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Headteacher's weekly newsletter (N°41)
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- If your child is due to start the school in September 2021, we are currently formulating alternative plans as a result of the Government's decision not to remove all current restrictions for at least the next four weeks. It is my intention to hold virtual meetings, using Google Meets, so that families can meet the school leaders and their new class teacher before the end of this term. I will email details on Friday 2nd July 2021 the day after what was the planned transfer day. All the children will be told who will be their new teacher and, for Yr4 children, who will be in their new class. The website has links to information we prepared last year as we were also prevented from holding our usual transition meetings – the majority is still current:
  Presentation by the staff https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Geuvbzp2Szs
  Virtual tour of the school https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cVFTkiRM4o0
- We apologise for the technical difficulty experienced by a small number of parents invited to the Relationships and Heath Education online meeting. I am grateful to a parent for their assistance in testing our systems and trying to identify what was the cause of the problem. Sadly, the test link worked without any problems and so I'm none the wiser. We will schedule a face-to-face meeting once the new term start. However, I need to remind parents and carers of the following: The focus in primary education is about relationships and we should all refer to it as exactly that - Relationships Education. Parents do have the right to request that a child is excused from sex education as stated on pages 17 and 18 of the Government Document. Paragraph 49 states that the headteacher will automatically grant a request to withdraw. This applies only to sex education and at Guillemont there is only one sex education lesson in Yr6 about conception. The science curriculum covers reproduction and growth in animals and includes scientific names for body parts. The PSHE curriculum covers relationships. Both these elements of the curriculum are compulsory and there is no option for parents to opt out.
- A letter has been sent out to Yr6 with details of a cooking activity that is taking place over the next few weeks beginning Monday 28th June 2021, as part of their WW2 project based learning. They are planning to make a cottage pie and a fruit salad. Please can you go online via Scopay and pay the contribution of £2 towards the cost of the ingredients and give your permission for your child to take part. Thank you to everyone that has already paid.
- A leavers' day letter to Yr6 has been sent out this week with details of a day of activities run by CM Sports that is planned for Thursday 22nd July 2021, ending with a disco in the evening. The cost of this is £6.00 for the day that includes an ice cream and £3.00 for the disco which includes food and refreshments. Please complete the permission slip and send in the payment either in cash or a cheque payable to Guillemont Junior School. We are unable to accept online payments for this activity.

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- A reminder that children that are currently in Yr3, Yr4 and Yr5 will find out which class they will be moving into on what would have been the transfer day on Thursday 1st July 2021. Only the current Yr4 will be mixed as they move into Yr5. All the children will receive the information on Thursday 1st July 2021, but it will not be possible to have any time with their new teachers. Hopefully, if restrictions are lifted on the 19th July 2021, there may be an opportunity to meet their new teachers then. Staffing for September will be published in the newsletter on Friday 2nd July 2021.
- As you are aware we have also had to cancel sports day this year due to the extension of the restrictions. We cannot have the whole school together and invite all the parents and carers into school. We will be having our own internal sports day in year group bubbles but without parents and carers to watch. This will take place sometime during the last four weeks of term. Please make sure that your child's PE kit is in school every day. PE kits should be brought into school every Monday and go home every Friday for washing.
- We would like to say thank you to Isabelle Ruby-Campbell and her family for kindly donating books for our library.
- Heads-up for parents and carers of Yr6 children: We will be providing every child with a t-shirt for signing by their friends/staff. This will be issued on the last day of the term and will avoid using PE shirts or clothes that they are wearing as has happened in the past.
- Congratulations to the following children. They have received the Guillemont Achievement Certificates today via their class teachers:
  - Tallulah Harding ZI
  - Aiden Matheson ZI
  - Max Whelan MK
  - Poppie Else MK
  - Josh Durbridge EW
  - Calvin Hggins EW
  - Sophie Jones LM
  - Jacob Sheldon LM
  - Blessing Tubuoh AL
  - William Bovington AL
  - Daisy Hall LA
  - Ellie Lucas LA
  - Ella Field CW
  - James Robinson CW
  - Evan Morgan-Pugh MC
  - Evie Russell MC
  - Tommy Dutfield-Smith SD
  - Max Westley SD
  - Amelia Mann KT
  - Sofia Iglesias-Cuquejo KT
  - Mariella Salamone KL

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- Mikey Bertoux KL
- Molly-Ann Else MP
- Lucas Wright MP

Best wishes
Denis Foster