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Newsletter 3- 14th October 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

Barnstondale Residential (Y4)

Our Year 4 children had a wonderful time at Barnstondale last week. They were involved in a whole range of activities including: archery, rifle shooting, search and rescue, fire lighting, orienteering, nightline, obstacle course, climbing and abseiling. They thoroughly enjoyed their time spent at the centre and enjoyed the whole overnight experience. We are incredibly proud of them all as for many of the children this was the first time they have stayed away from home.

A huge thank you to Miss Sothern, Mrs Roe and Mrs Little for giving up their time to make the residential possible. We know that our children will have made many happy memories and it is lovely for Year 4 to have this at the start of the year as well.



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Cross country event- Arrowe Park- 6th October 2022 (Y5 & Y6)

Well done to all our cross country runners who took part in the race at Arrowe Park on Thursday 6th October 2022. Huge thanks to Miss Hudson for attending the event as well. Our next event is taking place on Thursday 20th October at Birkenhead Park. We will send out a Google form so that parents can register their children for the event (Y4- Y6).



Wirral Sports Forum Awards- Finalist in the Primary School Team of the Year.

We attended a special awards ceremony on 13th October 2022 as our 2022 Y6 cricket team were nominated as **Primary School Team of the Year**. This is a huge achievement just to be nominated as only four Wirral Primary Schools were put forward. Our team were recognised for their positivity, team spirit, enthusiasm and fair play attitudes. It was lovely to meet up with some of our ex pupils and they thoroughly enjoyed the event.



Asda Foundation Green Token Giving- Vote for Gayton!

Our PTA have managed to get our school nominated as part of the Asda Foundation Green Token Giving Online voting through the Bromborough Store.



Parents can vote for our school by visiting www.asda.com/green-tokens and selecting Bromborough from the dropdown box. You can vote once every seven days, so please remember to return and re-vote in the following weeks.

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There are three causes nominated. The voting is open now and will close at midnight on Saturday 31st December 2022. The cause with the most online votes will receive a £500.00 donation with second place receiving £400.00 and third place £300.00. All the money will be put towards our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning developments). Please spread the message and try and help us to get more votes.

Parents' Evening appointments:

Parents' Evening bookings opened on **Monday 10th October 2022**. If you have not yet booked an appointment, please login and book an appointment. If you need your e-school details, please contact the school office.

Parents' evening is taking place on **Tuesday 18th October 2022 from 3:40pm- 7:00pm and Wednesday 19th October 2022 from 3:40pm- 7:00pm.**

Please remember that appointments are taking place face to face. All parents will be asked to wait in the hall until you are called by the teacher for your appointment. Parents should enter via the main entrance to school.

The clubs that take place after school on Tuesday and Wednesday will still be taking place but will be in the computer suite.



OPAL enhancements- Parents needed.

We are looking for some parents who would be able to volunteer some of their time during half term on **Monday 24th October 2022 from 9:00am- 1:00pm**. We are looking to make some raised beds, some pallet seating and need help to dig out some pathways, amongst other things. If anyone has any power tools/drills etc that they can bring with them this would be very helpful. We don't mind if children attend, but this would be on the basis that parents are responsible for supervising them. We would obviously have access to toilets and would be able to provide hot drinks. If you are able to help, even if just for an hour, please can you email the school office so we can make a list of parental volunteers. Your time would be very much appreciated. We will confirm with the parents that volunteer that we are going ahead as we will need quite a few volunteers.



Writing workshops:

We are offering the chance for parents to come into school for writing workshops on the following dates:

***Wednesday 9th November- F2, Y1 and Y2 parents (9:00am- 10:15am)**

***Thursday 10th November – Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 parents (9:00am- 10:15am)**

Parents who have children in more than one class will be able to move between classes on the morning. Parents are free to pop in for 10 minutes or stay for the 45 minute session.



Mental Health Support for children.



We now have some mental health practitioners working in school on a weekly basis. This service is provided by the NHS and is aimed at supporting pupils with low-level mental health concerns.

We are able to refer children into the service with parental consent. However, we aren't always aware of children who may benefit from the support of the mental health practitioners as sometimes children can present and behave very differently in school compared to home. If you think your child might benefit from this service, please contact Mrs McAleny at school and we can

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add your child to the waiting list or just provide some further information to help you make a decision as to whether it may benefit your child.

Wirral Sandbox



The Wirral Sandbox website includes lots of useful information for professionals and parents to use when working with children to discuss mental health.

<https://wirralsandbox.com/>

Mental Health Crisis Helpline

As part of the NHS Cheshire and Wirral Partnership there is a crisis helpline available which families can use if they are in need of urgent mental health support. Anyone can call and they will be able to speak to a mental health operative who will triage the call and signpost appropriately. We have some key chains available in the school office area with the key information on from the service. Parents are welcome to pop in to the reception area to collect one. The phone number for this service is 0800 145 6485.

