



Gifford Friday Flyer

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www.giffordprimaryschool.co.uk

Autumn Term

ATTENDANCE ON THE RISE

We are delighted to announce that attendance figures are improving. Thank you to parents whose children attend every day and thank you to those who keep us informed when pupils are ill and cannot attend. Please see chart below to understand how good or bad attendance can impact on your child's learning.

What Does Your Attendance Percentage Really Mean?

0 days absence	10 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence = half a term missed	38 days absence	47 days absence
190 days of school	180 days of school	171 days of school	161 days of school	152 days of school	143 days of school
100%	96%	90%	85%	80%	70%
GOOD Best chance of success		WORRYING Less chance of success. Harder to make progress		SERIOUS CONCERNS Not fair on your child. Possible Fine/Court action	
Rewards are given and a good standard of education is received		Letters sent home and meetings will take place with the School Attendance Officer		Intervention from the Ealing Council Attendance Officer	



GIFFORD GREATS

2nd October 2017

Ellie Sharp	Hamed Moradi	★
Asma Mohamed	Aaliyah Awes	★
Ibrahim Mohamed	Seyar Safa	★
Sudaysi Mohamed	Elisa Janova	★
Ranvir Kapoor	Jamal Mohamed	★
Saffin Majed	Laiba Hameed	★
Tyshone Ferguson	Ibrahim Khan	★
Hafsa Rehman	Camron Hamflett	★
Aijah Moore-Minott	Ubayd Uddin	★

25th September 2017

Paris Hamflett	Kishveen Arora	★
Lula Abdi	Sami Fatalla	★
Joshua Thurston	Maja Czerwonka	★
Manaar Rizvi	Marwan Abdi	★
Lexi Gregory-Johnson	Nikhil Jhem	★
Ritesh Dhanji	Daniyal Khan	★
Nikodem Walawender	Munisah Ibrahim	★
Rana Langari	Alfie Roseboom	★
Hersona Kidane	Ella Watts	★
Rocky Ross	Andrew Shanks	★
Egor Kolar	Mannat Kalra	★
Ashvin Jhem		★



MATHLETICS

Gold Mathletics achiever:

Maxine 5R with Miss Dawe. Well done!

Mathletics is an online learning platform for pupils, helping them to enjoy Maths and improve results.

Mathletics can be accessed via the Gifford website: www.giffordprimaryschool.co.uk



SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council members have been elected for this year, with each class in Years 2 to 6 having a representative. The School Council meets every second Monday and will regularly present in assemblies and meetings. They actively promote the Gifford 5C's golden rules (**co-operation, care, consideration, commitment and courtesy**).



CHILDREN'S SAFETY WHEN BRINGING THEM TO SCHOOL



Parents are asked to bring children onto the school grounds to the playground gates. This ensures they are 'handed over' to a member of staff. Please do not drop them at the outer gates. Breakfast Club children should be brought to the studio hall doors and Nursery children should be brought to the Nursery.

ONE POUND COINS

Please note we are **unable** to accept old £1 coins after Friday 6th October.



SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE

Miss Ejaz	1D	97.9%
Miss Mistry	4F	97.9%
Mrs Patel	Red	97.8%
Miss Sohail	5F	97.7%
Miss Pierrepont	Purple	97.3%
Mr Klaasen	6F	97.0%
Mrs Tomlinson	4R	96.9%
Miss Maan	1F	96.8%
Miss Bradford	2F	96.7%
Ms Johnson	Green	96.5%
Miss Hamaida	1R	96.5%
Ms Kaler	5G	96.3%
Miss Shah	2D	96.1%
Miss Forrester	4D	96.0%
National expectation is 96%		
Ms Mancebo	Yellow	95.6%
Miss Nicolay	3G	95.6%
Miss Pallan	5D	95.5%
Mrs Sirad	2R	95.1%
Miss Hussey	6D	95.1%
Miss Robinson	2G	95.0%
Mrs Mohamed	3R	95.0%
Miss Dawe	5R	95.0%
Miss Khinda	4G	94.7%
Miss Kumar	3D	94.4%
Miss Mughal	3F	94.0%
Miss Thomas	1G	93.2%
Ms Duong /Mrs Gill	6R	93.2%
Mr Bate	6G	90.0%

Total for school is 95.4%

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Bentleys, school photographers are coming into school on Friday 13th October to take photographs. Individual pupil photographs will be taken during class time. Children should come to school in correct school uniform.



From 8am the photographers will be available to take **family photographs**. Entrance via the community room.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Term dates are available on the website and the Gifford App

Autumn Term Dates

Wed 6th Sept	-	Fri 20th Oct 2017
Half -Term	-	Mon 23rd Oct - Fri 27th Oct 2017
Mon 30th Oct	-	Tues 19th Dec 2017(1pm finish)
Holidays	-	Wed 20th Dec-Wed 3rd Jan 2018

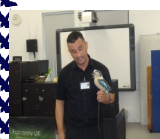
Class Assemblies all start at 2:35pm (parents welcome)

Thurs 12th Oct	-	2G Miss Robinson
Thurs 19th Oct	-	6F Mr Klaasen

Trips

October: Year 6 to Kidzania: 6D -11th, 6F-12th, 6R-18th and 6G-19th.		
Tue 7th Nov	-	Year 3 to Natural History Museum.

YEAR 2 OWL EXPERIENCE



On Monday 25th September, a visitor came and showed us lots of owls. We even took pictures with them and learnt lots of amazing facts. They have black and white faces so they are camouflaged in the trees and can catch their prey. Some birds are blue so they are camouflaged in water. At the end of the day, we took home a frame with our picture in it.

Kawsar 2R

Some parents have not yet paid (£3) for this workshop. Parents who require assistance to pay should inquire at the school office.

UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS



If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they are entitled to a free school meal every day. There is no need to complete any forms, your child just goes to the servery at lunchtime. On average the saving is about £400 over the school year, not to mention the time that would have been spent making school lunches. Menus alternate over a three-week period and are available to view on noticeboards, the Gifford App and the website.

HALF TERM ACTIVITY CAMP



Fit for Sport are running activity camps during October half-term. To find a venue near you visit www.fitforsport.co.uk or ring 0845 456 3233.

PERFORMING ARTS OPEN DAY IN EALING



Ealing Academy of Performing Arts is holding an open day with Pauline Quirke on Saturday 7th October, 9:45am-1pm at Elthorne Park High School, Westlea Road, Hanwell, W7 2AH. There will

be an opportunity to win a term's free membership at the open day. For further information; www.pqacademy.com

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with mixed feelings that I would like to let you know I am retiring at the end of the school year in July 2018.

The support of you our parents and the progress of our children during my 8 years at Gifford has been tremendous and I have felt thoroughly proud to be your Headteacher.

Over the coming weeks, the Governors will be appointing a new Headteacher enabling time for an excellent handover thus allowing for continuing fantastic progress of our school. I will keep you informed of further news.

Nigel Cook.

