



Friday 7th July 2023

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The Big Sing – Changing Voices at Union Chapel

This week Years 2 and 5 took part in 'The Big Sing – Changing Voices' at the beautiful Union Chapel on Upper Street. Multiple Islington schools with children from Key Stages 1, 2 and 3 took part and the chapel was filled with song from children and accompanying adults. A big thank you to the parents who came along and took part!



Sports Day Tuesday 18th July 2023

Sport's day is fast approaching!

9:45am – Nur, Rec, Y1 & Y2

Please can Nursery & Reception parents who are coming along to sports day help accompany children to the park and back; we will be leaving shortly after drop off.

12pm – Year 6

Year 6 children will be running the day along with Ellen so take part in their activities between 12 and 1pm. Children will require a packed lunch as they will remain at the park all day.

1:15pm – Y3, Y4 & Y5

Parents/carers can join us at the park from 1:15pm for KS2's activities.

This year there will be team colours – your child's class teacher will indicate which colour your child is in (red, yellow, blue). If possible please can your child wear a t-shirt/ item of clothing in this colour.

Please ensure children are well dressed for the weather and have a hat, sun-cream applied and a full water bottle!



JOIN US AT CLISSOLD PARK FOR

GILLESPIE'S SPORTS DAY

TUESDAY 18TH JULY
AM - NUR, REC, YEARS 1 & 2
PM - YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6

Attendance Matters

Class	Attendance WB 03/07/23
Nursery	90.98%
Reception	96.26%
Year 1	97.22%
Year 2	97.78%
Year 3	94.44%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	89.63%
Year 6	98.89%
Whole school	95.22%

Attendance Cup
Winner
Week Beginning
03/07/2023

Year 6



Reminder: Parents and Carers are strongly urged not to book any holidays during school term time starting before Thursday 20th July or to book holidays that run into the next academic year, which begins on Wednesday 6th September 2023. All children are expected to be in school for the whole of the summer term unless there are exceptional circumstances why they cannot be in school. A leave of absence form (from the office) needs to be completed for exceptional circumstances. If circumstances are not deemed exceptional, leave will be recorded as unauthorised! Thank you for working hard with us to continue to improve attendance at Gillespie and the achievement of all pupils.



Fluoride Varnish Treatment for Nursery – Year 2 pupils Wednesday 12th July AM

There is still time to return your fluoride varnish consent form. Please do so by Tuesday 11th 4pm so we can collate before the treatment on Wednesday morning. Spare forms can be collected from the school office.

Ongoing reminders - Diary Dates

Date	Event
WB 10 th July	Last week of Ready Set Stage After School Clubs
Wednesday 12 th July	Nursery – Year 2 Fluoride varnish treatment
Thursday 13 th July	2:30 Y5 Class assembly 3:00-4:30pm Y1 Class assembly at AMSI PM Y6 end of year treat Bowling at Rowans
Friday 14 th July	Summer Reading Challenge Assembly
WB 17 th July	End of year reports home
Tuesday 18 th July	Sports day at Clissold Park EYFS & KS1 AM, KS2 PM
Wednesday 19 th July	10am Year 6 Leavers show
Thursday 20 th July	Last day of term for pupils – school finishes 2pm
Friday 21 st July	INSET Day (school closed for pupils)
Autumn term 2023	
Monday 4 th September	INSET Day (school closed for pupils)
Tuesday 5 th September	INSET Day (school closed for pupils)
Wednesday 6 th September	First day of Autumn term for pupils

We cannot wait to see you all tomorrow for the annual Summer Fair!

Yours sincerely,
Mark Owen
Headteacher



FoG News

The Summer Fair is tomorrow... ...And we can't wait to see lots of you there!

Thank you to everyone who has helped organise what is shaping up to be a really fun afternoon. Come down between 12 and 3 for:

- BBQ and veggie options
- Bar and **NEW** smoothies **NEW**
- Raffle
- Penalty shoot out
- Soak the teacher
- **NEW** Free pot painting with Clay Time **NEW**
- Pizza, ice lollies and cakes
- Music and games
- Used uniform
- Hair, nails, glitter tattoos, face painting
- **NEW** Story telling with N4 Library **NEW**
- Bouncy castle

We need your salad and cakes!

Everything on the bake sale and salad station comes from Gillespie families, so we need your help! Home-made or shop bought are equally welcome. Please drop them off from 11, with homemade items labelled with allergens (see below for help with this) to help people with allergies. **Remember, no nuts.**

Don't worry about the weather – we have plenty of shelter!



THE 14 FOOD ALLERGENS



MOLUSCS

Including land snails, whelks and squid.



EGGS

Can be found in cakes, sauces and pastries.



FISH

Found in pizza, dressings and Worcestershire sauce.



LUPIN

Lupin can be found in bread, pastries and pasta.



SOYA

Various beans including edamame and tofu.



MILK

Butter, cheese, cream and milk powders contain milk.



NO PEANUTS

Can be found in cakes, biscuits and sauces.



GLUTEN

In food made with flour such as pasta and bread.



CRUSTACEANS

Such as crab, lobster, prawns, shrimp and scampi.



MUSTARD

Can be in liquid or powder form as well as seeds.



NO NUTS

Including cashews, almonds and hazelnuts.



SESAME

Found on burgers, bread sticks and salads.



CELERY

Including stalks, leaves, seeds and celeriac.



SULPHITES

Found in dried fruit like raisins and some drinks.

Remember, you can support FoG through a one-off or regular donation

All the money raised by FoG goes towards extra-curricular activities for Gillespie children. [Read more about this in newsletter no.378.](#) There is no obligation to give and it can be as much or as little as you can afford. **To donate, [click here](#) or scan the QR code on the noticeboard next to the playground gates.**