



LITTLE GONERBY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Little Gonerby families,

Cherishing Everyone, Flourishing Together

We would like to reflect on some of the exciting developments at our school since returning two weeks ago, along with some more information for upcoming events.

Premises improvements – update

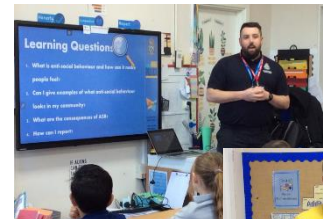
Thank you for your patience whilst our perimeter fence improvements are taking place. Whilst the contractors are working quickly, we know there has been some disruption, so we are grateful for your patience. We are anticipating that all of the premises work will be completed by the end of this month, meaning that the Hill Avenue entrance to school will be open again.

The new pedestrian gate on Sandon Road is now working. Please note the following information:

- The gate will automatically open at 8:30am each morning and 3:00pm to allow access to the school site.
- Please **do not push the gate** to try to open it quicker or to close it behind you. It will automatically open & close on its own.
- If you need to access the school out of these times (i.e. if you have a meeting with a member of staff), please press the new intercom and Mrs Gray will open the gate for you.

Key highlights – so far!

- The recent Bonfire Night event was a wonderful opportunity for families and staff to come together. Thank you to everyone who was able to come to this event, and to the PTA and staff who supported.
- Anti-Bullying Week was a powerful and engaging experience. Our Odd Socks Day was particularly memorable, celebrating diversity and individual uniqueness. Thank you to Mrs Gallaher & Mrs Fraser for leading on this.
- Year 5 pupils gained valuable insights during their Mini Police session, learning about community responsibility and personal safety.
- Our participation in the Children in Need fundraiser demonstrated the compassionate spirit of our school community. We loved seeing all classes take part in the 'Run Pudsey' dancing and for raising over £1200!
- We were visited by Grantham Town Football Club last term and we are delighted to share that two of our children won a signed shirt!



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

- Our whole school attendance is currently the highest it has been at this point in the school year for many years!

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to all of our families for their support with ensuring good attendance – let's keep this going and make the most of every school day.

Reminders & Messages

- Year 5: our trip to the Space Centre is **this Wednesday**. Please ensure your child is at school by 8:30am at the latest. We are due back by 4:30pm, however please keep an eye out for updates on ParentHub.
- Reception, Year 1 & Year 2: we are excited to share that these classes will be going **ice-skating** at St Wulfram's, funded by the PTA. We are in the process of confirming dates & times.

- Whole school: **non-uniform on Friday 28th November**. In exchange for your child wearing non-uniform, the PTA ask that for the Christmas Fayre, children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 bring any type of chocolate item, and children in Years 3 - 5 bring any item suitable for going in a hamper (i.e. biscuits, candles, crackers, gift sets).
- Year 3 - 5: we are attending the **Pantomime on 1st December**. Please see the ParentHub from last week for more information, including giving permission for your child to attend.

Calendar dates

Date	Event
18 th November	Road Safety Week as part of National Road Safety events.
19 th November	NEW: Year 5 trip to Leicester Space Centre.
28 th November	Non-Uniform for PTA.
1 st December (am)	NEW: Nasal flu spray 'mop up' session.
1 st December (pm)	KS2 pantomime – Snow White.
w/c 1 st December	PTA Film nights.
3 rd December	Christingle – St Wulfram's Church – Year 2 & Year 3 (2pm start).
w/c 8 th December	Clubs end.
8 th & 9 th December	Year 5 Bikeability.
11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day.
11 th December	Good Lookin Cookin Christmas Dinner.
11 th December	PTA – Christmas Fair.
12 th December	EYFS/Y1 Nativity – dress rehearsal to whole school.
15 th December	EYFS/Y1 Nativity – afternoon performance (1:30pm).
16 th December	EYFS/Y1 Nativity – morning performance (9:30am).
17 th December	Christmas party day.
19 th December	End of Term 2.

Parent feedback

We have a parent feedback box in the office, with some feedback slips which we would welcome families to share their feedback on.

Our first piece of feedback given through the parent feedback box was asking for clarity over what the PTA have spent their fundraising on. This feedback was shared with the PTA and, following this, they produced a PTA flyer outlining how the funds have been spent (this was shared on ParentHub on 14th November). Thank you to Clare, Chair of the PTA, for putting this together.

We look forward to the remainder of term as we continue to provide many opportunities for the children, staff and families to *live life in all its fullness* (John 10:10).

Yours sincerely,
Mr Joe Hawkins

Fundraising Totals So Far: September Bake Sale-£100.00 Pre-Loved Uniform Sale-£62.20 Bonfire Night Event- £87.00 Total Raised: £249.20 What We've Funded: Clipboards for classrooms Playtime sports equipment New starter gift packs Football goals Grandparents Day activities Hello Yellow Day Subsidised school trip to the Space Centre
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