



Guilden Sutton Church of England Primary School

Love and Justice for All

5th January 2024

Dear Parent,



I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year with family and friends. It has been lovely to see everyone back safe and sound and to hear all about what they got up to over the holidays. I am looking forward to the year ahead!

Year 5 had a special workshop lead by Dr. Diane. Dr. Diane is the world's only female Maya archaeologist and only Maya specialist in the U.K. They had a fabulous morning where they had the opportunity to look at some Maya artefacts, answering specific questions about these items and learned all about her life studying the Maya.



Happy New Year.

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed some quality time with family and friends.

With all the excitement in the lead up to the Christmas break you might not have seen that after 12 years as Chair of Governors, Sheena Bayton stepped down from that role and at its meeting on 21st November 2023 I was duly elected as the new Chair. Sheena will remain on the Governing Body, and I am very grateful for all her support.

For those of you who don't know me, I have been a Parent Governor since June 2022, and I currently work in a governance role at the University of Chester. My daughter is in Year 3 and my son is now in high school having spent seven happy years at Guilden Sutton. My wife is a teacher in a local school.

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As a Governing Body, our role is to challenge and support Mrs Rainford and ensure we continue to develop and deliver the school's strategic priorities.

Whilst we are acutely aware that Ofsted 'is looming' and 2024 might be our year, the children must and will continue to be at the heart of everything we do. I'm sure 2024 will bring both challenges and opportunities but I'm confident that with the support from all of us in the Guiden Sutton 'family' the school will continue to go from strength to strength.

Here's to a happy and healthy 2024!

**Anthony Parker
Chair of Governors**

A polite reminder from Mrs. Cawley.

At Guiden Sutton, reading for pleasure is our ultimate goal and listening to your child read at home contributes to this hugely. We recognise that as our readers progress through Key Stage 2, they read with much more independence and may feel they no longer need to read to an adult. However, for our children to be fluent and enthusiastic readers who read widely, it is vital that they are listened to and that this is recorded in reading records.

To ensure the aims in our Home School Agreement can be fulfilled, please ensure that:

- *reading records and reading books are in school every day*
- *children read to an adult at least twice a week*
- *a comment is written in reading records by an adult following each read.*

Please note, children will still be encouraged to record in their own reading record, we just ask for these to be supplemented by the additional comments written by an adult.

As a school, we will continue to make reading our utmost priority and we will use your child's reading record to communicate the reading that your child is doing in school.

Many thanks for your continued support.

There are a number of children in school with severe allergies - PLEASE CONTINUE TO BE NUT AWARE!

Please remember to **label uniform** as there is an abundance of unclaimed items around school.

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Thank you for keeping the **safety** of our children at the forefront of your mind. Continue to be mindful when parking in the village car park and keep to the speed limit at drop off and pick up times.







Why not follow us on Facebook to see what Guiden Sutton Church of England Primary School get up to on a typical school day?

Cheshire West and Chester have once again ‘tweaked’ 2024 – 2025 holiday dates! Please see attached document, which is also on the school website, for all changes. Thank you for your continued understanding and patience.

Over the next few weeks, we will be having a new entrance constructed at the front of the school which should take up to two weeks. I will communicate further when I have more information. Many thanks in advance for your patience and understanding.

Attendance continues to be a high priority. Our current attendance is **95.34%**. Moving forward, we will keep you informed every half term if your child’s absence falls below 95%.

Please click on the link to visit <https://www.guildensutton-plemstall.church>

SAVE THE DATE		
Thursday 11 th January	Year 5 class prayers – Please join us in the hall for Collective Worship. If you would like to bring along any donations for the Foodbank, they will be greatly received.	
Thursday 18 th January	Year 4 class prayers – Please join us in the hall for Collective Worship. If you would like to bring along any donations for the Foodbank, they will be greatly received.	
Sunday 21 st January	Messy Church	
Thursday 25 th January	Year 3 class prayers – Please join us in the hall for Collective Worship. If you would like to bring along any donations for the Foodbank, they will be greatly received.	

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Thursday 1 st February	Year 2 class prayers – Please join us in the hall for Collective Worship. If you would like to bring along any donations for the Foodbank, they will be greatly received.	
Friday 2 nd February After drop off until 9:30am	Call in Friday!	
Thursday 8 th February	Year 1 class prayers – Please join us in the hall for Collective Worship. If you would like to bring along any donations for the Foodbank, they will be greatly received.	
Thursday 15 th February	Reception class prayers – Please join us in the hall for Collective Worship. If you would like to bring along any donations for the Foodbank, they will be greatly received.	
Friday 16 th February	Children break up	
Monday 26 th February	Children return to school	
Thursday 29 th February	Year 6 class prayers – Please join us in the hall for Collective Worship. If you would like to bring along any donations for the Foodbank, they will be greatly received.	
Tuesday 5 th March After drop off until 9:30am	Call in Tuesday!	
Wednesday 6 th March Thursday 7 th March	Parents' Evening - more information to follow.	
Thursday 14 th March	Year 5 class prayers – Please join us in the hall for Collective Worship. If you would like to bring along any donations for the Foodbank, they will be greatly received.	

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Thursday 21st March	Year 4 class prayers – Please join us in the hall for Collective Worship. If you would like to bring along any donations for the Foodbank, they will be greatly received.	
Wednesday 27th March	Children break up	

Have a wonderful weekend,

Theresa Rainford

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