

**... NEWS... TOGETHER WE CARE, TOGETHER WE SUCCEED... NEWS...**

We have had a great start to our Spring Term 2020. The children across school are enjoying their new curriculum projects.

It was this time last year we shared our brilliant OFSTED outcome with our school community, and we are continuing our journey to improve Maths. Our recent Maths Focus Day was a great success with colourful patterned outfits and it was lovely to see so many children excited about Maths as part of problem-solving challenges and competitions during the day. We are also part of the DFE funded Maths Hub, and have also been hosting visits from other schools learning about our Maths Mastery approaches which is something to celebrate.

This term our English team will be running reading events and we are fundraising with Peter's books for some new books to use in school. We look forward to you joining us at these parent partnership events, and parent/teacher consultations before half term.

Mrs Hannaway

2019 school results for KS2 have now been published by the DFE, and there is a link on our website to the DFE (Department for Education) schools comparison site where you can compare to other local schools. This will be updated later by the DFE to include KS1 and EYFS.

Parent Partnership - Reading Workshops

This term we are offering parent workshops to help support reading across school. In Early Years and KS1 this will link to phonics and you will be given opportunity to work alongside the children on phonic based activities. KS2 will focus on developing comprehension skills.

Reception - Wednesday 5th February at 2.15pm

Year 1 - Thursday 6th February at 2.15pm

Year 2 - Thursday 19th March at 2.15pm

KS2 (Yrs 3, 4, 5, 6) - Tuesday 17th March at 2.45pm

**World Book Day****World Book Day - Thursday 5th March**

We will be celebrating World Book Day with a multi-cultural focus using stories from different cultures. Children are invited to dress up as either a book character of their choice **or** to dress in the colours related to their year group's focus book.

Nursery and Reception- any bright colours

Year 1- The Tiger's Child-India- orange, white and green

Year 2- Grace and Family- Gambia- red, blue and green

Year 3- Gregory Cool- Tobago- red, black and white

Year 4- The Egyptian Cinderella- Egypt- black, white and red

Year 5- Seasons of Splendour- India- orange, white and green

Year 6- Journey to Johannesburg- South Africa- green, red, blue, black, yellow and white



This will be a fun-filled day promoting a love of books and reading across school. Children will be given the opportunity to bring in any type of book that they enjoy reading to share from home.

Book Fayre

The Book Fayre will be returning to visit school on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th March.

More details will be provided nearer the time.

Book amnesty

Could you please check at home for any school reading or library books – all the Gig Mill books are stamped with the school stamp inside. We would be really grateful if you could return any books you find to your child's class teacher. Thank you.

Please look out for the new phonic reading books that are being sent home. The children are really enjoying them!



Dear Parents/Carers,

New Year – New Books!

At Gig Mill Primary School, reading is a key focus. We are passionate about reading and we want to instil a love of reading for pleasure in all our pupils. In order to achieve this, we want our children to have access to the best books.

We need to inspire and excite our pupils with new books! To get the best quality texts we would appreciate your support in raising funds to help boost our allocated budget for fiction and non-fiction books, with your help, we promise to give you more exciting books to read at home!

We would like to raise the funds for a collection of **Early Years, KS1 and KS2 Fiction and Non-Fiction Books** that the children can use for free reading and home reading.

The aim is to raise £1,000. This money will go towards buying books that we currently do not have, to replace well-loved books, but also keep a reserve to buy new titles that are released as the year goes on, ensuring the children always have something new and exciting to read.

Reading is a skill we take for granted, yet one that is essential for being able to get on in life and aim high. As a child grows up, being able to read well not only enables them to discover new facts but also opens them up to a world of new ideas, stories and opportunities.

To donate, please visit <https://supportyourschool.org.uk/gig-mill-primary-school/new-year-new-books> it is so quick and easy. The minimum online donation is £5, but if you would like to donate less, you can give your donation to the school office.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or email info@gig-mill.dudley.sch.uk if you have any questions regarding our fundraising campaign.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A Hannaway', written in a cursive style.

Mrs A. Hannaway
Headteacher