

KEY REMINDERS

Now we are in December with darker mornings and afternoons it's a good opportunity to remind students about personal safety when walking to and from school.



- Where possible walk to and from school with friends,
- Keep to well-lit areas
- Never take short cuts through wooded areas / alleyways
- Always look after friends
- Avoid wearing headphones – so you can be fully aware of your surroundings
- Report to parents/carers/ teachers/police if they see something suspicious
- Remember – you can always return to or phone school if you feel unsafe.
- Don't get into conversations with strangers
- Walk straight home or let people know where you are
- Keep mobile phones charged and easily accessible if you have one.



Key Dates

3RD DECEMBER 12-3PM |
FOGH CHRISTMAS FAIR

13TH & 14TH DECEMBER |
PERFORMING ART PLAYS

15TH DECEMBER | YEAR 9
PARENTS EVENING

16TH DECEMBER |
LAST DAY OF TERM 2
SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12:30

ASPIRE Points Totals



BADER

6711



CARTER

6939



HOPKINS

7312



JOHNSTON

7351



RAVILIOUS

7677



PRIMARY & SIXTH FORM

Let's Celebrate



Well done to the Sixth Form students that kindly came and decorated the School Christmas Tree. They invited some Primary students and together both groups worked hard to decorate the tree.

Well done to all involved!



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Gildredge House Attendance Policy



Attendance Policy

At Gildredge House we have an Attendance Policy available at the above link.

As we are now into the winter months and there is increased illness amongst children, we wanted to write and remind everyone of our attendance policy for you to follow, should your child be absent from school.

If your child is absent from school due to illness, please notify the school before 8.00am by using the 'Absence Reporting' link in the EduLink app, by sending an email to absences@gildredgehouse.org.uk or by telephoning 01323 400650. Please select option 2, 1, 1 for Primary absences and option 3, 1, 1 for Secondary or Sixth Form absences and remember to include your child's full name, Tutor Group / Class and reason for absence. Please notify the school on each day of absence. Please refer to the Student Attendance Policy for full details.

Withdrawal from Learning

We do expect all children to attend on a daily basis, but if a leave of absence is required due to exceptional circumstances, please complete a Request for Withdrawal from Learning Form a minimum of 14 days in advance of the day(s) concerned. Available [here](#).

Medical Appointments

Should your child need to leave school during the course of the day for a medical appointment, the Attendance Team should be informed in advance, using the 'Absence Reporting' link in the EduLink app, by sending an email to absences@gildredgehouse.org.uk or by telephoning 01323 400650. Please select option 2, 1, 1 for Primary absences and option 3, 1, 1 for Secondary or Sixth Form absences and remember to state your child's full name, Tutor Group / Class and reason for absence. An appointment card must be provided as evidence of the appointment to the Primary School Office or Secondary and Sixth Form School Office. This can be attached using the 'paperclip' in the Absence Reporting link in the EduLink App or emailed to absences@gildredgehouse.org.uk. Students leaving school before the end of the school day should report to the Secondary and Sixth Form School Office to sign out.

Mrs Sarah Driscoll

Attendance Officer





Gildredge House Drop-off & Parking

Drop off & Parking Refresher

As the weather gets colder, more and more children are getting dropped off, please take a look at the Drop-off arrangements.



Parent Parking: Years R and 1 only ▲

Staff Parking Only ★

Student Drop-off Point: Years 2-6



Use of Car Park and School Drive

All users must:

1. Follow road markings which are provided for everyone's safety.
2. Restrict speed to a maximum of 5mph.
3. Park carefully in designated spaces, avoiding double yellow lines or designated drop-off zones.

Parent Parking / Student Drop-off: Mornings Only

Parents of students in Reception and Year 1 should park in the parent parking area located round the perimeter of the car park. Please note: if you have children in multiple Year Groups including a child in Reception or Year 1, you may park in Reception and Year 1 area indicated on the map with red triangles. Please note Kiss & Drop Off is for Primary students only.

Parents of students in Year 2-6 should proceed to drive up the school driveway using the left-hand lane, observing the speed limit of 5mph and drop the student(s) at the top of the drive before reaching the zebra crossing, then follow the drive round to the right and proceed out of the school grounds, giving way to cars leaving the school car park.

End of Day Arrangements

All parents must use the car park at the end of the school day to collect their child, with the exception of drivers holding a Blue Badge and taxis who may proceed up the driveway.



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CHRISTMAS LUNCH



REMINDER

This year Christmas Dinner will be served on Thursday 8th December for Primary students. Friday 9th December will be Christmas Dinner day for Secondary students and Sixth Form students. If this is something your child would like, please book a place using the form on Edulink. Bookings will close on Monday 5th December 2022 at 5pm.



