



Learning Powers
 Thinking Determination
 Independence Motivation
 Creativity Collaboration Tolerance

Newsletter 4 – December 2018

GO GOMER! Congratulations to **LOSHI ALLEN** who, with her squad team, performed a truly outstanding performance at the British Gymnastics Gymfusion 2018 in Guildford. Her hard work and dedication enabled their flawless display to take top billing at the showcase. **GOMER JUNIOR** have won the EBP South Coast: Amazing School for promotion of careers education. We were one of nine finalists but the only primary school. **ELIJAH RUSSELL** for being awarded a silver Chief SCOUT award for which he had to earn 6 activity badges and complete 7 challenge awards.

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

Mondays	NO Drama Club due to the Christmas production schedule
Tuesdays	Chelsea Football Club: 3.15-4.15pm
Tuesdays	Y4/Y5/6 Fencing Club: 3.15-4.15pm (6 weeks only – Final session Tuesday 11 December)
Wednesdays	Y3/4 Archery Club: 3.15-4.15pm (6 weeks only – Final session Wednesday 12 December)
Wednesdays	Art Club: 3.15-4.15pm with Sue Evans - £4 per session
Wednesdays	Netball Club: Y4/Y5/Y6: 3.15-4.15pm
Wednesdays	gSTEM Club: 3.15-4.15pm – (Final session Wednesday 12 December)
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: 3.15-4.00pm - weekly unless otherwise stated
Thursdays	Y5/6 Mixed Football Training: 3.15-4.15pm
Thursdays	Karate Club: 3.15-4.15pm
Fridays	Service Club: lunchtime from 12.30pm – GMG (Gomer Multi Gym) and The Gateway
Fridays	Tag Rugby (all year groups): 3.15-4.15pm
Wednesday 05	5RI Class Assembly: 10.30-10.45am. Parents/Carers welcome. Doors open at 10.25am
Thursday 06	Y3 and School Council to Christmas Tree Festival: 12.00-1.30pm
Friday 07	3LW Cake Sale – Class 3LW to send in cakes
Friday 07	Y5 Flu Immunisation (Nasal Spray): 9.00am
Friday 07	St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival: 2.00-3.00pm. Choir to perform
Friday 07	Football Home Match (at Bridgemary 3G Pitch) -v- Leesland, A & B Teams: 3.15 – 4.45pm approx
Monday 10	Service Club Christmas Party @ Monkey Bizness: 6.15-8.15pm
Tuesday 11	School Choir to Gosport War Memorial Hospital: 11.00am-12.00 noon
Wednesday 12	Y6 Beach Visit Field Study (weather dependant)
Thursday 13	Christmas Production - Costumes to be in school – named and in a named bag.
Thursday 13	Football Home Match (at Bridgemary 3G Pitch) -v- Alverstoke, A & B Teams: 3.15 – 4.45pm approx
Thursday 13	5.30-6.00pm – Email workshop 6.00-7.00pm – Cwtch – esafety parent's workshop - Letter to follow.
Friday 14	Y4 Christingle at St Mary's Church in support of the Children's Society - all parents/carers welcome: 2.00-3.00pm
Monday 17	Christmas Production – Dress Rehearsals
Monday 17	Carols by Candlelight on school playground - Whole school invited: 4.30–5.00pm - complimentary light refreshments provided by FROGJS
Tuesday 18	Christmas Production: Afternoon Performance: Red & Green Houses 1.45 – 2.45pm Evening Performance: 5.15 – 6.15pm (children to dressing rooms – 5.00pm)
Wednesday 19	Christmas Production: Afternoon Performance: Blue & Yellow Houses 1.45 – 2.45pm Evening Performance: 5.15 – 6.15pm (children to dressing rooms – 5.00pm)
Thursday 20	Rock Steady Concert for parent/carers of pupils who have Rock Steady lessons: 9.00 – 10.00 am
Thursday 20	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day: Children invited to wear Christmas jumpers/festive coloured jumpers in place of their school jumper
Friday 21	Last day of term – children to be collected at 2.00pm
Monday 07 Jan	Children back to school for start of Spring Term 2019

CAR PARKING in the school car park is for Gomer staff, parents/carers using disabled bays and scheduled visitors only. Recently, some parents/carers have been using the car park at the 8.45am drop off and 3.15pm collection. **PLEASE DO NOT**. This helps to maintain car parking spaces that have been allocated and reduces unnecessary traffic on our site. Furthermore, children should not be walking through the car park. If there is no road side parking please use our Park and Stride at the Seahorse. Our JRSOS will soon be monitoring to ensure safe and legal parking. Please do your bit.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT is an opportunity for the whole school to unite. We do hope to see many of you here. We were joined by 75 people last year and it would be great to see even more this year. The carols will start promptly at 4.30pm and last about 30 minutes. We will be serving complimentary refreshments at the end, sponsored by the FROGJS. If you have your own lantern or torch please bring these with you and wrap up warm as, weather permitting, we intend to sing in the picnic area. We will be accompanied by Mr Pilott and our Gomer Reps will lead our narration.

