS: KEARSNEY: 5 REDOUBT: 5 CONNAUGHT: 3 BURGOYNE: 2

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### **GUSTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY**

#### Term 1 and 2, Diary Dates, 2023-24

September	
1     Staff Development Day 1 – School Closed	
4	Children return to school
7	Y6 PESE/Kent Test – for those pupils registered
9	Y6 Dover Test – for those pupils registered
13	Meet the Teacher evening (Y1/Y2: 3.10 – 3.25) & Y3/Y4: 3.30 – 3.45)
14	Meet the Teacher evening (Y5/Y6: 3.10 – 3.25)
18	YR in full time
30	Dover Afghan Resettlement Team (DART) Open Day
October	
5	Tempest Individual Photographs
5	Y6 DBGS Open Evening
6	Harvest Festival (pm)
10	Hello Yellow Day – Mental Health Awareness Week
16	Flu vaccinations YR – Y6
18	Kent Test results to parents
20	Dashain
20 – 29 <sup>th</sup> HALF TERM	
30	Staff Development Day 2 – School Closed
31	SCAF deadline – Y6 choices for secondary school
31	Children return to school
November	
1	Parent Consultation Evening – 3.10pm – 5.00pm
2	Parents Consultation Evening – 5.00pm – 7.30pm
17	Children in Need
December	
1	Decorations day
1	D&T Project Sale after school
TBC	FOGS Christmas Fete – Date to be agreed
12	KS1 Nativity (2pm)
13	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day (TBC)
14	Carol Concert (6pm)
16 <sup>th</sup> December – 1 <sup>st</sup> January CHRISTMAS HOLS	
2	January
2	Staff Development Day 3 – School Closed
3	Children return to school

This is not an exhaustive list. New dates will be in the newsletter, so please keep an eye out. Thanks 

 Other Important Dates:

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 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024: KS1 Music event (2pm)

 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024: Y6 PGL trip

 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024: Gustonbury (pm)

 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024: KS1 Music Event (2pm)

# ARMY WELFARE SERVICE

Gurkha Culture Club



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Every Monday 3pm – 4.30pm Ages 6 – 11yrs Term Time Only Guston CE Primary School, Dover



Activities include - Nepali language,

## culture, songs, stories and

fun activities

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To secure your child's place please contact Guston CE Primary School on 01304206847 or Durga on 07773240096

For further information contact: GSW - durga.gurung102@mod.gov.uk CDW - Roxanne.frost115@mod.gov.uk

Please scan the QR code for registration





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### DONATE FOOD

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### DONATE MONEY

Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

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Don't forget... You can help transform more lives with a financial donation too.

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TOP TEN ITEMS