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Headteacher's weekly newsletter (N°38)
19th June 2020

- This week my newsletter is also being sent to our parents and carers of children due to start with us in September 2020. We look forward to welcoming you and your children as soon as we are advised it is safe to do so. This should be in September 2020. Next week we will be sending an email informing you of which Yr3 class your child will be in and who their class teacher will be, along with the house colour they will belong to. When you have this, you can then buy the PE kit at a time convenient to you. I appreciate that there will be anxiety about starting a new school, compounded by the fact that we are unable to meet with you and your children before the end of term as we normally would. The Yr3 Team are currently putting together a welcome video that will be sent to you soon. Once you know the name of your class teacher, they will call you to say hello and also to introduce themselves to the children. I will also send you all the information you need before the start of term. If you need to talk to the SENCo (Mrs Waldron) this can be done now so please call the school (01252 666846) any time between 8.30am and 4pm.
- Our current children in Yr3, Yr4 and Yr5 will also find out which class they will move into in September 2020 on what was the transfer day – Thursday 2nd July 2020. This will be by email.
- There have been several announcements from the Government about catch-up over the summer, opening schools to more children where there is capacity to do so and breaks for parents. Unfortunately, no details. However, we now know (as of 2.30pm today) that the summer catch-up will in fact be over the next academic year and funds will be paid directly to school to facilitate this. There is a mention of help and advice to accompany the funds but again, no details.
- With regard to opening the school to more children: Guillemont has 14 classrooms; two for children in the Resourced Provision that are in use; six are in use for the 60+ Yr6 children that returned to school on 1st June 2020 and five others are currently used for childcare. We have space for ~20 more children in two remaining unused rooms, one of which is not a classroom; it's a meeting room. Every week there are more parents and carers asking for childcare because they are key workers. We have no capacity to increase spaces, once the two other rooms are in use, to accommodate children unless the social distancing guidance changes.
- We have issued cheque refunds for the cancelled Yr5 residential. The cheques are available to collect from the school office. Please note that we have not stopped trying to get the deposits for the trip refunded. I have spoken to the LA legal team and they inform me that none of the current media information applies to the terms and conditions of the contract we signed. I will keep you updated. We will be endeavouring to recover all the monies from PGL for the Yr6 residential visit.
- A reminder to all current BASC parents and carers that the deadline of Friday 26th June 2020 is the latest time we can accept any changes to regular bookings for September 2020. No changes can be made after this date. Please contact Mel McCann at basc.man@guillemont-jun.hants.sch.uk.
- Please pay for school lunches on-line, we do not want cash brought into school if at all possible. The menu for next week is below:

Monday 22nd June 2020	Ham or cheese roll
Tuesday 23rd June 2020	Jacket potato with beans or tuna
Wednesday 24th June 2020	Pizza
Thursday 25th June 2020	BBQ chicken wrap
Friday 26th June 2020	Fish fingers and chips

- A reminder from the librarian; please could all library books be returned to school as soon as possible. There is a box in reception for the collection of any books. Thank you.

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- The website will contain the curriculum for all children and we encourage all children at home to prioritise the English and mathematics set work**.** The exception to this will be Yr6 children in school. They will follow the planned curriculum for the summer term.
- If you require any of the key worksheets to be printed off for work at home, please let us know by 7.30am every Monday as a member of staff comes in early to do this.
- **The school experienced a major issue with our internet connection this week. This will impact only the 'Additional Things' section of the 'Learning at Home Week 12' page on the website. More work will be added by Tuesday evening.**
- The usual reminders again:
  - No bags or personal possession to be brought into school please
  - The school office is open from 8am to 4pm daily - 01252 666846.
  - You can call the school and leave a message or email adminoffice@guillemont-jun.hants.sch.uk.
  - Mrs Smith (ELSA) can be called by children between 9am and 12pm every week day. If parents or carers require help, please contact Mrs Smith between 1pm and 3pm. 07563384044.

Stay Alert! Control the virus! Don't believe everything you read on social media!

Best wishes
Denis Foster (Headteacher)