



June 2017

Information to share

Dear Parent/ Carer

Whilst we have already sent out our May/ June Newsletter, there are a few important matters to share information about and, whilst these are not necessarily connected issues, I felt that a letter with all these contained in one place would be the best way to share them.

Giffnock Primary School Values

Following our School Values Event on the 16th May in which a number of you were involved, we have collated and finalised our new school values. I consider these to be a fundamental element of our school life at Giffnock and indeed a foundation for how we learn and communicate with one another. These values are for all and will be an aspiration for the actions of children and adults alike.

Following the School Values Event, I met with one representative from all of our Pupil Groups alongside all of our House and Vice-Captains. It took a very short time to finalise the six values as there had been such close agreement throughout all of the consultation, discussions and collaboration across the school community. Our new Giffnock Primary School Values are:

- Respect
- Inclusivity
- Friendship
- Kindness
- Honesty
- Determination

These were announced to all of the children at a special assembly on Friday 16th June. They will become an integral part of school life and we will continually consider and discuss them across the curriculum.

School Show – Film/ DVD and Programmes

During the two evening performances of our recent ‘SuperStan’ show we did film the events. Whilst we did have copyright permission to do so, the theatre itself does not provide this ‘service’ as part of the hiring; we used our own equipment but were unsure of how the quality would turn out. With this in mind, we took the decision to not inform you of this until after we were sure we could create DVDs for you and in time for the end of session. Thankfully, the quality is of a reasonably high standard and we have organised for copies to be made which you can purchase.

We have priced these at **£2** which we hope is reasonable and which should make sure that we at least cover costs. Any profits made from the show will go into our school fund. In the first instance, they will be made available to buy on **Thursday 22nd June**. Please send the money in cash into school with your child in an envelope; during the morning the children will be able to purchase the DVD. To begin with, we will **limit this to the P4-7 children and to only one copy per child** on the 22nd.

Then, as of **Friday 23rd June, any remaining copies will be available to buy for all, and as many copies as desired.** Again, please send the money into school in an envelope with your child. If we do run out of copies (we have ordered 250 initially) we will organise the copying of more. In addition, we do still have a few copies of the red show programmes from the performances and if you would like to purchase one, these will also be available to buy for £2 alongside the DVDs.

Healthy Eating Week and break-time snack menu

We have had a wide range of activities over the last week in school, including parent/ carer and children events, and we hope that you have enjoyed hearing about/ participating in these.

In conjunction, we have been in conversation with our colleagues in the school kitchen/ catering facilities with regard to the 'snack' options that are made available to our children each break-time. From August 16th 2017, a proposed, revised offering will be available for all children which we believe to be more balanced and health promoting:

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday:
 - Toast
 - Pancake
 - Daily fresh fruit
 - Bottled water, fresh apple juice and semi-skimmed milk
 - Yoghurt
- Wednesday
 - As above but instead of pancakes: cupcakes, cookies or crisps

Children will have a daily limit of £1.20 and can only choose one of the 'different' items on a Wednesday. As has always been the case, parents/ carers can limit/ block any of these items through the online facility where credit is placed.

House Winners Event

During the start of the school year, we consulted with our children about the House System at Giffnock to consider ways to improve it. A number of changes have taken place and we have had an extremely positive year through our termly House Meetings, Competitions and Challenges. Our children also requested that there would be a winning House event at the end of the year. So we have planned a 'Park and Ice-Cream' treat for the winners on the morning of Monday 26th June, when the children will be taken by members of staff to enjoy time and games together at a local park. The morning is covered by our local area risk assessments as normal.

Reports and New Classes

To confirm, our end of session reports will be sent home on Wednesday 21st June. Our children will also get to meet their new teacher at our 'Meet the Class' afternoon on Thursday 22nd and a full list of teacher names will be emailed to you that day.

I hope that all of this information is useful and look forward to seeing you over the final few days of term.

Yours faithfully,



Rob Lawson
Head Teacher