



TOGETHER WE CARE, TOGETHER WE SUCCEED... October 2022

What a busy first half term it has been! It was lovely to see parents and carers back in school for induction meetings in September, and to welcome so many of you into school this week for Parents' Evenings. It has been wonderful to see you all, and for the children to show you their books.

Many of our Year 3 and Year 5 children have taken up the Bikeability challenge over the last two weeks; and many parents have commented on what a positive difference the course has made to their child's confidence and road-sense. Some of you may have seen our Year 5 pupils learning to ride around our local roads as part of their training. A big thank you to the Road Safety team from Dudley and all their volunteers for running these courses. The team will be back in school next spring, to work with Year 6.

Our Year 6 pupils have taken part in special 'Restart a heart' workshops this week, run by a team from Russells Hall Hospital. The children learnt how to make an emergency 999 call, how to deal with a casualty who needs to be put into the recovery position; as well as how to administer CPR using the training mannequins. However the most fun was definitely had when learning how to bandage an imaginary wound on each other! Excellent first aid and potentially life-saving skills were demonstrated by all.

Our Reception and Year 1 classes have all been outside exploring the school grounds looking for signs of autumn. We already have a good collection of pine cones, autumn leaves and conkers! I hope you all have a restful October half-term holiday next week and enjoy the chance for an autumn walk as well.

Mrs Hannaway

Reminder: October Half term is next week- Monday 24th October-Friday 28th October.

Monday 31st October is an INSET day. School reopens to pupils on **Tuesday 1st November**.

Break up for Christmas on **Friday 16th December**.

Tuesday 3rd January is an INSET day. School reopens to pupils on **Wednesday 4th January 2023**.

Upcoming whole school dates for your calendar:

Friday 18th November- Children in Need. Special MUFTI fundraising day. Bring a silver coin, you can choose your outfit or go with the Children in Need 'Spotacular' theme and dress with spots!

Friday 18th November is also a HSA collection day for Bags2Schools, look out for more information coming soon.

Week beginning 21st November is our school 70th Jubilee Week, the children will be learning about the history of Gig Mill Primary School.

Tuesday 29th November – Gig Mill 70th celebration day

Friday 25th November- HSA pantomime event

Friday 2nd December- HSA Christmas event

Friday 16th December- 1.30pm Whole School Outdoor Carol Concert- all families are welcome to join us on the KS2 playground.



National School Meals Week

7th – 11th



November
2022

What's on?

Monday, 7th November 2022 - Meat Free Monday

Join us for our meat free menu and receive a Go Green Activity Sheet to see if you can become a Plant Based Warrior.

Serving: Cheese and Tomato Pinwheel, Battered Fish, Herby Diced Potatoes, Spaghetti Hoops in Tomato Sauce, Mixed Vegetables. Jacket Potato or sandwich served with a variety of meat free fillings.

Fruit Cheesecake

Salad selection, Fresh White/Wholemeal Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt, Cheese and Biscuits, Fruit Jelly

Wednesday, 9th November 2022 - Local Roast Lunch

Enjoy a delicious Roast Dinner, with locally sourced ingredients.

Serving: Traditional Roast Chicken or Vegetarian Meatballs with Pasta in Tomato Sauce, Fish Goujons, Roast & Boiled Potatoes, Broccoli, Mixed Vegetables

Jacket Potato or sandwich served with a variety of fillings.

Apple Shortbread and Custard.

Salad selection, Fresh Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt, Cheese and Biscuits, Fruit Jelly

Friday, 11th November 2022 - VIP Day

Celebrating the Catering Teams across Corporate Landlord Services, who provide School Meals to your children 190 days per year. Join us in thanking our wonderful catering staff, who will be serving the ever-popular Friday menu.

Serving: Hot Dog in a Roll, Cheese and Tomato Pizza, Battered Fish, Chipped Potatoes, Baked Beans, Peas.

Jacket Potato or sandwich served with a variety of fillings.

Strawberry Mousse

Salad selection, Fresh Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt, Cheese and Biscuits, Fruit Jelly

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