

11th February 2019

Wednesday 13th February
Full Governors
6-8pm
Governors

Thursday 14th February
Year R and Year 6 Height
and Weight Measurement
In school

Friday 15th February
Year 6 SATs Learning Café
2pm
Parent Event

Friday 15th February
Open Classroom
3pm
Parent Event

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd
February
Half Term

Monday 25th February
Staff Training Day – No
Pupils

Tuesday 26th February
Pupil Return to School

Thursday 7th March
World Book Day
Dress up as your favourite
book character

Friday 15th March
Comic Relief
Non-Uniform Day

Monday 1st – Friday 5th April
Maths Week
Various events to be held
More details to follow

Monday 8th April – Monday
22nd April
Easter Holidays

Tuesday 23rd April
Staff Training Day
No Pupils

Wednesday 24th April
Pupils return to school

Class Reference Information:

Reception = Robin and Wren
(EYFS/Foundation Stage)
KS1 = Swift, Nightingale,
Woodpecker and Kingfisher
(Year 1 and 2)
Lower KS2 = Falcon,
Buzzard and Osprey (Year
3 and 4)
Upper KS2 = Kestrel, Owl
and Eagle (Year 5 and 6)

Online Safety:

Last week, we had a further focus on Online Safety through assemblies and lessons within school. Staff also had external Online Training from the ICT Service to ensure that everyone has a good understanding about how best to keep our children safe online. On Wednesday, the office sent information about how you can support your children at home and attached to this letter is further information we sent out last year, following our Parent Information Evening. I hope it is of use.

E-Safety Talk Information:

Assess the risks and opportunities:

- Where are the devices? What can they do? Can your child get online in his / her bedroom?
- Have you enabled any parental settings on devices / the internet as it comes into the house?
- Disable or cover webcams to avoid accidental sharing of images and talk to your child about the risks of sharing images
- Be clear about what your child is *actually* doing online? Beware of this changing over time without you really realising!

Know where to go for help and advice

- NSPCC Online Safety - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- Switched on Families (Virgin Media) - <http://keepup.virginmedia.com/switchedonfamilies>
- Internet Matters.org (for help with controls and filters) - <http://www.internetmatters.org/>
- ThinkUKnow - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Remember:

- Children's use of technology presents both opportunities and risks which parents are constantly trying to balance.
- There's no such thing as risk free – have you minimised the risks to your child to a level you are comfortable with?
- Make conscious decisions about Content, Contact and Conduct risks online.
- Take an active interest in your child's online activity. Get them to show you – make it clear from the beginning that you're interested and would like to be involved.

Maths Workshop and Reception Visits: It was wonderful to see so many parents coming to school last week to find out about our maths teaching. Here is some information, in case you weren't able to attend.

Mathematical Language:

Re-group - (not carry or borrow)
Digit and Number - "347 is a three digit number."
Sum - (after adding two numbers)
Total - (adding more than two numbers)
Product - (the answer after multiplying)

What is fluency?

Knowing multiplication tables
Spotting multiples
Making connections "I know that.....so I can do this...."
Spotting patterns
Understanding commutativity (If $3 \times 6 = 18$ then $6 \times 3 = 18$)
Using known facts to solve harder calculations: (if $3 \times 6 = 18$ then $3 \times 60 = 180$)
Having a secure understanding of the value of each digit in a number (Place Value)

Goodbye Mrs Norman:

On Thursday, we will be saying a very fond farewell to Mrs Norman (Miss Goodwillie) as she is beginning an exciting new chapter in Norfolk. After 14 years of hard work and dedication to the children of Gamlingay, Mrs Norman will be much missed but we wish her the very best of luck on her new adventure!

Key Stage 2 PE Kits:

Please be aware, in order to maximise learning time, children have been and will continue to be coming home from school in their PE kit, following afternoon PE lessons. As the weather is currently quite cold we do encourage all children to have tracksuit bottoms and tops to keep them warm as outside PE will continue. Thank you

Happy Half Term:

This term has been a very busy but rewarding one and although one week later than Bedfordshire this year, we hope you all have a fantastic week (once it finally arrives).