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## Newsletter 1- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

### Return to school



It has been wonderful to welcome all our children and our staff back to school following the summer break. Our children have settled in exceptionally well and it has been so lovely to meet all our new F2 children and families. We also welcome a number of children (in different year groups) who have joined us at the start of term. We hope that they will soon feel very much part of our Gayton family as they settle into the new school year.

### Flooding update:

As previously shared, on Thursday two of our classrooms (Year 3 & Year 5) were flooded during the torrential rain. Unfortunately (over the weekend period) it has become evident there is more damage to the flooring than perhaps was originally anticipated. Therefore the flooring is going to need to be repaired and the carpet replaced in both classrooms.

We are hopeful that the contractors will be on site on Monday to begin the work and they hope to have this completed within a week. In the meantime, Year 3 and Year 5 will continue to be taught in the computer suite (Y3) and the hall (Y5). Our Y3 & Y5 children have demonstrated amazing resilience having to cope with these changes so early on in the school term and we are so proud of them all.

Many thanks to all our parents for your support whilst the office was closed last week and with offers of support following the flooding- it was very much appreciated.

### Staffing update:

We are very pleased to welcome Miss Nicholls (our new Y6 teacher) and Mrs Wright (job share with Mrs Daly in Y2). We also welcome Mrs Prichard who will be working in F2 every Friday. We are also in the process of recruiting an additional teaching assistant who will be working in Year 1 in the morning periods. We are very pleased to have two School Direct students who will be working with us. Mr Manning will be based in Year 5 and Miss Morris is based in Year 1.

Mrs Longworth has sadly resigned as she has been offered another job with an accountancy company. Mrs Longworth has been a huge part of our Gayton family for over 9 years and will be sorely missed. Her last day of work will be Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021, but following this date she will still be with us for some days as she will be providing some additional cover until we fully appoint someone new for the office.

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### **Paralympian visit to school:**

We are very excited to announce that we will have Stuart Robinson – a Paralympian wheelchair rugby athlete - in school on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021**. Stuart will be leading a sponsored fitness circuit with each class as well as a whole school assembly to encourage children to pursue their passion in life.

This Friday, we will be launching this event with the children in an assembly and they will bring home a paper based sponsorship form. There will also be an option for parents to complete the sponsorship online.

A percentage of the money raised from this event goes to Sports for Schools to help support and promote athletes and school will also be able to purchase sport equipment which can be used in our PE lessons as well as at break times and lunchtimes. We really think our children will benefit so much from meeting Stuart and taking part in this wonderful fun event.

### **Communication with teachers:**

If you need to contact your child's class teacher, you will be able to see them on the gates at the end of the school day. If not, you can email the school office via: [schooloffice@gayton.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@gayton.wirral.sch.uk) and the teacher will get back to you as soon as possible.

### **Homework:**

Homework will commence on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021**.

All homework (Years 1-6) can be viewed via Google Classroom. We will ensure that we send home your child's login details for Google Classroom as every year we have to archive the old class and set up their new class. As a consequence of this, the children have a different class code.



If you are struggling with accessing Google Classroom, please contact the school office and the office staff will be able to support you.

Your child will also have login details for other programmes that we use in school e.g. TT Rockstars (Y3-6). These passwords will be shared in your child's reading record so that they have constant access to them. There are bound to be some issues initially with passwords etc for some of these sites and if this is the case, please just contact the school office and let us know.

For F2 pupils, Mrs Such will set some activities via Tapestry. Parents will need to log in to your child's account in order to see the activities that have been set.

### **Covid-19**

If your child has covid-19 and they are having to self-isolate, we will provide work for them via Google Classroom. For the 1<sup>st</sup> day of absence they will need to complete the day 1 activities which staff will already have uploaded to Google Classroom. From the 2<sup>nd</sup> day, staff will upload work for your child to complete via Google Classroom. If your child is in F2, Mrs Such will provide activities for your child via Tapestry.



