



GILBERT COLVIN NEWSLETTER



Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen | 15 December 2023

HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Happy New Year to all of the Gilbert Colvin Community and a warm welcome back! We have been thinking about how to get parents into school a little more so next week, we will be releasing the dates for a series of parent workshops for you to attend this term, all preceded by a chance to have a hot drink and a chat with me. Further details will follow next week. Have a lovely weekend.

KEY DATES

Library Visits:



23rd January - 5TR
24th January - 5N
25th January - 4A
30th January - 4P
31st January - 3W
1st February - 3G
6th February - 6T
8th February - 2T

15th-19th January
Bikeability Year 6
19th - 23rd February
HALF TERM

RECEPTION ADMISSION APPLICATIONS 2024

The 2024-25 Reception admission applications deadline is fast approaching and remember, even if your child has a sibling already at Gilbert Colvin, you still need to apply online at Redbridge Council's website. Online applications are quick and easy to do and instructions can be found here:

<https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/primary-school-admissions/>
The deadline is Monday 15th January 2024.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance w/b 8th January 2024:

Reception - 94.19%
Year 1 - 92.6%
Year 2 - 95.67%
Year 3 - 94.51%
Year 4 - 94.33%
Year 5 - 96.19%
Year 6 - 94.71%

Attendance is looking better after the holidays; however, not every class has reached the government target of 95%.



ATTENDANCE

Please may we remind you that the school gates open at 8.45 am and children should be in the classroom for registration by 9.00 am.

The Educational Welfare Officer will be engaging with parents/carers of children who are persistently late for school.

In addition, we have noticed an increase in the number of children being collected late at the end of the school day. If your child is picked up late more than once during a $\frac{1}{2}$ term you will be issued with a penalty notice (£15 charge for every 15 minutes or part thereof).

High attendance levels are very important to us at Gilbert Colvin Primary School. We therefore ask that, where possible, children are not taken out of school for routine appointments such as dental check-ups or optician's appointments as these can usually be arranged after school, during school holidays or at the weekend.

Thank you for working in partnership with us.

