



Guillemont Junior School
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5th January 2012

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break. The children have returned and settled quickly into the start of a new term. It promises to be busy and exciting.

There are changes that I need to bring to your attention:

- From Monday 9th January all children, if they wish, will be able to eat a snack at morning break time. I have negotiated with our caterers to offer a selection of pre-ordered snacks. All snacks are fixed at 30p and have to be ordered using a pre-paid voucher system. The snacks will be delivered to the classrooms shortly before break time and consumed before they go out to play. Packaging will be minimal and all drinks will be served in reusable beakers. Children can bring their own snack to consume but there will be strict limitations on what can be eaten in school. More details are attached to this letter / Parentmail.
- Yr6 will be preparing for the national tests and their curriculum has been adjusted slightly to support them. There is a meeting for parents of Yr 6 children arranged. Information has already been sent home. Yr6 children will receive regular homework from next week. We have started to review the current homework policy and changes will be made so that all children will receive regular homework depending on their age and needs
- Out-door and in-door shoes are now needed. All children should have them in school anyway. Please check that both pairs are in school, ideally one pair on the child and one in the cloakroom.
- The space in the cloakrooms is very limited. For this reason children have always been asked not to bring rucksack bags into school. They only need their book bag and a lunch box (if appropriate). We seem to now have a large number of children bringing large bags into school. They are not necessary and take up too much space. Please support us with this request.
- Lost property is still a huge issue. There were a large number of items not reclaimed at the end of last term. All of them unmarked. Please, please, please, write a name on coat labels, sweatshirt labels etc. so we can return these valuable items. There were ~30 coats all worth between £10 and £20.
- Money in labelled envelopes is working well. Thank you! However, I remind you that we will not accept loose monies from now on.



➤ A reminder about Meetings for parents:

- Our provision for Able, Talented and Gifted children (**Lowers**)
Monday 9th January 2012. School Hall at 7pm
- **Parents of Yr6** children SATs information.
Tuesday 10th January 2012. School Hall at 7pm
- Our provision for Able, Talented and Gifted children (**Uppers**)
Monday 16th January 2012. School Hall at 7pm
- Mathematics curriculum evening for parents of children in the **Lowers**. Tuesday 24th January 2012. School Hall at 7pm
- English curriculum evening for parents of children in the **Lowers**. Tuesday 7th February 2012. School Hall at 7pm

I wish you all a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

Denis Foster
Acting Headteacher



New system for break time snacks.

Thank you to all those parents who feedback information via the parent forum and class teachers about the need for a morning snack. I'm pleased that our caterers are now able to offer a morning snack. I was keen that children should eat a healthy snack at break time to boost energy levels because it's a long time between the start of school and lunch. However, I'm also keen to ensure that all children get time to play and run about mid-morning rather than queuing for food. Similarly, that waste packaging is minimal and re-useable if possible that the payment system is simple to administer. It is also important that cost is minimal, there is choice available and the food is fresh and healthy.

Children will need to have pre-paid vouchers. Each voucher is worth 30p and will buy any one item. Parents can buy the vouchers in packs of 10 for £3. We are only able to issue vouchers in blocks of 10, it is not cost effective for the admin staff to deal with smaller numbers. Similarly, **vouchers will only be available to purchase on a Friday.** The vouchers can be brought in a similar way to pre-paying for school lunches. The £3 should be in a labelled envelop and posted in the reception box. The vouchers will be sent home via the children on a Friday. Once they are given to the children, they become their responsibility. Parents have to decide to either send a voucher in each day, leave them in the child's tray in the classroom or make an alternative arrangement. There is space on the voucher to write a name. Each class will have an order list on a tray on the art table. Children order their snack by ticking what they require and leaving their voucher on the tray. The kitchen staff will collect the orders and deliver the food shortly before break time. The children collect what they have ordered (the original order sheet will be returned with the food tray to the art table). All snacks must be eaten in the classroom. 5 minutes will be allowed for this before the children leave for playtime.

Children wishing to bring their own snack are limited to a carton of fruit juice or milk and/or pieces of fruit or vegetables. Not crisps, cakes or snack bars. Snacks must be placed on the tray on the art table and not left in lunchboxes. We are unable to retrieve lunchboxes until lunchtime. Cakes will occasionally be sold as a treat (raise money for charity). The full menu follows on the next page.

We will trial the system for a term and then review it. I hope it will allow the children eat healthily and not prevent them from enjoying playing outside.

Yours sincerely

Denis Foster
Acting Headteacher



Guillemont Snack Bar Menu

All items cost 30p and can only be purchased using a pre-paid voucher.

Drinks

Fresh milk	200ml
Chocolate milk	200ml
Orange juice	200ml
Apple juice	200ml

Food

Freshly (daily) baked bread roll (50% plain 50% wholemeal)
Raisins 25g
Whole apple
Whole orange (Satsuma / Clementine)
Whole banana
Pieces of freshly peeled fruit (such as apple, banana, orange and grapes)
Pieces of freshly peeled vegetables (such as carrot and cucumber)