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I hope you all had a wonderful half term break and have enjoyed the first week back! You will notice so many positive changes taking place in our school over the last few weeks. We now have a beautiful new school library - created by our wonderful English leader Miss White, with her helpers Mrs Jones and Mr and Mrs Everett. So many kind people have donated their money, time and talents to create this wonderful new space in school. We have also created a new staffroom so that there is a larger space for adults to work and relax, as well as installing some new gates! I hope you will agree that the new gates and fencing look fantastic, there will be some screening on the lower level so that the fence will not be transparent, this will arrive in a couple of weeks. There are lots of wonderful things happening this term, do keep reading the newsletters (they will become fortnightly after this) to keep up to date with everything that is happening at Parish!

We would be SO grateful if families could collect plastic bottles for our poppy wave that we are attempting for Remembrance day - we need as many plastic bottles as we can. Please bring in on 11th November.

Charlotte Hickerton and the Staff Team at Gainsborough Parish

VERY IMPORTANT

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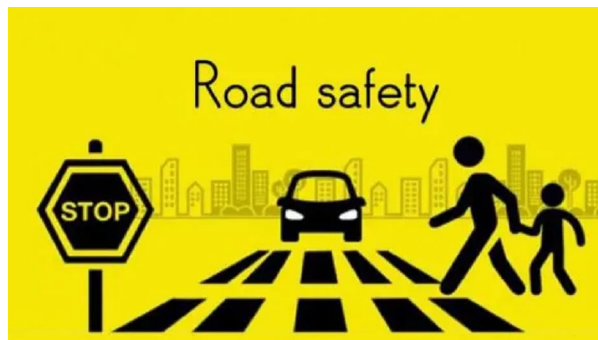
We sent out new blue contact sheets in September for you to complete for your child. There are quite a few that we have not received back.

It is vital that we hold the correct contact details for you at the beginning of each school year.

Please could you complete and return for each child you have in our school as soon as possible.

If you need a new form(s), please call in and collect one or email us and we will send one down to your child's class teacher.

Thank you.



We have been notified on several occasions by our crossing staff and members of the public that children are not crossing the road properly. Please could you remind your children to cross the road at the crossing points and listen to and follow the advice from the crossing patrol people so everyone can stay safe.

Thank you.

Spooky reading challenge! 🎃 👻 🧠





A brand new library for school!



We are thrilled to share that our new school library is now open! Our amazing staff have worked hard over the half-term to create a bright and welcoming space for our students. We are very grateful to them for the wonderful work they have done and send them our thanks.

Why is this exciting?

A Cozy Place to Read: The library has comfy reading spots where children can relax with a good book or work together on projects.

Lots of Books: We have a fantastic selection of books for all ages, so there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Discover New Authors: The library features a range of books from various authors, helping students to explore different genres and find new favourites.

Fun Activities: We'll be hosting events in the future like author visits, book clubs, and reading challenges to get the children excited about reading.

This new library is all about sparking a love for reading and helping our children explore the world of books. We can't wait for our students to dive into this wonderful new space! Keep an eye out for exciting reading events this year.

Library visits



Team 4 have been to the library this week as you can never have enough libraries! The other teams will be visiting throughout the term. Don't forget the library has lots of events that you can access; Events & Activities | Gainsborough library | Better Libraries¹

¹<https://www.better.org.uk/library/lincolnshire/gainsborough-library/whats-on>







Reading Recommendations!



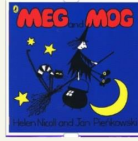
Miss White's Book
Recommendations



SPOOKY READS FOR EYFS

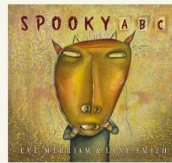
Fiction:
Meg and Mog by Helen Nicoll and Jan Pienkowski

Join Meg the witch and her black cat, Mog, on a magical, slightly spooky adventure! With bold, fun illustrations, this is a perfect introduction to Halloween.



Poem:
Witch Witch by Rose Fyleman

A light-hearted, rhyming poem about witches that's perfect for young children, adding just a touch of Halloween fun.



BOO!

Non-Fiction:
Spooky ABC by Eve Merriam

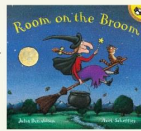
A playful and spooky introduction to the alphabet with rhyming words that explore Halloween themes. Great for early literacy and vocabulary!



