

GUSTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER 30th June 2023

Industrial Action - Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July

As you may be aware the NEU members are taking industrial action next week. This means that Y2 (Chestnut class) will be closed for those two days.

As explained before, a decision to strike is never taken lightly and I would just like to remind parents of a few key messages:

- Teachers taking action are striking against the national education policy and resourcing in schools and <u>not</u> against the children they work with, or the school they work in. Teachers taking action are not paid for the days they strike.
- All other unions (which represent other members of staff at Guston) have advised their members not to cover for colleagues taking industrial action, which has made usual arrangements for covering classes and/or merging of classes, impossible.
- Although the strike is detailed as being about pay (and its gradual erosion over time) the reasons many teachers have decided to strike is about so much more, however the law only allows you to strike on certain issues, pay being one of them.
- In the current cost of living crisis, recruitment in schools remains a significant challenge. Retail and hospitality employers have the flexibility to increase wages to encourage recruitment, whilst schools are bound by national pay scales. As a result, I do not know many schools, locally or nationally, that can confidently say they are fully staffed. This sadly, often results in resources being stretched and pupils not getting the support and or resources needed.

I do appreciate that classes closing is inconvenient to families but the motivation for staff to strike is in your child's future, rather than any personal gain.

Thank you for your understanding.

Term Dates 2023/24 <u>School Open</u>

Term 1: 4th Sept - 20th October Term 2: 31st October - 15th December Term 3: 3rd Jan - 9th February Term 4: 20th February – 28th March Term 5: 15th April - 23rd May Term 6: 3rd June - 23rd July

INSET DAYS 2023/24 SCHOOL CLOSED FRIDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER 2023 MONDAY, 30TH OCTOBER 2023 **TUESDAY, 2ND JANUARY 2024** MONDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY 2024 FRIDAY, 24TH MAY 2024

Writer of the week The nominations this week are: Indie, Aahangwo, Grayson, Nancy (Y3), Ainie, Preston & Ethan The winner is: Aahangwo Well Done!

HOUSE POINTS TERM 6 THE RESULTS: CONNAUGHT: 579 **REDOUBT:** 463 BURGOYNE: 457 **KEARSNEY:** 384

Happy Birthday to:

Yomik, Henley & Ariya

We hope you have had or still to have a wonderful day!





SUPERSTARS!



Our Superstars this week are: Joy, Arnesh, Henley, Sushant, Esme, Densia, Parisa, Grayson, Ayuki, Aurora, Miksang, Prencika, Indie and Alisha. CONGRATULATIONS!

2022/2023

TERM 6

Week 5

<u>Monday 3rd July</u> 3-4:30pm **Group 2** New Gurkha Culture Club 1/3

<u>Tuesday 4th July</u> 3-4pm Y3 & Y4 Tennis Club

<u>Wednesday 5th July</u> 3-4pm KSI Gymnastics Club 6-7pm Karate Club

Thursday 6th July Chestnut & Elder Class Forest School Yr 6 Secondary School Transition Day in Dover 3–3:40pm YrR Multi Sports Club

Friday 7th July

Non—Uniform Day 2:30pm Celebration Assembly—All welcome 3-4pm Y5 & Y6 Athletics/ Rounder's Club

Saturday 8th July 11—2pm Guston School Summer Fete Raffle will be drawn at 2pm



Week 6

<u>Monday 10th July</u> 3–4:30pm Group 2 New Gurkha Culture Club 2/3

<u>Tuesday 11th July</u> 3-4pm Y3 & Y4 Tennis Club

Wednesday 12th July 3–4pm KSI Gymnastics Club 6–7pm Karate Club

Thursday 13th July Oak Class Forest School 3–3:40pm YrR Multi Sports Club

Friday 14th July 2:30pm Celebration Assembly—All welcome 3-4pm Y5 & Y6 Athletics/ Rounder's Club

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PLEASE BRING A BOTTLE OF SOMETHING (ANYTHING!) TO SCHOOL AS A DONATION TO OUR BOTTLE TOMBOLA AT OUR SCHOOL FETE. THANK YOU!



GUSTON SUMMER FETE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

FOGS

Guston School's Annual Fete is happening Saturday 8th July. This is organised and ran by the FOGS Team.

We want to put on a BIG event for the school but we can only do this if we have enough people to help!

We are looking for help with setting up, BBQ, Refreshments, Tombola, Raffle, games. We would also like a Momo stall! Happy to take on groups/pairs of friends if you don't want to volunteer alone.

Speak to one of the FOGS Team if you'd like to help!

