



**TOGETHER WE CARE, TOGETHER WE SUCCEED.... September 2022**

A warm welcome back to school for all of our children and families at Gig Mill. The children have settled so well into their new classes, with our new Nursery and Reception children making new friends, and learning new routines really well in just a few weeks.

It's also wonderful for school to once again be planning a year welcoming parents and carers into school – thank-you to over 300 parents who joined us at our induction meetings last week, a link has been sent out to any parents unable to attend. We look forward to working in partnership with you over the coming year.

It was with great sadness that we learnt that Her Majesty the Queen had passed away, and this moment in British history was marked with school assemblies to celebrate the life of Queen Elizabeth II. Now that the state funeral has taken place we will next week start talking to the children about our school 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, which was originally planned for September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Thank-you so much for your support.

**Mrs Hannaway**



**School day: Arrival and Collection**

**School opening times are from 8.40am – 3.20pm.**

Thank you all for your patience, as both staff and parents get used to new routines.

Gates at Heath Farm Road Broadway entrance will be closed at 8.55am. Please note that children arriving in class after 9.00am are marked as late on the register.

Please let the office know if there are any changes to usual collections by 2.30pm to ensure that any messages reach classes before the end of the school day.

**Can you help ? [info@gig-mill.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@gig-mill.dudley.sch.uk) 70<sup>th</sup> Celebrations**

<p>Do you have grandparents or neighbours who attended our school in the 1950's ?</p> <p>As part of our planned 70<sup>th</sup> celebrations we are looking to get in touch with any adults who may have attended Gig Mill in 1952.</p>	<p>Do you have green fingers?</p> <p>We would like you to get in touch if you would be able to help us to create a new green space in school.</p>	<p>Do you have some time to regularly volunteer?</p> <p>We have previously had parent volunteers joining us weekly supporting reading. If you would like information it's a bit like applying for a job. You would need two references, and a DBS (Disclosure and Barring service) in line with safeguarding regulations.</p>
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## Dates for the School Year

### Autumn Term 2022

**INSET:** 5<sup>th</sup> September  
Term begins: 6<sup>th</sup> September  
Half-term: 24<sup>th</sup> Oct – 28<sup>th</sup> Oct

**INSET:** 31<sup>st</sup> October  
Break up for Christmas: 16<sup>th</sup> Dec

### Spring Term 2023

**INSET:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan  
Term begins: 4<sup>th</sup> Jan  
Half-term: 20<sup>th</sup> Feb – 24<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Break up for Easter: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Mar

### Summer Term 2023

**INSET:** 17<sup>th</sup> April  
Term begins: 18<sup>th</sup> April  
Bank Holiday: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
Half-term: 29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
Break up for Summer: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July

## Beat the Street

Huge congratulations to all who participated in the 'Beat the Street' initiative during the Summer – we are very proud to let you know that we were placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Dudley Central School leaderboard and will receive a trophy, a certificate and a £150 voucher.

## School events for Autumn 2022

### **World Mental Health Day: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

At the start of a school year we focus on building relationships, pastoral care and wellbeing. Our curriculum includes aspects of the 5 ways to wellbeing. On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October children are asked to join in with a special "Hello Yellow" theme, wearing an item of yellow clothing as part of a mufti day.

**Parents Evening Consultations** are planned for the week before half term as usual. Information will be emailed out for you to register nearer the time.

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October** from 3.30pm – 5.30pm

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October** from 5.00pm – 7.00pm

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

Children in Need fundraiser mufti day

### **Week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> November – 29<sup>th</sup> November**

In school all year groups will be following a unit of work around our school platinum jubilee.

## Well done! Charitable Fundraising

Well done to a group of our creative pupils who have raised an amazing £219 by selling craft items in the summer term to children in Years 5 & 6. Thank you to Charlotte, Violet and Sophie in Year 6!

A fabulous total from their sales are being donated to Mary Steven's Hospice charity.



### **E-safety- for advice and information for parents:**

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<http://parentzone.org.uk/>

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