



Welcome back!

What a fantastic start to the new academic year! We have been delighted to welcome all the children back to school. They all look really smart in their school uniforms and have settled so well into their new classes. It really has been a lovely start to the new school year at Gig Mill. Our new Nursery and Reception children have settled into routines and are all doing really well with their new classmates.

Thank you to so many parents and carers for joining us on induction evenings to find out what your children will be learning about this year. New projects are well underway for each year group. Lots of our year 6 children are currently on a residential visit to Boreatton Park, which is going brilliantly.

A successful bid for funding from school is creating new playspaces. We are excited that this week that gazebos in both playgrounds are being installed to create shade and quiet areas. They will soon be ready for children to enjoy.

Mrs Hannaway

Our new Reception children have got off to an amazing artistic start!



As part of their curriculum project this term year five have experienced how it felt to be an evacuee in World War 2 and have been on their first trip of the school year to Bewdley Museum...

"I think I didn't expect to go into the museum and the train was very different – it was a superb day. The steam train was not what I had in mind" – Isaac

"It was fun, I liked the bit where we went in the air raid shelter and the air raid siren was really loud!" – Connie

"I enjoyed it, especially seeing what the children took in their suitcases" – Abigail

"It was really fun, I enjoyed the train the most because I have never been on a train before" - Amy

CHANGE TO MENU – Special Box Meal

Thursday 3rd October 2019

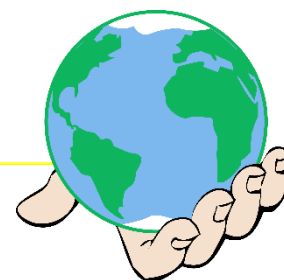
Burger	Hot Dog
Fish Goujons	Fries
Jacket Potato with various fillings	
Salad Bags	Fruit Pots
Donuts	

There will also be a prize draw for all children having a meal on that day with various prizes available.

(Please note that on Monday 30th September - Wraps, not burgers will be available).

Kitchen Tasting Session

During the Parent/Teacher Consultations on Wednesday 23rd October (5.00pm – 7.00pm), our kitchen will be hosting tasting sessions. Go along and have a taste of the fabulous food our children are offered.



Environmental Issues

Battery Recycling

Over the past year we have managed to collect around 18,000 batteries!! Well done Gig Mill. This initiative has now ended but please continue to recycle at local points.

Idling Vehicles

As part of our Safer Routes to School, please can we ask that wherever possible, engines are switched off when parked. It is a common misconception that re-starting an engine causes more pollution than idling. Restarting your engine also uses less fuel. *Thank you for helping to protect our children from pollution.*

Dates for your Diary.....

Monday 14th October – School Photographs

(Individual & Sibling groups – Please note unfortunately, we cannot accommodate siblings who are not currently enrolled in school)

Monday 21st October – Parent/Teacher Consultations (3.30pm – 5.30pm)

Wednesday 23rd October – Parent/Teacher Consultations (5.00pm – 7.00pm)

HSA Events

Friday 11th October – *School Disco*

Reception/Year 1 – 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Years 2 & 3 – 5.45pm – 6.45pm

Years 4, 5 & 6 – 7.00pm – 8.00pm

Tickets available online from 7.00pm on 26th September

www.pta-events.co.uk/gigmillhsa

If you shop at Aldi, we are participating in the current 'Kit for schools' promotion – if you have any stickers at home, please drop them in to the school office or your child's classroom.

Autumn Term 2019

INSET: 2nd September

Term begins: 3rd September

Half-term: 28th Oct – 1st Nov

INSET: 4th November

Break up for Christmas: 20th Dec

Spring Term 2020

INSET: 6th January

Term begins: 7th January

Half-term: 17th February – 21st February

Break up for Easter: 3rd April

Summer Term 2020

INSET: 20th April

Term begins: 21st April

Half-term: 25th May – 29th May

Break up for Summer: 17th July

INSET: 20th July

E-safety- for advice and information for parents:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<http://parentinfo.org/page/for-schools>