

GIG MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Together we care, together we succeed



13th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will have all seen the information sent out on Wednesday regarding 'warn and inform' letter re COVID cases. We really hope that we can continue with plans for the New Year without too many interruptions.

With this in mind please see below an update for this term. The changes will start from next Monday 17th January 2022.

End of day timings for Broadway entrance (both field and KS1 playground) will change slightly, and Year 1 will come through the Broadway front door at the start of the morning sessions.

	Start time	Collection time
	Broadway entrance	Broadway entrance
Mixed Sibling groups	Drop off 8.35am	
Nursery	8.30 onwards silver gate	
Reception	8.45 KS1 field	3.00pm KS1 field
Year 1	8.40 Broadway entrance	3.00pm KS1 playground
Year 2	8.40 Broadway entrance	3.05pm KS1 playground

Lunchtime arrangements:

We are continuing with year groups having staggered lunch times and access to play spaces as we have since September 2021. Thank-you to parents in Year 5 and 6 for completing the questionnaire re lunches. We are pleased to let you know that from 17.01.22 children may also choose a hot lunch option.

Universal Free School Meals	Reception
Universal Free School Meals	Year 1
Universal Free School Meals	Year 2
Lunches available from kitchen £2.40 FSM lunch entitlement Or child's own packed lunch	Year 3 and 4
FSM lunch entitlement Or child's own packed lunch From 17.01.22 Lunches available from kitchen £2.40	Year 5 and 6

We are aware that some families have had a change to circumstances so **please apply for FSM entitlement** Reception to Year 6. Please see link below or speak to a member of staff to help you apply. <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/benefits/free-school-meals/>

School values: I started off this term talking to children about kindness. We are really proud of them all for their acts of kindness. Next week as part of our mental wellbeing focus on 'Give', we will also be co-ordinating a foodbank collection (see letter overleaf). This also links to our health and wellbeing week which will take place starting 7.02.22

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Other dates for your diary :

Week of 24th January children will be taking part in year group RE days as last term

Friday 4th February Maths Number Day (also fundraiser for NSPCC)

Sunday 6th February 'Time to talk day'

Tuesday 8th February Safer Internet Day

Thursday 3rd March World Book Day

Kind Regards,

Mrs A Hannaway, Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Again this year we decided to delay our usual Harvest collection so that we could support the Black Country Food Bank in January when their donations are considerably less. We will be collecting items of food and toiletries which we will be donating to the Black Country Food Bank Charity which supports individuals and families in crisis across the area. We have been supporting this charity for a number of years now and we have seen how the demand on their service has really grown in this time. Our school collections each year help around 600 families which is amazing support for our local community.

If you are able to send in a donation to this local charity we are collecting any of the following items: (items marked * in bold are currently on the shortages list for the food bank)

Food items (please check all items are "in-date")	Non-food items
<ul style="list-style-type: none">*Milk (UHT or powdered, preferably semi-skimmed)*Fruit juice (long-life carton)*Jam/ Marmalade*Tinned fruit*Coffee (small jars)*Tinned meat / tinned fish*Potatoes- instant mash or tinnedCereal,Tinned / carton/ packet soup,Fruit squashPasta, Rice, Couscous,Cooking sauces (jars)Baked beansTinned / carton Sponge pudding / Rice pudding/ CustardTinned / carton tomatoes, Tinned vegetablesTea bagsInstant Hot chocolate powderBaby food/ baby milkSugarBiscuits, crackers, crispbreads,Healthy snacks eg raisins, dried apricots	<ul style="list-style-type: none">*Bars of Soap*Shampoo / Conditioner*Toilet Roll*Shaving Gel/Foam (not razors)Can OpenerWashing up liquidShower Gel/Hand washDeodorantAnti-Bac Hand GelTooth Brush/*ToothpasteChildren's Toothbrush/pasteFlannel/SpongeTissues (handy/handbag packs)Nappies (all sizes)Baby WipesBaby LotionSmall boxes of washing powder

We would like all donations to be handed in to school between **Monday 17th January and Friday 21st January 2022**- boxes will be at school entrances or items can be handed in to your child's class teacher. The food bank will then be collecting all the donated items at 10am on Friday 21st January ready to send out to local families in need.

Thank you very much for your support,

Mrs Griffiths, Deputy Head Teacher

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