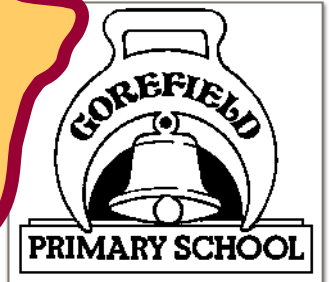


# Newsletter

Friday 22nd September



This half term our whole school topic is materials, and so we asking children to collect conkers for the 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Children in Penguins and Robins will do a range of activities through the day comparing and using their conkers.

For children in Owls and Eagles, we intend to organize a conker fight!

Each child in Eagles and Owls will be invited to bring in one or two (but no more) conkers. We ask that you prepare their conkers at home, by skewering them and hanging them on a string or shoelace. We also invite you to join us from 10am when we will teach they what they need to do and send them to the playground (weather permitting) in groups to compete. All will be involved between 10 and 11, and then at lunchtime the victorious conker will go head to head!

Please note, Cambridgeshire as an authority will from this year be pursuing penalty notices after the **third consecutive day of absence**. We greatly appreciate your support in ensuring good attendance. A child's absence does not only impact on themselves, but when returning, the teacher needs to provide additional time to ensure they can engage in the learning, and this inevitably has an impact on the time the teacher has to devote to the others in class.

At the start of each year we offer 'lunch specials' based upon the current menus.

We are keen to **help children make wise choices** and so the cooks use their experience to prepare balanced meals that they know the children will enjoy. We will develop the element of choice as the term progresses and as we educate the children on choosing balanced meals. Every child in Penguins' and Robins' is entitled to a free school, so please do take advantage of this and rather than **prepare packed lunches** for your child, encourage them to choose **school dinners**. There will be daily hot specials as well as salad and fresh fruit. Don't be concerned as to whether your child will like them, or even eat them. The staff in the hall take care to insure no child goes without and we will continue to provide alternatives, including cold options.

Our annual sponsored walk will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Once more, you are very welcome to join us. As with last year, the money raised will go towards taking the children to the pantomime as a Christmas treat. We currently looking to set a date for this year's harvest festival and will let you know as soon as it is confirmed.

The next Newsletter will be Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.



## Diary Dates:

New school year began  
Mon 4<sup>th</sup> September

## Materials topic

- **Conker Day.**  
3<sup>rd</sup> October

## Sponsored Walk

17<sup>th</sup> October

## Harvest Festival

To be confirmed

## Half Term

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October  
with staff Training Day  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

## Parent Consultations

7<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> November

## Friends Panto Day

14<sup>th</sup> December

Last day of term is Tuesday  
19<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Break is  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

First day of Spring term is  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

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