



St Gilbert's Parent/Teacher Meeting

What your child should bring to school:

- P.E. kit: trainers, pumps, blue shorts, blue t-shirt, spare socks and a dark track-suit. All kit should be in a bag that closes and be labelled.
- Homework folder: reading book, reading diary, homework book and spelling book (later in the year).
- Packed lunch (though children in Reception are given a free school meal).
- A water bottle with their name clearly labelled.



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What your child should not bring to school:

- Medication that has not been handed in at the office
- Cards and toys
- Jewellery – Only a wristwatch permitted. No earrings!
- We cannot take responsibility for lost items.



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Medication:

- All on-going medication must be given to the office and an on-going medication form completed. It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure this is up to date.
- Inhalers handed to the teacher are kept in class and are given as and when they are needed.
- Temporary medication must be signed in at the office.
- If your child has suffered sickness or diarrhoea then they must be clear for **24 hours** before sending them into school.
- If your child is not coming to school due to illness then the school must be informed by 9:00am and a note/return to school slip sent into school on the day they return. This note is at the request of the Local Authority in addition to the phone call made on the day of absence.



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Attendance and Punctuality

- The doors open at 8:50am and close at 8:55am.
- After 8:55am, children need to be signed in at the Office by an adult and will have a late mark recorded in the register.
- Parents will be informed of their child's attendance record via a RAG letter at the end of each term. Parents of pupils falling below our 96% attendance target may be contacted to discuss ways in which we can offer support.



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Behaviour

- All classes employ a traffic light behaviour system.
- Please read the letter you receive this evening outlining these expectations with your child/children.
- If you have concerns about behaviour, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance.



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Reception Curriculum

- We use the Development Matters handbook.
- There are 7 areas in the Development Matters which are covered through our curriculum.
- We observe children in the various areas of our classroom and use an iPad program to take photographs and record observations.
- These will be sent out at the end of the year if permission is given by all parents.



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- We complete daily Numeracy and Literacy sessions.
- Our Literacy lessons are mostly covered through the Read, Write, inc. scheme where children are taught phonics in small groups by a trained member of staff.
- Our Numeracy lessons follow the development matters objectives.



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Homework Expectations:

- Homework will be handed out on Friday to be returned on a Tuesday.
- If there are any problems or homework has not been done please send a note to the class teacher.
- Presentation of homework is expected to be of the same high quality as classwork. **Please make sure your child uses a pencil to complete their homework.**

Spellings:

- Children will be given spellings after the February half-term.
- They will be given their spellings for the whole half-term. They can practise writing them at home in the spelling book.
- They will be tested on the week's spellings every Friday. The test will be done in the spelling book so parents can see how they have done.



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Reading Books:

- Children should read for at least 10 minutes each day at home.
- Parents must record in Reading Records how much has been read and sign it.
- Reading Records will be monitored on your child's reading days.



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Lost property

- Prevention is the key! All uniform must be labelled.
- Any items left around school will be put in the Lost Property box located in the KS2 corridor.
- It is the children's responsibility to find any lost items.
- At the end of term any lost items will be displayed at home time in the KS2 playground and if not claimed taken to the charity shop.



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Reception Fund

- The fund is still payable in Reception at a cost of £38 for the year. Alternatively, payments can be made in three stages:
 - £14 for Autumn
 - £12 for Spring
 - £12 for Summer
- The fund is extremely helpful to us. It allows us to enhance our provision and complete activities which are not paid for by the government. The fund is used for things such as baking, planting and gardening, crafts, buying new costumes for role-play, playdough, new toys etc.