Please note that we will not provide work for children who are off school because they are ill with anything other than covid-19.

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### **OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)**

We are looking for donations of pots, pans, baking trays and wooden spoons for our outdoor development. We are also looking for donations of oversized shirts/ t-shirts that the children can wear when they are in the mud kitchen area. If you have any of these things, please drop them off at the school office. We are very grateful for any donations received.

### **Wellies**

We would like all our children to have a pair of wellies in school so that they can play across the whole school site. Thank you to those parents who have sent wellies into school so far. At the moment, F2- Y2 are storing their wellies in the poly-tunnel and will be able to get changed into and out of their wellies in this area. This is a short term solution as in the long term, we would like to use our poly tunnel for its intended purpose.



Our KS2 children will be storing their wellies on their coat pegs at the current time but again we are working with the PTA to look at longer term solutions with the introduction of welly sheds on the school playground.

### **Curriculum information session for parents**

We will be holding curriculum information sessions for parents during week commencing **4<sup>th</sup> October 2021**. We are planning on holding these in the school hall so that we are in a larger ventilated space and we can spread parents out a bit more than in a classroom. We are asking that where possible only one parent attends as this will also reduce the numbers of people on site.

We really hope that parents will be able to attend as important information about the curriculum relevant to your child's year group will be shared during these sessions. We will be asking parents to register their interest in attending these sessions and will send out a Google form nearer the time just so we know who will be attending.

An overview of the sessions is outlined below:

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 6:00pm- 7:00pm in the school hall- Year 5 & 6**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 6:00pm- 7:00pm in the school hall- Year 1 & 2**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 6:00pm- 7:00pm in the school hall- Year 3 & 4**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 6:00pm-7:00pm in the school hall- F2**

### **Labelling of clothing:**

Please can all parents ensure that all jumpers/cardigans and coats have name labels in them. We are trying really hard to reunite children with lost/forgotten items on a daily basis but it is very hard when they are not labelled.

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## Use of the school car park and parking in the local area.

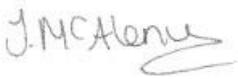


Please can I remind all parents that the school car park should not be used for dropping off or collecting children either before or after school. This car park is intended for the use of school staff only and traffic needs to be kept to a minimum as we have children and families walking through the car park to access the S4YC before and after school club provision.

Please can I request that all parents park considerately when dropping off and collecting their child from school. Please do not block the drive ways of our neighbours as it is inconsiderate and causes disruption for our local residents. I have received two phone calls last week reporting inconsiderate parking by parents so please can everyone park with care and consideration for our children and our neighbours.

Thank you for your continued support,

Kind regards,



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**Key Dates:**

Date	Event
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Homework commences
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	11+ Assessments
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	11+ Assessments
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	Full Governing Board meeting at 6:00pm
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2021	Paralympian Stuart Robinson visits school – Sponsorship event.
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Curriculum information evening for parents 6:00pm- 7:00pm (School hall) – Year 5 & 6
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Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Curriculum information evening for parents 6:00pm- 7:00pm (School hall) – F2
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	School Census day
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Cross Country at Birkenhead Park (Upper Park) 4:15pm (Y4-Y6) Further information to follow.
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Portrait Photographs (Individual)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Provisional Parents' Evening- arrangements and dates to be confirmed.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Provisional Parents' Evening- arrangements and dates to be confirmed.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2021	Arrowe Park – Cross country at 4:15pm (Y4-Y6) Further information to follow.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021	Flu nasal vaccine day (F2- Year 6) – Parents will need to provide e-consent for this.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021	Break up today for half term holiday
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2021- Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Half term holiday
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021	Inset Day- School closed to all pupils.
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2021	Children return to school.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2021 – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Bikeability (Y6) – Further information to follow.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2021- Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Bikeability (Y5) – Further information to follow
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Children in Need Day- Children can wear their own clothes on this day for a small donation to Children in Need.
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Full Governing Board meeting at 6:00pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Break up today at 2:30pm for Christmas holiday.

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