Y6 SAT meeting & Robinwood Residential meeting for parents.

We will be holding a Y6 SAT meeting and Robinwood Residential meeting on **Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 6:30pm**. We would encourage all Y6 parents to attend as important information will be shared. If you are unable to make alternative childcare arrangements, children can attend.



OPAL- Wellies/old trainers:

Due to the volume of rain we have had recently, our school field is now quite muddy. Therefore, please ensure that your child has a pair of wellies or old trainers in school. Children will now not be permitted to go on the field unless they have wellies or old trainers as this also prevents mud/sand and dirt being brought back into school.



All-in-one suits for play in the sand pit.

We have now purchased waterproof all-in-one suits that the children can use at lunchtimes when accessing the sandpit. We are aware that the sand pit, in particular, is very wet at the moment so this will help to protect the clothing of children and keep them dry. We have purchased enough of these for use across the school in a range of different sizes.

Communication with teachers:

If you need to contact your child's class teacher, you will be able to see them at the gates at the end of the school day. If not, you can email the school office via: schooloffice@gayton.wirral.sch.uk and the teacher will get back to you as soon as possible. Please remember that teachers are teaching all day and it may not be possible for them to call you back until the end of the school day.

Applications for F2 places for 2023-2024

Online applications are now open for any parents with children who are due to start in September 2023. Parents have until midnight on 15th January 2023 to make their application. Please ensure that if you have a sibling, you tick the sibling box on the application form. If anyone knows of any local families who may be interested in their child starting at Gayton next academic year, please ask them to call the school office as we are currently offering tours for new intake families, but places must be booked via the office.

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Labelling of clothing:

Many thanks to all the parents that have taken time to label your child's clothing for the return to school. We have already been able to reunite children with lots of items of lost property as they have been labelled; it really does make a huge difference so thank you!

Thank you for your continued support,

Kind regards,



Mrs McAleny

Key Dates:

Date	Event
Monday 17 th October 2022	Individual and family photographs – All children to wear school uniform and Y2, Y4 & Y5 to bring their PE kit to school in a bag to get changed into.
Tuesday 18 th October 2022	Parents' Evening- 3:40pm- 7:00pm – Face to face please wait in the school hall.
Wednesday 19 th October 2022	Parents' Evening- 3:40pm- 7:00pm- Face to face please wait in the school hall.
Thursday 20 th October 2022	Cross Country at Birkenhead Park 4:15pm (Y4-Y6) Google form to be sent home for parents to register their child.
Friday 21 st October 2022	PTA Non-school uniform day- donation to PTA via Parent Pay.
Friday 21 st October 2022	Break up today for half term holiday.
Monday 24 th October 2022	Parent volunteers needed to support with making some items for our OPAL project from 9:00am- 1:00pm. If you are able to help, please email the school office.
Monday 31 st October 2022	Inset Day – Children not in school.
Tuesday 1 st November 2022	Children return to school today.
Wednesday 2 nd November 2022	Prospective parents' tour (2023-2024 intake) @ 11:00am. Please contact the school office to book on.
Monday 7 th November 2022	Bike Right (Year 5) all week. – Further information to follow.
Wednesday 9 th November 2022	Writing workshops for parents (F2, Y1 & Y2) at 9:00am- 10:15am.
Thursday 10 th November 2022	Writing workshop for parents (KS2) at 9:00am- 10:15am.
Wednesday 16 th November 2022	Hope Journey – Y6 @Heswall Methodist Church. 9:00am- 12:00pm.

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Thursday 17 th November 2022	Flu nasal immunisation day (F2- Y6) Parents will need to provide E-consent for this.
Friday 18 th November 2022	Children in Need Day- Children can wear their own clothes on this day for a small donation to Children in Need.
Tuesday 29 th November 2022	Governing Board Committee meetings: 6:00pm- Curriculum & Standards. 7:00pm- Resources
Week commencing 5 th December 2022	Autumn term clubs finish this week.
Wednesday 7 th December 2022	Year 2 to visit Heswall Methodist Church. ' Meet the characters of the Christmas Story' AM only
Thursday 8 th December 2022	Y6 trip to Western Approaches- WW2 (Liverpool)
Wednesday 14 th December 2022	F2, Y1 & Y2- Nativity performance for parents @9:30am. (2 tickets per family for either one of the performances)
Wednesday 14 th December 2022	KS2 Christmas Carol service at St Peter's Church at 6:00pm.
Thursday 15 th December 2022	F2, Y1 & Y2- Nativity performance for parents @9:30am (2 tickets per family for either one of the performances)
Tuesday 20 th December 2022	Break up today at 2:30pm for Christmas holiday.
Wednesday 4 th January 2023	Inset day- Children not in school.
Thursday 5 th January 2023	Children return to school.

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