

GIG MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Together we care, together we succeed



May 2017

As I write this newsletter, our Year 6 are just over halfway through their SATs, we are all very proud them, demonstrating our school value of perseverance. My thanks also go to the rest of our children who have been brilliant, moving around school really quietly whilst the tests are in progress, showing great team-work and collaboration.

After several years of dedication to the school, **our HSA committee** are looking to step down in the new school year. The summer term would be an ideal time for new parents to see how some of our events work, and the HSA provides a great opportunity to meet and get to know other parents and learn more about the school community. *Are there any parents who would like to join or lead HSA?* We value whatever support can be offered, and there are many ways to get involved. Please see a member of staff on the gate or pop into the school office if you are interested, or contact the HSA (contact details overleaf) - please remember, you can do as much, or as little, as you like!

Walk to School Week – 15th – 17th May 2017 – Swap the school run for a school walk!

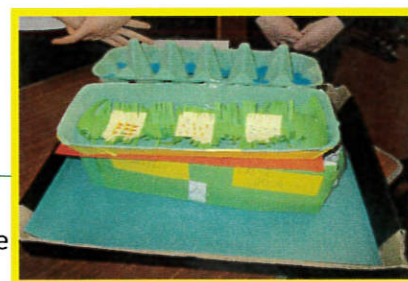
Walking to school is a brilliant way to get active and healthy. It's also a great opportunity for children to learn vital road safety skills and make sure they are alert and ready to learn at the start of a new day.

Did you know that just a generation ago, more than 70% of children walked to school, now it is below half?

Fingers crossed for some lovely weather for next week!

For more information, please visit <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/>

Our stocks of school reading books seem to be running a little low – could we ask that you check at home and if you have any, we would appreciate them being returned to school. Thank you.



THE BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE

On the 31st of March 2017, we were chosen to go to the Business Enterprise Challenge at Saltwells EDC with 16 other schools across Dudley. We had to make a building in a certain amount of space and time; our idea was a fast food restaurant called 'Fasta Pasta'. We chose this because there are no Italian pasta take-aways/restaurants. All of the students had a different job to do, there was an environmentalist (Millie), an accountant (Sam), an architect (Daniel), and a marketing manager (Aimee.) We really enjoyed the experience and the design was very successful.

Written by: Millie, Aimee, Daniel and Sam (Year 6)

Dates for the Diary:

General Election: 8th June (School closed to pupils)

Egyptian Morning: 23rd May - Year 4 (am)

Roman Afternoon: 23rd May - Year 3 (pm)

Year 6 Girls Cricket Competition: 23rd May

Half-Term: 29th May - 2nd June

Year 3 / 4 Sports day: 16th June (am)

Year 5 / 6 Sports day: 16th June (pm)

Class Photographs: 21st June

Reception Sports Day: 22nd June (am)

Year 1 / 2 Sports Day: 22nd June (pm)

Summer Fayre: 1st July

Summer Show: 11th & 12th July

Nursery Sports Day: 14th July (am & pm)

Parents Evening: 17th July (3.30pm – 5.30pm)

Leavers Presentation: 17th July (6.00pm – 8.15pm)

Leavers Disco: 20th July (7.00pm – 9.00pm)

End of Summer Term: 21st July

For HSA dates & newsletters, please see overleaf

E-safety- for advice and information for parents:

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

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

<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<http://parentinfo.org/page/for-schools>

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MAD SCIENCE

Saturday 1st July 2017 1pm-4pm

Preparations are now well under way for this years 'Mad Science!' Summer Fayre, and *we need your help!*

There will be many of your favourite attractions, fun and games, including stalls, games, crafts, refreshments and fantastic science entertainment shows from the amazing world of '**Mad Science!**' throughout the day.

In particular, we are looking for donations for prizes and the raffle. We also need any quality 'nearly new' soft toys, games, bric-a-brac and tombola prizes for the upcoming collections.

In the meantime, we would be grateful if you would be on the lookout for things to donate. We will be looking for the usual items such as plants, cakes, home produce, tombola prizes, lucky jars, books and toys, as these all help us to raise lots of funds!

We are also collecting full tubes of crisps, 'nearly new' soft toys (with labels), homemade jam, home produce and crafts. We will also require homemade cakes for our popular refreshments stall.

Collection dates for your diary:

Monday 26th June: Lucky Jars & Odd Sock Day!

Monday 26th – Friday 30th June: Tombola, Toys, Games, Books etc

Friday 30th June: Plants, Cakes and Home Produce. Mufti Day!

Support from parents and teachers is always very much appreciated.

If you would like to help in any way, or can provide a gazebo for the event, please contact us ASAP on 'hsagigmill@gmail.com' to get involved. Thank you!

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