



Learning Powers

Thinking Determination
Independence Motivation
Creativity Collaboration Tolerance

Newsletter 9 – May 2021

GO GOMER! TYLER TITTERINGTON won the Alverstoke Easter sleuth trail – something we advertised on the website – Tyler did well to solve the clues and was very pleased with his prize.

We love to hear about your children's success outside school. Please inform us so that we can record them here.

DATES FOR MAY The dates below are for your diary and are also included on the electronic calendar; occasionally they are subject to change.		
Ongoing	Arrival Y3 - 8.55 am Y4 - 8.50 am Y5 - 8.45 am Y6 - 8.45 am	Departure Y3 - 3.15 pm Y4 - 3.10 pm Y5 - 3.05 pm Y6 - 3.05 pm
Mondays	Y3 PE Day – Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y6 PE Day – Pupils to wear PE kit to school	
Tuesdays	Y4 PE Day – Pupils to wear PE kit to school	
Wednesdays	Y5 PE Day – Pupils to wear PE kit to school	
Thursdays	Y3 PE Day – Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y6 PE Day – Pupils to wear PE kit to school	
Fridays	Y4 PE Day – Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y5 PE Day – Pupils to wear PE kit to school	
Monday 03	Early May Bank Holiday	
Tuesday 04	Class 4RI Swimming Lessons (3 of 6): pm	
Thursday 6 May	School closure - Gomer site being as a polling station Paultons Park: see timings below	
Tuesday 11	Class 4RI Swimming Lessons (4 of 6): pm	
Tuesday 18	Class 4RI Swimming Lessons (5 of 6): pm	
Tuesday 25	Class 4RI Swimming Lessons (6 of 6): pm	
w/b 31 May	Half Term Week	

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS are not scheduled for this term due to continued Bubble restrictions. Children still learn, eat, play and attend GClub in Bubbles. After school clubs may impact on Bubble integrity. We await the PM announcement in mid-May with the possibility of some clubs starting in Summer 2. If not, we are hopeful for the Autumn Term.

DROP OFFS AT SCHOOL We have an increasing number of instruments/PE kits/lunch box drop offs during the day. We would appreciate it if children organise themselves, at home, with the relevant items, to reduce footfall on the site.

PAULTONS PARK is all set for Thursday 6 May. We are very excited to be taking 202 children to the park. Thank you to our parents/carers for ensuring payments have been received for this childcare option whilst school is closed to polling. Please ensure that you have completed the Google Form consenting to your child attending. If you know you have paid and not received a form, please contact the office. Children are to arrive at school via the rear playground (see staggered times below) and make their way to their coach which will be numbered with their Year group. The class teachers will be at the bus entrance and will register your child as they enter the coach. Please ensure that your child has been to the toilet before arriving at school because there will be limited access to the school.

Year Group	Arrival at school	Bus Departure	ETA back at school	Collection Area
Year 6	08.55	09.05	17.00	Tables by classes
Year 5	08.55	09.05	16.45	Playground
Year 4	09.00	09.10	16.45	Field by bicycle shelter
Year 3	09.05	09.15	17.00	Blue GMG & picnic area

We will text you when we are leaving the park. Please be punctual to school and be tolerant if traffic delays us slightly. Children are to be collected from the areas identified above. We will need to manage social distancing so please, only one adult per child. Please be patient as we may need to stagger children's disembarkation and will do this as swiftly as possible.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT LEARNING AND RELATIONSHIPS AND SEX EDUCATION In March we sent home a Google Form regarding Personal Development Learning and Relationships and Sex Education at Gomer. We were required to consult with you on learning and teaching in this subject area. The form included our revised policies. The form closed on 28 April. Thank you to those of you who replied. Mrs Fry will respond to any queries that are raised.

REPORTING ABSENCE Thank you to parents/carers who are already using this system. A polite reminder to those who have not accessed this system yet, please report absence and lateness via our website form <https://gomer.gfmat.org/for-parents/attendance-matters/>. This system allows messages to be accessed and forwarded to members of staff immediately avoiding the possible crossing of bubbles.

SATs have not been scheduled for Year 6 by the government this year. The school are committed to ensuring pupils make progress throughout their learning journey at Gomer and can account for this accordingly. We will share attainment information with parents/carers in our annual reports (July) and liaise closely with secondary schools to inform them about Year 6 accordingly.

STRUGGLING at the moment?

Gosport School Pastors	Telephone support/mentoring/prayer	Karen Tweed	gosport@schoolpastors.org.uk 07773702836
Jacob's Well Store Cupboard	Food and home basics	n/a	02392 583050

STAFF MATTER Miss Chapman is getting married in half-term and will be known as Mrs Bateman after half-term. We wish Miss Chapman and her soon to be husband, every happiness in their marriage. We have also welcomed to the team some new faces to our support staff team. Miss Humphreys (a former pupil of Gomer Junior) joins Year 5, Mrs Flanagan joins Year 4 from another local school and we are delighted that Dee (Miss Hall) is supporting Year 3 in the afternoons in addition to her catering responsibilities. It is with sadness that we inform you Mrs Toone will be leaving us at the end of the term after 10 years of service to Gomer Junior School having joined us as a trainee. She is leaving to teach internationally. Mrs Toone thoroughly enjoys being in the classroom. Alongside her teaching commitment she has been involved with the Drama Club, established us as a Beach School, taught in upper and lower school, been a Phase Leader and a generally all round lovely colleague whom the team, big and small are very fond of. We are going to miss Mrs Toone very much and wish her every happiness. Mrs Toone's departure has been the catalyst for a staffing structure review and year groups will be taught by the following members of staff in September:

Year Group	Teachers	
Year 3	Mrs Bateman (3SB)	Mrs Gardner (3EG)
Year 4	Mrs Wilden (4VW)	Mrs Wheal (4LW)
Year 5	Mrs Fry (5LF)	Mrs Thurston and Mrs Carré (Wednesdays) (5TC)
Year 6	Miss Ingram (6RI)	Mr Merrifield (6AM)
	Mrs Guyett-Smith (Mon-Thurs mornings)	

SWIMMING for Year 4 continues, 4RI have loved the sessions so far and 4LF can look forward to this after half-term. When we wrote to you and created a website post we thought children had to wear a swimming cap. The Brune Park filters do not make this essential. But, children can of course wear a cap and they may like to do so, especially girls, to help keep hair dry.

TRANSITION Transition is a major event not only for a young person but also for the family members that support their child. It is therefore our aim to ensure that the transition journey is enjoyable, informative and exciting. A move to a new school and organisation is a significant time for any family. For some, transition will be an exciting time. For others, this will be a time of nervousness. Our Year 2s will receive a warm welcome and opportunities to learn more about us, our approach and have opportunities to preview KS2 learning. Our Year 6 will be supported. For those staying with the GFM they will remain in our 'school family' and for those attending other schools their journey will be supported by us too. For those transition to a new year group, there will be opportunities to meet the new teacher and learn a little about what life will be like in the new year groups.

TUCASI is making a return. Arbor has not quite provided us with the ease we had hoped for so we will return to Tucasi for any school payments but use Arbor for reporting. More information to follow before the end of the academic year.

YOU SAID/WE DID The idea to visit Paultons Park was a really good one because visits have been suspended this past year, the visit was affordable and it helped with childcare enormously. In the event we are used for polling again, we will consider an optional whole school off-site visit if this helps our families.