MENU NEXT WEEKS

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Primary	Traditional Beef Lasagne al Forno	Mild Peri Peri Chicken Thighs	Freshly Fried Fish and Chips with Garden Peas or Beans	Christmas Lunch	Turkey & Pepper Fricassee with Rice
	Gnocchi with Rocket & Basil Pesto	Tacos with Quorn Chilli & Sour Cream	Layered Macaroni Cheese with Homemade Bread		Cheese & Potato Quesadilla with Tomato Salsa
	Garlic Bread	Sweet Potato Wedges	Freshly Baked Carrot Cake		Apple Flapjack
	Fresh Chopped Salad	Sweetcorn with Mixed Peppers			
	Apricot Crumble with Custard	Chocolate Tiffin Cake			
Secondary	Traditional Beef Lasagne al Forno	Mild Peri Peri Chicken Thighs	Freshly Fried Fish and Chips with Garden Peas or Beans	Turkey & Pepper Fricassee with Rice	Christmas Lunch
	Gnocchi with Rocket & Basil Pesto	Tacos with Quorn Chilli & Sour Cream	Layered Macaroni Cheese with Homemade Bread	Cheese & Potato Quesadilla with Tomato Salsa	
	Garlic Bread	Sweet Potato Wedges	Freshly Baked Carrot Cake	Apple Flapjack	
	Fresh Chopped Salad	Sweetcorn with Mixed Peppers			
	Apricot Crumble with Custard	Chocolate Tiffin Cake			



FOGH CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



Thank you to all students and parents that supported FOGH by wearing Christmas Jumpers on Thursday and donating Tombola prizes.



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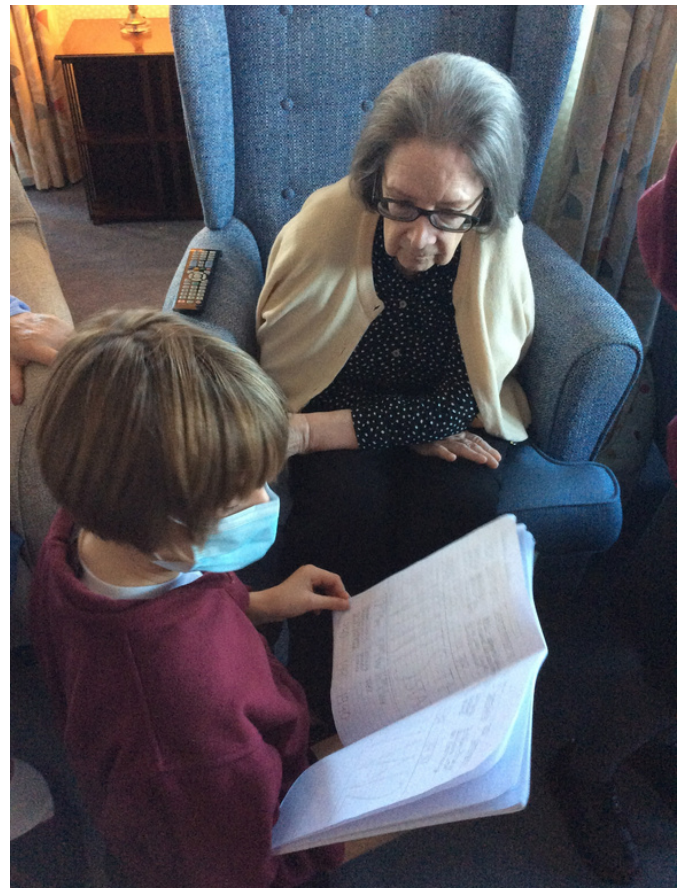
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Beachwood Care home

Last week we went and visited our friends at Beachwood Care home. You may remember they kindly donated an apple tree to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and since then we keep in regular contact.

The day was spent singing Christmas songs, making paper chains, showing the residents schoolwork and generally chatting with them all. It was a wonderful day and the students were amazing and a fantastic representation of Gildredge House.



A NEW CAREERS BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP FOR GILDREDGE HOUSE

Gildredge House has launched a brand new careers business partnership encouraging local businesses to support the careers programme at Gildredge House. The launch event took place at The Grand Hotel and we welcomed over 30 different businesses who heard more about our school vision and about the careers programme. The Work Experience Team from East Sussex also delivered a presentation on the procedure around gaining a work experience pre-placement check (which is surprisingly straight forward) and Matt Roach, from KPMG spoke about Environmental and Social Governance. This is a first event for a school in Eastbourne, and Gildredge House hopes to lead the way in continuing to create a forward looking careers programme.



IF YOU OR THE BUSINESS YOU WORK FOR WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE CAREERS PROGRAMME AND WOULD LIKE TO HEAR MORE ABOUT HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED, PLEASE EMAIL MRS SARA BRAY, CAREERS AND ENTERPRISE CO-ORDINATOR S.BRAY@GILDREDGEHOUSE.ORG.UK



GILDREDGE HOUSE LIVE ACROSS EASTBOURNE

Last week a group of Year 9 students, Hattie Burroughs, Larch Conolly, Evie Etherington, Rosie Perry, Juliet Stanley and Lara Yates, took part in Eastbourne Youth Radio, which was broadcast live across Eastbourne. Their programme which they created and produced themselves, was a lively mix of interviews from lower school pupils to an interview with Adam Rose from Treebourne who spoke all about the importance of growing trees to help save the environment. If you would like to listen to the broadcast on demand, please [CLICK HERE](#)



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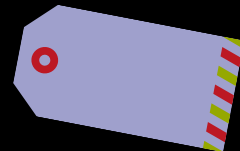
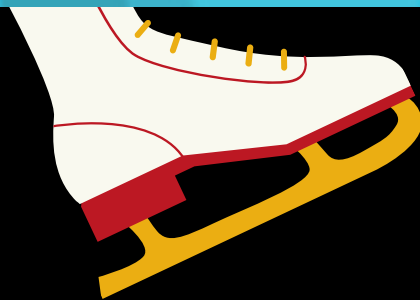


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WE ARE CURRENTLY RECRUITING FOR THE BELOW VACANCIES:



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

(35 HOUR)



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

(14 HOUR)



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