GIG MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Together we care, together we succeed

January 2017

We have welcomed the children back to school and have got off to a flying start. We have looked back to share our successes from 2016, and are talking about the New Year and resolutions for school for 2017.
Today school has been exciting on our "Pattern" day with maths focus activities throughout the day, including creating maths patterns, money or problem-solving challenges.

Please support our next school charity event – our New Year "harvest" collection for the Food Bank. (details overleaf).

Reminder –
School applications for new Reception 2017
Monday 16th January 2017

Do you currently have a child in Nursery or of Nursery age?
Have you applied for a school place for September 2017?
Applications need to be made to Dudley admissions.
Please see Nursery or office staff if you need any help.

NB: There are a few **Nursery** places available for this year

Are you aware that the school can claim additional government funding if:

you are a foster carer and look after a child
you have adopted a child
your family are entitled to free school meals

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Please see attached letter, and have a word with your child's classteacher or office staff to apply by **13th January 2017**.

KS2 pupils who use our school bank or who would like to open an account please note that the HSBC Gig Mill Bank will re-open on **9th January 2016.**

Macmillan Coffee Morning.
Thank you to everyone who supported our coffee morning on 15th December, we raised **£267.40.**

Also, thanks to our choir who sang so beautifully and not forgetting our Year 6 hosts who did a fantastic job.

Water Bottles.
Just a reminder that water bottles should **only** contain water, as recommended by Dudley Healthy Schools and our own Whole School Food Policy.

There is more information regarding this issue available on our website:-
www.gig-mill.dudley.sch.uk – Parents – Key Information – Policies and Guidance

Parking: For children's safety
Please could we remind all parents to **refrain** from parking your car on our car park when dropping off / picking up children (with the exception of before and after school club or picking up an ill child).
The school gate is closed at start and end of school day.

Term dates:
Half-Term – Monday 20th February – Friday 24th February 2017.
Spring Term Ends – Thursday 6th April 2017

E-safety- for advice and information for parents:
https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/ http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers
http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/
http://parentinfo.org/page/for-schools