SPOOKY READS FOR KS1 (Years 1 and 2)

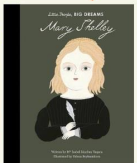
Fiction:
Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson.

Join a friendly witch and her cat on a high-flying broomstick journey with monsters and adventures! A rhyming tale perfect for Halloween.



Poem:
Knock at the Door by Sue Cowling

A fun, slightly spooky poem perfect for Halloween. It invites children to imagine a surprise visitor at the door—who could it be? Great for encouraging imagination.



BOO!

Non-Fiction:
Little People, Big Dreams: Mary Shelley by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara

An illustrated biography that introduces children to Mary Shelley, the author of Frankenstein, making it a gentle introduction to famous spooky literature.



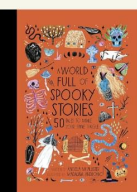
SPOOKY READS FOR LKS2 (Years 3 and 4)

Fiction: The Haunting of Aveline Jones by Phil Hickey

Aveline discovers a book about local ghosts and sets out to solve a spooky mystery. Atmospheric and thrilling, this book is perfect for Halloween chills!



Poem:
The Spider and the Fly by Mary Howitt
A classic, creepy-crawly poem about a sly spider and a curious fly. With eerie illustrations, it's a spine-tingling Halloween read.



BOO!

Non-Fiction:
A World Full of Spooky Stories: 50 Tales to Make Your Spine Tingle by Angela McAllister

This collection of spooky folktales from around the world introduces ghostly tales, myths, and legends. Ideal for budding ghost story fans.



**SPOOKY READS FOR
UKS2 (Years 5 and 6)**

Fiction:
The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

After his family is murdered, Bod is raised by ghosts in a graveyard. This captivating tale blends mystery and adventure, making it a perfect spooky read for older children.



BOO!



Non-Fiction:
Ghostology: A True Revelation of Spirits, Ghouls, and Hauntings by Dugald Steer

An interactive, illustrated guide to ghosts and hauntings from around the world. This book is perfect for curious readers who want a peek into the paranormal.



Poem: The Listeners
by Walter de la Mare

A haunting poem about a mysterious visitor who encounters only silence. Perfect for readers who enjoy atmospheric and eerie Halloween chills.



 **TT Rockstars Awards!** 

**Richest Rocker
(this week)**

Class	Highest Earner
Miss Hensby's Class	Hayden
Miss Green's Class	Emelia
Miss Brown's Class	Ivy
Miss White's Class	Christabel
Mr Anderson's Class	Olivia B
Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Marshall's Class	Deborah

1 - Huge well done to our Richest Rockers this week! I wonder who we will be celebrating next week! 

In the Y5/6 Battle of the Bands for the first term Miss White's class just came out on top, well done to them!

We have signed up to England Rocks, a TTRS national competition that we pit us against every other school in the country. Keep practising for the next two weeks before the event starts in earnest. Further details the Friday before we can start logging all our coins!

Online Advice



At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides engage and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formally endorsed by National Crime Agency, these guides have address wider topics and themes. For further guides, facts and tips, please visit www.thenationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE

RESTRICTED
PEGI 12

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?
Fortnite was launched back in 2017, but it remains massively popular – with more than 850 million active players. That's a popularity due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture references and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these it shroud 'seasons'.

ALWAYS ONLINE
Fortnite is a single-player online battle royale game. It means that you can play the game without needing to be online with other players. However, it is a multiplayer game and you will need to be online to play with other players. This means that you will need to be online for a significant amount of time to play the game.

IN-GAME COSTS
Fortnite is a free-to-play game, but it does have in-game purchases. These are used to buy cosmetic items for your character, such as skins, emotes, and pickaxes. These items are not necessary to play the game, but they can be used to customise your character and make them look more powerful.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES
Fortnite is a game that is heavily influenced by pop culture. It features a wide range of references to movies, TV shows, and music. These references are often used to create a sense of familiarity and excitement for players.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT
Fortnite is a cross-platform game, which means that you can play it on different devices. This allows you to play with friends who are using different devices. Additionally, the game has a party chat feature that allows you to talk to other players while you are playing.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE
Fortnite is a battle royale game, which means that you have to fight other players to be the last one standing. This involves a lot of shooting and violence. While the game is rated PEGI 12, it is still important to be aware of the potential for virtual violence.

