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Headteacher's weekly newsletter (N°24)
13th March 2020
Information in brief:

- Coronavirus update: The leadership teams from both Guillemont and Pinewood have met and discussed the latest information from the Government. Schools should remain open and the focus on containment and delay is about people that have been in contact with confirmed cases. From today anyone (parent, child, grandparent etc.) who have a persistent cough should self-isolate for 7 days. If the symptoms persist, contact the NHS 111 line. If your child has a persistent cough and you are unsure what to do, please contact the school. We are doing everything practicable to follow the hygiene guidelines and we have asked the school cleaners to ensure all surfaces are thoroughly cleaned… as they usually do anyway. We have put liquid soap, hand sanitising gel and additional boxes of tissues into the classrooms. As you are aware there is a national shortage of the gel and we are unlikely to be able to replenish our supply. Teachers and support staff will ensure that these resources are used effectively. What is really unhelpful are children claiming they or others have the virus as a joke – please support me as parents/carers and re-inforce this message to your children. Finally, I lead the school not the Facebook or What's App Groups. Thank you for your support. The following link has a lot of useful and factually accurate information from the government: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan
- A reminder that we encourage children not to bring expensive items into school, i.e. mobile phones, Fitbits and expensive jewellery. If children choose to bring them in, it is their sole responsibility to keep them safe. The school is not responsible for any lost items brought in. Please reiterate this with your child.
- It was great to see so many children and staff dress up yesterday for Guillemont's World Book Day. The themed World Book Day lunch was very popular with the children and we hope to offer more themed meals throughout the year.
- Steve Cole, the author of a range of children's fictions books, was in school today to sign books and talk to the children. Any books that were pre-ordered will come home with your child today.
- Our Book Fair begins today, Friday 13th March 2020 until Thursday 19th March 2020 after school each day from 3.30pm to 4.15pm in the library area. Cash only please as cheques cannot be accepted.
- We have a case of head lice in school and would ask that you check your child's hair and treat if necessary.
- We currently have a vacancy for a Play Worker in our after school club (BASC). The position is every day from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. If you are interested, please contact Mel McCann, BASC Manager, via the school office.
- This Sunday (15th March 2020) Guillemont is hosting an open rehearsal and concert for the Hampshire Music Service. The Hampshire Flute Choir, Hampshire Double Reed Ensemble, North East Hants Schools Wind Band and the North East Wind Trainers will all be here. It's an opportunity for children to come along and be inspired and consider joining one of the bands. The open rehearsal is between 1pm and 3pm; just come into the school through reception. The concert is at 4pm and there is a charge of £5 per ticket **but any child from Guillemont can attend free of charge**.
- The school photographer will be in school at 9am on Monday 16th March 2020 to take class photographs. They will be available to purchase online through Cardwell and Simons. A reminder that the photographs are purchased directly from the supplier online.
- Our annual Guillemont's Got Musical Talent takes place for Yr3, Yr4 and Yr5 on Wednesday 18th March 2020. Parents, carers, grandparents or family members are very welcome to come along and watch. Refreshments will be available. The Yr6 children will have their own musical performance after they have taken their Key Stage 2 tests in May.
- The Timid to Tiger course continues next week (8/10) on Wednesday 18th March 2020 at 9.15am to 11.15am in the Community Room.

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- There is no class assembly next week due to Guillemont's Got Musical Talent. The next class assembly will be Class MC on Wednesday 25th March 2020.
- A reminder that the school is planning a VE Day family celebration/remembrance event for Friday 15th May 2020. We are at the early stages of planning but hope to have a joint event with Pinewood Infant School. We are considering a midday event (12.30pm to 2.30pm) on the school field including a picnic lunch. More information to follow.
- Congratulations to the children that received the Guillemont Award this week. The following children received the certificates in the achievement assembly today.
  - Lily Fox LM
  - Alex Harries LM
  - Isabella Horton LA
  - Riley Adams LA
  - Tommy Garrard EW
  - Subhan Aziz EW
  - Sophie Honey AL
  - Harrison Mansell AL
  - Lucy Kempson MP
  - Millie Doe MP
  - Harry Kinsey EK
  - Mya Joshi EK
  - Bethan Miller CW
  - Ashleigh Southwood CW
  - Abi Meek ZI
  - Maddie Pooley ZI
  - Gracie Langford DB
  - Noah Warne DB
  - Charlie Dryden MC
  - Ella Pointon MC
  - Nicole Stacey KT
  - Archie Llewellyn KT
  - Lauren Waters SD
  - Sophie Findlay SD
  - Millie Bessell KL
  - Jessica Healy KL

Best wishes
Denis Foster (Headteacher)

Attendance checker:

Class	9th – 13th March 2020	
MC	99.3	100.0
KT	98.5	98.5
DB	98.3	98.3
AL	97.4	98.7
LA	97.2	97.9
KL	96.4	96.4
CW	95.3	95.3
EK	95.2	95.2

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SD	93.6	93.6
EW	92.9	94.1
MP	92.3	92.3
LM	90.7	91.4
ZI	88.9	88.9
Totals	95.1	95.5