

Our School Community shares a vision of Gaer Infant School as a caring child centred environment in which all pupils achieve their full potential, and where everyone works together in harmony, trust and mutual respect: and of a school which exceeds the expectations of the community, prepares the children to take a full place in society, and feels valued for its contribution.

Gaer Infant School Friday News

'Respect and Dignity every day, no matter what it takes'

Bristol Zoo Trip

We are leaving school at 9.30 a.m. and returning for 3.00 p.m. approx. Please have patience if we do run late, you never know what happens with the traffic.

I have undertaken a thorough risk assessment for the trip. All children will be supervised by adults and staff in accordance with school policy. Children will be reminded by their teacher of the do's and don't when they arrive at the Zoo in accordance with the risk assessment by Bristol Zoo. Each coach will have a trained first aider on board.

We would like you to:

Dress your child in school uniform so that they are easily recognisable (Bristol Zoo is a very busy place!)

If the weather forecast is for hot weather, provide your child with a sun hat and put on sun crème before coming to school.: if the forecast is for rain please make sure your child has a suitable coat and sturdy shoes.

Provide your child with a packed lunch and a drink. Children who receive free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch.

If your child suffers from asthma please make sure there is an inhaler in school.

All parents/grandparents who have booked an extra seat and are not attached to a class, please meet in the hall at 9.00 am on Monday.

Mrs Biddle is the organiser—any queries please see her.

There is lots to see—I am sure the children will thoroughly enjoy the trip but be ready for really tired children on Monday afternoon!

Thank you for all your support in making this trip possible for the

Dates and points of interest:

May 22nd: school closes for summer half term

☺ May 25th—29th: summer half term

☺ June 10th : meeting for new nursery parents

☺ June 15th: Lion King Fun Run

☺ June 17th: meeting for reception parents

☺ June 19th: Summer Fete

☺ July 3rd: Sports Day 1.45 p.m.

☺ July 14th: afternoon performance of Lion King for Y1 parents/grandparents

☺ July 15th: evening performance of Lion King for Y2 children

☺ July 17th: term ends for children

☺ July 20th: training day for staff

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Summer 1: 2009

May 14th 2009

Family Homework : The Elephants Grave Yard

My only piece of homework for last week was from Tahlia Fowler! Thank you Nan for helping her. This week we visit the elephants grave yard and the three Hyenas: Banzai, Shenzi and Ed.

'The two lion cubs wrestled playfully together. They rolled over and over, tumbling down a hill, and then came to an abrupt halt at the bottom. They suddenly found themselves in a dark, shadowy, lonely place. The earth was black, steam rose from a jagged ravine and ivory tusks lay littered about. They realized this must be the elephants graveyard. Three hyenas slunk out of a cave and looked at them with an ugly stare.'

Read this to your child and ask them to draw a picture of the two lion cubs finding themselves in the elephants grave yard. Use the text to get the detail in the picture. Check with your child that they have included everything- you could make a list and check it off. Finding answers in text and using text as a source is a key skill for children—please enjoy this activity together. (There are lots of visual representations of the Lion King to support the imagination.)

New Staff

The Governors appointed two teachers last Friday to replace Miss Haywood and Miss Kilbane during their maternity leave. They are Miss Payne who will replace Miss Haywood after the half term and Miss Geary who, as you already know, had an earlier start than expected when she took over from Miss Kilbane on Tuesday. Parents from class 7 will receive their end of year report later on in the term.

The Governors have granted Mrs Davidge Smith an extended secondment of two years so this post will be advertised immediately. We also wish to appoint 2 teaching assistants (level 1) and a part time secretarial post to job share with Mrs Granger as from September. All posts are advertised on the Newport web site.

The Big Announcement of the week is that Miss Kilbane had a baby boy on Wednesday. Earlier than expected but both are very well.