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29th June 2017

Dear Parents,

Headteacher Awards

I was very pleased to award the second of the year's Headteacher awards on Monday. Congratulations to the following children.

George Hollins RLB	Jacob Reynolds RLEB
Daisy Ball 1SH	Tommy Gilder 1BR
Megan Ward 2LH	Harrison Long 2NT
William Thorn 3LW	Scarlett Essex 3AM/NR
Amelie Watts 4RB	Matilda Haines 4KE/RK
Aaron Pettitt 5TH	Katie Reid 5LO
Olivia Jimson 6JM	Harvey Wood 6JM Isabella Shuttle 6BH

Class Assemblies

Wednesday 5 th July at 10.45am	4RB		
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INSET Days 2017/2018

Thank you very much to all the people who responded regarding the INSET days next year. This was very helpful in decision making. ***The 2nd January 2018 will now be a non pupil day and the 9th of February will be a normal school day.*** If any families had already booked a holiday and can show us booking information prior to the 19th June we will, of course, authorise the absence.

Non pupil days next academic year:

Monday 4th September
 Monday 30th October
 Monday 2nd January
 Friday 29th June
 Monday 2nd July

Please see the message below from the Healthy Family Team

Are you worried or have concerns about your child's health?

Come along to a 'Drop In' Session at Little Gosling's Children's Centre where you can meet a member of The Healthy Family Team (formerly School Nurse Team)

We can offer support and advice on the following topics and any other health issues which may be concerning you.

Weight and Dietary Issues
 Sleep/Behaviour problem
 General Health Problem
 Night - time Wetting

Hearing Tests available
or any other health concerns you may have about your child
JUST TURN UP. No appointment required.

Time: 15:30 – 16:30

Date: 4th July 2017

Venue: Little Goslings Children's Centre, North Street, Great Dunmow CM6 1AZ

PTA Summer Fete

Many thanks to the Sarah McCarthy and the PTA who worked so hard to make the Summer Fete such a success. Thank you also to all the staff for helping, the children who performed and to all of you for coming along. We will let you know how much money we raised when we have a final figure.

Homework Club

This week was the last homework club – there will be no more homework club on a Thursday this term.

Y5

Y5 are having a taster morning at HRS on Thursday 6th July. They are all going, regardless of which school you wish them to attend in Y7 as it is a good taste of a secondary school. The Y5 teachers and teaching assistants will register them here at school and then will walk them to HRS. They are given a free lunch there and then will walk back to school. They should wear their school uniform and do not need to be here early.

Online Safety Snapchat – advice from Childnet

This week Snapchat introduced a new feature, the 'Snap Map'. This location based map allows users to see where in the country their Snapchat contacts are, as well as seeing location based photos and videos. The Snap Map shows a user's Bitmoji, their cartoon avatar within Snapchat, pinpointed on a world map. Users can then zoom into the map to see the exact location of their friends.

How to access Snap Maps

To access the Snap Map in the latest update of the Snapchat app, users need to go to their camera screen within Snapchat and zoom out using two fingers. This will then launch the Snap Maps screen and will allow a user to see their friend's locations.

Choose who can see your location

It is important to be careful about who you share your location with, as it can allow people to build up a picture of where you live, go to school and spend your time

Given how specific this new feature is on Snapchat - giving your location to a precise pinpoint on a map - we would encourage users not to share their location, especially with people they don't know in person. There are three settings for sharing your location on the map, these are; Ghost mode, My Friends, and Select Friends. But what do these settings mean?

Ghost Mode

Ghost Mode means that you are the only person who can see your location on the map.

Within Ghost Mode you can still see the locations of your friends but they will be unable to see you. This setting will ensure that you have complete control over who knows your location.

My Friends

My Friends means that all of your contacts on Snapchat can see your location. If turning on this setting then it would be important for users to review their Snapchat contacts and also make sure that they never add someone they don't know in person onto Snapchat.

Select Friends

This setting allows users to look through their friend list and then decide which of their friends they want to be able to view their location. This setting gives users the opportunity to control who can view their location.

Changing settings

When first opening the Snap Map users get to make a decision of who they want to be able to view their location. Once these settings are in place they can always be changed in Snapchat's settings. This can be done in two ways:

In the Snapchat settings

In the Snapchat screen click on the Settings (cog) icon > click on 'see my location' > Choose the On the Snap Map

Click on the setting button in the top right of the map > choose the setting which suits you

Our top tips

Sharing location can be a risky thing to do. Our tips for location sharing are:

Only share your location with people you know in person. Never share your location with strangers.

Don't add contacts to Snapchat if you don't know them in person.

Regularly review your settings and take an active decision about whether you want people to know your location. Remember you can switch this off at any time. Think about where you're sharing your location.

Location services such as Snap Maps can lead people to your house. Think about what times you're on the app and whether these are locations you want to share – if not, then turn this off within your settings.

Dates for your diary – also available on the school website

Friday 30th June and Monday 3rd July Non Pupil Days

Friday 7th July Reports to parents

Monday 10th July Report Feedback evening 3.30 – 5.00pm

Thursday 13th July Open Evening 6.00 – 8.00pm

Monday 17th July Leavers' Service in Church Y3 – 6

Tuesday 18th July 2pm Y6 End of Year Show

Wednesday 19th July 7pm Y6 End of Year Show

Thursday 20th July Y6 Leavers' BBQ and disco 5 – 7pm

Yours sincerely

Clare Griffiths