

4th October 2019

Friday 4th October
Open Classrooms
Parent Event

Monday 7th October
Tempest Photography
Individual Photos

Tuesday 8th and Thursday
10th October
Parent Consultation
Evenings
Parent Event

Tuesday 15th and
Wednesday 16th October
KS1 Performance

Wednesday 16th October
Early Years Learning Café
9am

Friday 18th October
Friends of GVP
Family Mini Olympics

Monday 21st – Friday 25th
October
Half Term

Monday 28th October
Children return to school

Wednesday 30th October
Prospective Parents Open
Day 9.30am and 7pm

Thursday 31st October
Friends of GVP Halloween
Cake Sale

Sunday 3rd November
Friends of GVP Fireworks
20th Anniversary

Monday 4th November
Adrian Smerene, Baptist
Church – Assembly

Tuesday 5th November
Phonics Café – Year 1
9am

Wednesday 6th November
Learning Café – Year 2
9am

Class Reference Information:

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

October's Value: Responsible

School Life: As half term fast approaches, it is amazing to reflect on all that has been accomplished in the first five weeks of school! All our classes feel very settled, and our new Reception children seem as though they have been here for years – their smiling faces and busy learning is a pleasure to see. We have hosted workshops, once again, by the folk group the Young Uns and spent assemblies, and class time, reflecting on Climate Change and how we can all become a little 'greener', as well as planting bamboo. We have had successful trips to Stibbington and Grafham Water, where each child was a credit to the school (and you)! We welcomed the Year 4 parents into class for a multiplication learning café and finally, every child has been engaged in their learning about their exciting new topics. I look forward to seeing the continued learning, enjoyment and enthusiasm across the school.

Sumdog Competition: We have entered the next Sumdog Cambridgeshire Championship, which runs from 4th – 10th October. Please can you encourage your children to take part – the county winner could be one of our classes! To find out more, please click on the link below: <https://www.sumdog.com/teacher/contests> Every child who answers 100 questions will win an item for their Sumdog house.

Earrings: We have had some parents ask about our policy on earrings recently and therefore please note the following advice from Ian Roberts, Advisor for PE and School Sports for Cambridgeshire County Council: earrings must not be worn for PE/Games lessons and during any sporting after school clubs. They need to be removed completely; children are no longer allowed to put tape round them. Children who wear earrings will not be able to take part in practical lessons but will be able to take on the role of umpire, referee, and coach where appropriate. Please find below details from the County Council Guidance as to why earrings should not be worn; 'The reason not to wear earrings (or any jewellery) is that it can lead to injury for the wearer and for others in the class and it is the teacher's duty of care that must apply here. The reason is both about tearing of the ear lobe, but also the post of the earring going into the neck which is where the brachial nerve is running directly to the brain. This is also national policy from the Association of PE (AfPE). Please consider this advice when getting your child's ears pierced.

Parent Consultation Evenings: We look forward to seeing you next week. Further information about which room staff will be in will be sent Monday but please note that all appointments are in the main corridor, at the front of the school, with access via the small hall.

Discover Gamlingay Winners: It was wonderful to see many families participating in the Discover Gamlingay walk on Sunday and a small number of children from the school choir singing beautifully at the end of the event. We also were proud to announce three winning badge designers across all our year groups – well done!

Office Hours: Please note that the office hours are 8.30 – 3.30, before and after this time please either email or phone (as the answer phone will be on) and the office will get back to you during working hours – thank you.