CHRISTMAS POSTBOXES open on Monday 3 December. There is one for the upper school corridor and one in the lower school corridor. Please ensure children's first name, surname and class are on the envelope to ensure a speedy delivery.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION REMINDER thank you for supporting us with providing your child's costume. Please ensure that they are in school on **Thursday 13 December**, named and in a named bag. Children without a costume will need to wear their school uniform. Costumes we are requesting include:

- Year 3 – Stars – Sparkly clothing
- Year 4 – Innkeepers – Dark clothing, cloth caps (optional)
- Year 5 – Shepherds – Toga style clothing with head-dress
- Year 6 – Celebration style party clothes (no logos please)

If your child has been chosen for a specific part they will be informed of costume requirements. If you haven't already, please request tickets for the performance. A letter is included on the Gomer Drive if you have missed this. Alternatively, please order via the school office. Furthermore, please organise yourselves so that your child returns to school for the evening performance. We rely on everyone attending to ensure a fabulous performance.

FAREWELL to Mrs Garland and Miss Musto. Mrs Garland joined us as an NQT and has decided to concentrate on being a Mummy to her gorgeous daughter for the foreseeable future. She took a keen interest in our Computing Curriculum and always had an artistic flair. We wish her well. Miss Musto is a qualified paediatric nurse and although we are going to miss her very much we are pleased that the NHS regains a super member of staff. We are actively recruiting to address both vacancies.

FROGJS Christmas Fair is on Friday 30 November. Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a tombola item. The fair doors open at 2.30pm. Members of the community are welcome to attend from then or join us later. For children staying at the fair from 3.15pm (home time), they should be chaperoned by an adult. Your child may have offered to help on a stall for the duration of the event. If this is the case, please complete the consent form. **Checklist:**

- ✓ Return entries for 'fill a container' with name and class
- ✓ Return raffle tickets and money or unwanted tickets
- ✓ Return consent form if your child has pledged time to help on a stall beyond 3.15pm
- ✓ Send in clean second hand uniform for the uniform stall and cakes (homemade or bought for the cake stall)
- ✓ Non-uniform on Friday 30 November in exchange for tombola item
- ✓ 50p entry – free prize draw
- ✓ Provide pennies for your children to bring into school – in a named purse/envelope for us to look after until the fair
- ✓ Support the fair by joining us or helping out (any time is welcomed)
- ✓ Have fun as a community

FOOD BANK donations, using the reverse Advent Calendar concept have been gratefully received. Collecting in November has allowed us to help the Food Bank team create their Christmas food parcels in a timely fashion. The Food Bank are now collecting in the first week of December for those of you who would still like to make a donation. The infant school have seized the idea too and are collecting throughout December so we can always pass late items to them.

HOME LEARNING will be sent home for the last time this term on Friday 7 December. Ahead of that date, and after too, please spend time learning the songs for the nativity. No formal learning tasks will be sent home for any year group over the Christmas holiday. Do remember to look at the spelling sheets recently provided to you, encourage reading and tables. Y6 can also access on-line resources too, should you feel this helpful.

THE JRSOs have been busy again this term. Thank you to everyone who accessorised their uniforms on Be Bright Be Seen Day. We would like to remind all adults who are dropping off children to school NOT to park on the zig zag lines (even to stop and let your child out). It is an offence and they are there so that we don't get hurt or injured. Please park safely, maybe even park a little bit further away and walk into school (don't forget we can park and stride from The Seahorse Pub). We would like to pre-warn everyone that the road safety team will be out and about on parking patrol in December. Please park wisely as you don't want to be told off by us! There is an exciting competition for everyone to enter coming up. More information will be coming home soon.

TOP TABLE is one of the many awards we have to recognise children's good behaviour. Those chosen, on a weekly basis are provided with a Top Table sticker on a Thursday. Mrs Mulhall hosts our Top Table at a table laid with tablecloths, providing a variety of soft drinks as a treat: sugar free carbonated drinks, sugar free squash or water. This is well received by the children, who enjoy this alongside a priority lunch and a mini certificate. Top Table is well received by the community. The children are asked if they are allowed the drinks, available on Top Table, at home. We like to increase the children's responsibility by responding honestly. If you think your child may misinform us, please do let the office know.

WISHING you all a very Happy Christmas and safe holiday season. We look forward to seeing you all for the start of the Spring Term on **Monday 7 January**.

YOU SAID/WE DID: Our Ofsted Parent View feedback indicated you were unsure of how we dealt with bullying – probably because this has not been an experience of yours at Gomer. We addressed this during our anti-bullying week by reinforcing key messages with the children and sharing materials with you on our website/FB page. **If our ethos and policy around such matters is still unclear, please do ask.**