

GASC Newsletter

Taflen Newyddion GASC

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Welcome

The new year is well underway and the hubbub of Christmas seems a long time ago. Hopefully the weather will improve with the evenings drawing out.

Funds Raised

Our thanks to all who helped to make our fund raising a success. The money raised, £799, over the Christmas period will be used to buy an outside football table and cover but we are waiting for better weather before the table is purchased.

St Peter's Church donated a cheque for £266 to GASC for which we are very grateful. This money will be used to enhance our outside space and replace broken items.

Staff Numbers

GASC is regulated by the Care Inspectorate of Wales (CIW) and for GASC to operate safely and within the regulations there is a minimum number of staff that must be on duty depending on the number of children present. The regulations state that there must be at least 2 members of staff present at all times. The minimum ratio for children aged 3 up to 8 is 1 member of staff to 8 children and for children aged 8 to 12 the ratio is 1 member of staff to 10 children. These regulations are legally binding so every effort is taken by GASC to maintain the correct ratios, to keep the children safe and to meet their individual needs. The mix of children's ages varies from day to day so a ratio of 1:8 is the aim.

For example, 24 children require 3 members of staff, but if 25 attend an extra member of staff is required.

New Committee

Lisa Knowles has stepped down as chair at the AGM on the 3rd of December 2019. The new chair is Mike Page, Rhi Pollard is the vice-chair, Kate Morris is still the secretary, Kate Sheppard is still the treasurer and Jo Child is an ordinary member.

Children's Committee

The children's committee at GASC have written a letter and taken photographs of Jack & Jills building and sent them to Monmouthshire County Council pointing out the state of the building and asking them to do something about it.

February Half Term

GASC's Holiday Club will be open for 5 days during February half term from Monday 17th to Friday 21st of February. Your child will need a packed lunch.

INSET Day

Friday the 27th of March is the next INSET day at the school. GASC's All Day Club will be open from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm.. Your child will need a packed lunch.

Easter Holiday Dates

GASC's Holiday Club will be open for 4 days during the Easter holidays from Monday 6th to Thursday 9th of April.

Coach Trip

GASC's next coach trip will be to Weymouth on Saturday May 16th 2020. Leaving from school Lane. Cost £15 per adult, £10 per child.



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Swishing Party

In conjunction with Goytre WI, GASC is hoping to hold a swishing party sometime later on this year. This is an event we are looking forward to as the last swishing party held by GASC in April 2017 was a very enjoyable evening.

Theme

The spring term theme is "All About Me". The children will have various activities available to explore such as writing about themselves, e.g. their favourite things and dislikes, drawing their faces, etc. This is to help the children to learn about each other and about themselves, making them realise that they are unique.

Much of the children's work will be displayed on the display board in the entrance room of the community centre.

Donations

GASC receives many donations of junk for our modelling table plus games. GASC would like to thank all parents for thinking of us.

Secretary's Column

A belated Happy New Year to all our families at GASC. We have had a busy half term as ever and have now started to plan the spring and summer at GASC. We were lucky enough to receive a donation from St Peter's Church and plan to use this money over the next few months to enhance our outside space. Outside play time is so important to us at GASC and we hope to make the areas outside engaging for all our children.

After last year's success we would like to plan another spring outside clean up and any offer of help would be much appreciated. If you have any suggestions on how you feel the outside space could be enhanced please let us know.

Moving forward we have started planning our summer trip. We would love to see as many families as friends as possible on our trip and it hopes to be another successful day out.

Thank you for your ongoing support for GASC.

Wool

Have you any wool you don't need? GASC would welcome having it to make pom-poms

Dates for Your Diary

February Half Term,
Holiday Club

Monday 17th of February to
Friday 21st of February
(5 days)

INSET Day,
All Day Club

Friday 27th of March
(Please note the change of date)

Easter

Holiday Club

Monday 6th of April to
Thursday 9th of April
(4 days)

May day

GASC IS CLOSED

N.B. May Day in 2020 has been moved from Monday the 4th of May to Friday the 8th of May to coincide with the VE Day celebrations.

Spring Bank Holiday

GASC IS CLOSED

Summer Break,

Holiday Club:

Monday 20th of July to
Friday 14th of August
(4 weeks)

There are separate Holiday Club and All Day Club booking forms and please remember that you child needs a packed lunch for these clubs.

Enquiries

All enquiries to: Joan Howells, Senior Play Leader, GASC, School Lane, Penperlleni, Nr Pontypool, Monmouthshire, NP4 0AH. Telephone (01873) 880342 Mobile 07855 706173

Opening Times

Before School Club

7.30 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. Cost £3.30

After School Club

3.30 to 6:00 p.m. Cost £6.60.

All Day Club

7:30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

half a day (5 hours) £13.20
school day £16.50
full day £19.80 .

Holiday Club

8:00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

half a day (5 hours) £13.20
school day £16.50
full day £19.80 .

Staff

Senior Play Leader

Joan Howells

Deputy Play Leader

Sarah Sims

Play Leader

Diane Griffiths

Trainee Play Leaders

Caroline James

Catering Assistant and Play leader

Linda Robinson

Committee

Chair

Mike Page

Vice-chair

Rhianne Pollard

Secretary

Kate Morris

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Kate Sheppard

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