FREQUENT UPDATES
Fortnite is a game that is updated frequently. This means that there is always new content to play. These updates often include new maps, weapons, and characters. This helps to keep the game fresh and interesting for players.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MATCH GAMING TIMES
Encourage children to play Fortnite in moderation. Set limits on how long they can play each day. Encourage them to take breaks and engage in other activities. Encourage them to play with friends and family members. Encourage them to play in a safe and supervised environment.

SET SPENDING LIMITS
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USE UPDATES AS REWARDS
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BE WARY OF SCAMS
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ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER
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Meet Our Expert
David Coombes is a member of the Chair of Gaming and Digital Media at The National College. He has worked in the gaming industry for several years. A long-time gamer, he is an expert on the subject of gaming and has written several articles on the subject. He is also a frequent speaker at gaming conferences and events.

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Some very important advice about the game Fortnite if you have older children and adults at home. As it has a 12 PEGI rating it is not deemed suitable for children at our school due to its frequent scenes of violence.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our new clubs have started this week and it has been so special to see children taking part in the fourteen we offer! There are still a few spaces available in some of the clubs so pop on ParentPay and give your child the experience of a lifetime in either dance, running, chess, multiplication tables, basketball, wellbeing, colouring, choir, multisports, book reading and the all time favourite Lego. If your child loves Lego don't forget to sign up to the free Lego magazine that can be delivered straight

to your door for your child to read and enjoy! Free LEGO® magazines for Kids | Official LEGO® Shop GB²

One of our clubs has an important event next week. Some of the children from the Running club have been training very hard every Monday and Friday lunchtime and they will get the chance to run in a real race next Wednesday afternoon. They will be taking part in the Gainsborough Schools' annual cross country race, we look forward to hearing how they get on.



Vision Champions



²<https://www.lego.com/en-gb/magazine?locale=en-gb>

A wonderful well done to our Vision Champions! Not only have they been showing our Core Four values of Community, Dignity, Hope and Wisdom, but also our special value this term of Friendship.

The children celebrated this week are:

Miss Crowston's class - Dominion Sodeinde and Emilia Leedle

Mrs Palin's class - Harley O'Leary and Daniella Christian

Miss Louth's class - George Welton and Sonny Lewis

Well done everyone!



Reminder that the main deadline for secondary transfer applications was 31st October for those parents who have a child in Year 6.

Applications can be made online at <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school/>³ or phone 01522 782030 and make an application over the phone.



Some parents are reporting problems with the Parentpay app, especially when trying to book clubs. Unfortunately, school are unable to help with this. We have been in touch with them and they have advised that it could be related to cookies and that clearing your cache may help. It might also be beneficial to check your phone software is up-to-date too.



³<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.lincolnshire.gov.uk%2Fschool-admissions%2Fapply-school%2F&data=05|02|enquiries%40gainsborough.laet.co.uk|5d5ae1f7dc72487132e108dcf8e484ea|deb94e3e913c4a3c965b2011ef1f77c1|0|0|638658907588304660|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|0||&sdata=Zc7o1XxrJxZnSl%2FckQHJkwTUsP6S6lfPZcQyYQD6miA%3D&reserved=0>

At Gainsborough Parish, we really do take Remembrance Day very seriously. It is a time to really reflect on our British Values of democracy, rule of law, respect and tolerance of other religions, and of course our freedom. During the day we have a number of exciting activities planned to help the children to understand the significance of this day. We are asking for pupils to bring in plastic bottles so that we can make our very own poppy wave on our new fence. Please do bring in as many as you can.

In addition, poppies, slap bands, ribbon wristbands and reflective keyrings will be on sale on the playgrounds from Monday next week.

Poppies - 20p

Slap bands - £1.50

Ribbon wristbands - £1

Keyrings - 50p

Children need to have the correct amount with them as we cannot give change.

During the week children will be learning about Remembrance Sunday and we are hoping that some of the older children will be able to attend the service in the market place on Monday at 11.00 am.





See you next week!

We wish all of our community a great weekend - the school news will now be issued every fortnight - so please do look out for it in two week's time!