



**GIG MILL GOOD NEWS ... CELEBRATING SUCCESS... GIG MILL GOOD NEWS**

*Thank you to all parents and carers who have joined us so far this term with successful parent partnership events, induction sessions and this week's parents consultations. It is great to have such supportive parents.*

*We have had a brilliant start to our school year with an incredible amount going on this half term. The children across school have already enjoyed curriculum focus days and school events - such as 'Wind in the Willows' theatre visit and our **Reading** Focus Day. It was wonderful to see children of different ages reading together and the excitement of KS2 children exploring new books and beanbags for classroom reading areas. It was lovely to see so many children excited about Maths as part of problem-solving challenges during **Maths** week.*

*Our **values and citizenship focus** got off to a great start with our RRSA (Rights Respecting School Award) focus week - have a look at some of the great displays and children's work around school. This work is at the heart of what we do in school and the children love it!. The Classrooms in the Clouds fundraiser day has raised £409.74 which will go towards building a new classroom in Bung, Nepal. As part of the "**Pupils to Parliament**" programme, Year 6 children have taken part in surveys on what it means to be a great citizen. As part of our work on **British values**, children across the school have been learning about Diwali, finding out the traditions and customs and how Diwali is celebrated as a Hindu festival.*

*We are looking forward to lots more in the next half term – please see dates reminder below.*

**Mrs Hannaway**

**GOOD NEWS ...READING... BOOK AMNESTY ...**

Our school has been selected as one of 70 schools across the country to receive special bookshelves and 70 books to celebrate the Duchess of Cornwall's 70th Birthday as the schools has shown we are "committed to promoting reading for enjoyment".

This term the children have loved the new books purchased both by school, and by the HSA, and donated by parents.

Over half term please have a look to see if any books are hiding at home as we are missing some from our book bands. If your children have outgrown any books, we always welcome donations of ones which are good quality.

**Parent Partnership & HSA**

Particular thanks to the outgoing Home and School Association (HSA) – Julie Grove (Chair), Amanda Giles (Treasurer), and Sonia Harris (Secretary) with many dedicated Year 5 and 6 parents - they have all been a great support raising over £15,000 for resources for children over the past 3 years. THANK YOU!

Our new HSA committee - Leanne Findon (Chair), Sian Morgan (Treasurer) and Sarah Mansley (Secretary) ran the first event of this year - Film Night. Planning for the Christmas Brunch is underway. Please let school staff or HSA know if you'd like to join us and volunteer. (Next HSA Committee Meeting is Monday 30th October at 7pm.)

**Dates reminder**

November 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 Bikeability

W/C 13<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-bullying Week

November 15<sup>th</sup> – EYFS Road Safety Focus

November 17<sup>th</sup> – Fundraising Day for Children in Need

**(Children can wear their own clothes in return for a donation)**

November 22<sup>nd</sup> – Science Focus Day



Poppies will be available to purchase in school after half-term

Thank you to all of the 211 parents and carers who completed the questionnaires, it is great to have so many positive responses and useful ideas for to consider in the coming year.

<b>Parent Questionnaire Percentage Summary Summer 2017 : 122 responses</b>			
	Yes & mostly agree	No	No response
Do your children like being at this school?	98%	2%	0%
Are you children looked after well at this school?	100%	0%	0%
Do your children think their lessons are interesting and fun?	98%	2%	0%
Do your children have to work hard at school to make good progress at school?	93%	7%	0%
Do Gig Mill children behave well?	100%	0%	0%
Are Gig Mill children friendly?	100%	0%	0%
Do you think the school is led well?	97%	3%	0%
Is there a member of staff you would go to if you were worried about your child at school?	97%	2%	1%
Do you feel your views are listened to?	97%	3%	0%
Would you recommend our school to others	97%	2%	1%

It is a very nurturing, caring school. Children develop self confidence in an environment which celebrates difference and encourages individuality.

Good education standards. Great communication.

The children are kind and thoughtful, there is a real mix of backgrounds but no prejudice or bullying.

Positive and well supported by parents. Balanced focus on discipline. Positive approach to learning – learning is fun!

It's multicultural, multi-economic, which reflects real life, and is therefore excellent preparation for children as they grow up.

Our daughter really enjoyed the maths focus and says maths is her favourite subject.

Good ethics / ethos. Although the school is large it feels like every child is valued.

You are welcomed to the school. When you need help it comes straight to your child.

We like the new approaches to learning.

We wish all a very happy half-term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in school on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.**