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Newsletter 10 – June 2018

GO GOMER! Our Summer Fair was a HUGE success. With thanks to our FROGJS for organising the event and to the whole community who contributed in a variety of ways. A fabulous £1750 profit was raised due to your support of the event in a variety of ways. This is VERY much appreciated and enables us to organise even more lovely opportunities and resources for the school.

We love to hear about your children’s success outside school. Please inform us so that we can record them here.

DATES FOR JUNE The dates below are for your diary and are also included on the electronic calendar; occasionally they are subject to change.

Mondays	Drama Club - 3.15-4.45pm – Last session will be Monday 25 June
Mondays	Netball Club – Y4/Y5/Y6: 3.15-4.15pm – weekly unless otherwise stated
Tuesdays	Chelsea Football Club: 3.15-4.15pm
Wednesdays	Y5/6 Girl’s Football Training: 3.15-4.15pm – Last session will be Wednesday 27 June
Wednesdays	Art Club: 3.15-4.15pm with Sue Evans - £4 per session
Thursdays	Choir: 8.15-8.45am - weekly unless otherwise stated
Thursdays	Gomer Community LAPS Cuppa & Chat: 9.00-10.00am fortnightly unless otherwise stated. Please check the electronic calendar for topics.
Thursdays	Debate Club: 3.15-4.15pm - weekly unless otherwise stated - £5 for the summer term
Thursdays	Cricket Coaching: 3.15-4.15pm
Fridays	Service Club: lunchtime from 12.30pm – GMG (Gomer Multi Gym) and The Gateway
Monday 04	New Y3 Parents/Carers Welcome Meeting: 2.00-3.00pm New Y3 Parents/Carers Welcome Meeting: 5.00-6.00pm
Tuesday 05	Y3 Visit to Southampton Art Gallery
Friday 08	FROGJS Summer Fair: 3.15-5.00pm
Monday 11	Y6 Parent/Carer Bay House Q&A Meeting @ GJS: 3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday 13	Netball Match – Peel Common: 3.45-4.30pm
Thursday 14	FROGJS Father’s Day Gift Sale - £3 per gift
Friday 15	Y3 & Y4 Bring that ‘special man’ in your life to lunch: 11.30-12.15pm Y5 & Y6 Bring that ‘special man’ in your life to lunch: 12.15-1.00pm
Friday 22	Class Photos with School Photographer
Friday 22	FROGJS Film Night – £3 (to include snack and drink) – Letter to follow with details
Friday 29	INSET Day – School closed to pupils

ATTENDANCE MATTERS and your child benefits from being in school. Any absence from school can have an impact on a child’s learning. Please note that every application for a leave of absence is reviewed on a case by case basis. Our whole school attendance is above our target and we are keen to maintain this. Please be advised that the school is unable to authorise absence from school for holidays. If the GFM have a concern about your child’s attendance you may be required to attend a GFM Attendance Panel to discuss it. This Panel is an opportunity for enquiry where there may be questions over attendance and is an opportunity for discussion rather than moving straight to a Penalty Notice. Please note, if a Penalty Warning Notice is issued the fines are collected by local government, not the school. Whilst we do not benefit financially from them we do have a statutory obligation to report on attendance and where necessary question anomalies.

FACEBOOK is accessed by lots of you regularly. More of you are liking our posts and commenting. Please continue interacting with the school in this way.

FROGJS SPECIAL MAN GIFT SALE is scheduled for Thursday 14 June. An array of gifts have been organised for the children to purchase for £3 only. There is a lovely selection for the children to choose from with many gifts retailing far more than £3. Can you spare some time helping the children choose their gifts on Thursday? Please let the office know if you can spare some time – this will be very much appreciated. Once every child has chosen their gift, those wanting more than one gift can choose accordingly.

GOMER'S 40 BIRTHDAY is going to be celebrated on Wednesday 18 July. Although the school turned 40 in September we thought that the summer was a better time to celebrate. With thanks to our Parent Partnership who are leading on some of the celebrations. We are keen to see Gomer Alumni visit during the day and hope to be joined by some former members of staff too. More information to follow.

INSET days are important opportunities for all staff members to receive relevant training so that we can continue to offer your child superb learning opportunities. INSET dates, some in partnership with the Infant School, for the next academic year are listed here:

Monday 3 September 2018

Monday 29 October 2018

Friday 15 February 2019

Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 July 2019

Therefore, **the last day of the academic year 2018/2019 is Friday 19 July 2019**. If Gomer Infants are used as a polling station we will need to close for one day in May. We will update you accordingly.

LEAVERS HOODIES have been given to those children who placed an order. As a Y6 privilege the children are allowed to wear them during the school day whenever they would wear a PE kit. Please make sure you have labelled the hoodie with your child's name. We love Gomer Blue but it is great to see a variety of colours.

SAFE PARKING is a must if the whole community is to be safe. Please be mindful of where and how you park. We have been informed that some members of our community continue to park unsafely. Please do use our Park and Stride at The Seahorse if you need parking.

SCHOOL DROP-OFF for children who are left on the playground without an adult is 8.40am. Some children are arriving to school far too early and find themselves unattended. Please do discuss travelling times with your child so that we can keep them safe.

SCHOOL UNIFORM is in place to ensure the children look the same and smart. The vast majority of the community look very smart and adhere to the school policy. Some children are not remembering to wear the correct footwear and we seek your support to ensure that your child does.

SPECIAL MAN IN YOUR LIFE LUNCH is scheduled for Friday 15 June. A more detailed letter regarding this event has already been sent home.

STAFF MATTER and following her maternity leave Mrs Guyett-Smith is not returning to us. We are sad about this but delighted that she has sought a part-time position at Rowner Junior School, who are still set to join the GFM in the Autumn Term. So indirectly, we will still be working with her. Also, following five years at Gomer Mr Woolway leaves us to start a secondary teaching post. Although he is leaving Gomer he is also staying within the GFM and will be based at Bay House. Mr Woolway has led English for four years at Gomer and has done much to impact on Gosport wide English secondary transition work. We are delighted to welcome Miss Ingram and Mrs Kerr who are joining our teaching team in September. Miss Ingram joins us from Portsmouth and Mrs Kerr is relocating from Plymouth. We have one more member of staff to recruit and once we have done that we will set about organising our September staffing structure. It is unusual to have several vacancies to fill at Gomer but the new team members will further enhance our offer at Gomer and we are delighted with the newly recruited colleagues who have a range of experiences to share.

WHOLE SCHOOL TRANSITION is from Wednesday 11 – Friday 13 July. This will be an opportunity for your child to spend three days with their new class teacher. They will find out who their teacher is on Tuesday 10 July when the annual reports are sent home. We will inform the children on the day and where classes are mixed the children will have the opportunity to see exactly who is in their class.

YOU SAID/WE DID To help you learn more about primary maths we provided **MATHS MORNINGS** which ran in w/b 21 May and gave you the opportunity to work alongside your child during mathematics activities so you can see primary maths in action. You said that three weeks notice was not enough notice to attend. We will aim to give you a half terms notice for the next sessions.