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Dear Parents & Carers,

PTA

Many thanks to all the parents who came along to the PTA AGM meeting on Wednesday night. It was wonderful to see so many people there and it really will make a significant difference to the PTA if more people do come along regularly to our PTA meetings. The next PTA meeting will take place on **Monday 11th November at 7:15pm** at school so please come along if you are able to do so.

I would like to say a very big thank you to the previous PTA committee for all their hard work and efforts in fundraising for all the children at Gayton. I hope that, although they may have stepped down, they will still be able to offer their experience and expertise to our new committee.

Parents' Evening:

Thank you to all the parents who have booked their parents' evening slot. If you haven't done so, please do make sure that you do book a session. It is really important that staff get to speak to every child's parents and that you get the opportunity to come and see your child's work and find out about how they are progressing in school.



Reminder of dates:

Wednesday 23rd October 2019 3:30pm-7:00pm

Thursday 24th October 2019 3:30pm-7:00pm

If you require any support with making a booking, please do contact the school office and they will be able to help you.

Letter Join- Handwriting scheme home access



The Letter Join details have been sent home via email so your child should now be able to access this at home. Please do encourage them to have a go at practising their handwriting at home as a little bit of practice can make a huge difference. It has been wonderful to see the difference in handwriting across the school and I hope that at parents' evening you will be able to see the difference in your own child's books.

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Harvest Celebration Donations:

Many thanks to everyone for the donations that were sent into school for the harvest celebration. We managed to collect 150 kilograms of food and have received a certificate of appreciation from Wirral Foodbank. Thank you to everyone for your generosity and kindness.

Eco-team- fundraising idea.

Our Eco-team have come up with a brilliant way to help early pollinators. They would like to plant some snowdrops in the school grounds. Therefore, in order to raise some money for this project, they have come up with their own unique way of raising funds to buy some snowdrops.



We would like you to make a headband over half term which features plants or animals. Please don't buy one as we don't want to create more waste packaging. On **Friday 8th November 2019** you can wear them to school for a small donation towards our snowdrop fund.



We can't wait to see all the creative designs! And remember please don't buy one as we don't want to create more waste packaging.

School Council

Our School Council have been working on a presentation policy for all the children in the school so that all children understand the expectations with regards to the presentation and standards of handwriting. They have also been looking at how we can timetable the use of the assault course fairly across the school.



The School Council have had lots of requests from children in their classes for a cake sale to be held in school. Therefore, we have agreed to have a cake sale on **Monday 4th November 2019**. This will take place in the school day at break time. The money raised will be donated to the RSPCA. The School Council have agreed that it would be better to ask if children from Years 2, 3 & 4 provide the cakes for the sale on this occasion so that we don't have too many and then next time they will ask children from other year groups to bake the cakes. Therefore, if your child is in these year groups please do send some cakes into school for our cake sale on **Monday 4th November 2019**.

Halloween Disco

The PTA are organising a Halloween disco on **Wednesday 6th November 2019 from 5:00pm-6:15pm**. If your child would like to attend, please make your payment via Parent Pay.

Dogs on the playground

Please can I remind all parents that dogs are not permitted on the school playground.



Sports Hall Athletics Event

Our Y5 & 6 Sports Hall Athletics team thoroughly enjoyed the event on Wednesday after school with an inter-school competition with Black Horse Hill. There was lots of fun and enjoyment whilst participating in a range of different Sports Hall athletics events. Huge thanks to Ms Fletcher and Mr Roberts for making this event possible.

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Cross Country

Well done to all the children who participated in the cross country event last Thursday at Higher Bebington Park. It was another wet event but we still had a brilliant turnout despite the weather conditions and our girls' team came 4th overall. Well done to everyone who participated! And thanks to Mrs Jones for going along to support the event.

Tranmere Rovers EFL Kids Cup Tournament

Our Y5/6 football team played at Bebington High Astro as part of the Tranmere Rovers EFL Kids Tournament. They showed brilliant determination and lost 2 matches but drew 1 and they also kept going in dreadful weather conditions. Many thanks to three of our Year 5 children who stepped in to play within the tournament and thank you to Gordon Longworth for coaching the team as well as Mrs Daly and Miss Hudson who went along to cheer on the team!

Volunteers in school:



Our volunteer procedures have been updated to ensure the highest standards of safeguarding for all our pupils. We will now be seeking two references for all our regular volunteers as well as completing a DBS check. This is recommended as good practice with regards to safeguarding. As part of this, we will also be requesting that all volunteers read some key safeguarding documents (prior to commencing) to ensure that they are fully aware of safeguarding responsibilities when working alongside children. These will be emailed to you and then parents will need to sign to record that they have read them. These procedures will apply to all volunteers who help out regularly within school. If you are interested in volunteering in school, please do contact the school office as your help and time is very much appreciated!

Rotary Shoe Boxes – Spread a little happiness!

This year, we are taking part in the Rotary shoe box scheme. Boxes can be purchased from the office for £2.00 which covers the transport cost. The boxes need to be filled and then returned to school where they will be collected by the Rotary club and then sent to a baby/child/teenager or older person living in Eastern Europe.

In our assembly (this week) the children watched a video of some children receiving the boxes and could clearly see the happiness that these boxes can bring to families and children who perhaps wouldn't ordinarily receive a present at Christmas time.



School Car Park

Please can we remind all parents to make sure that you closely supervise your child when dropping off and collecting them from S4YC. I have seen lots of children and parents walking on the grass verges, which helps, but ultimately the children do need to walk through the car park which is always busy before and after school so please just make sure you are closely supervising them. Please can I remind all parents that you shouldn't be using the school car park in order to drop off and collect children from S4YC.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards

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