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Newsletter 16- 28th January 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

Ofsted Report



Our Ofsted report was sent out separately to all parents yesterday following our inspection on the **17th & 18th December 2019**. It will be published on the Ofsted website on Friday 31st January 2020 but can be downloaded via our website at the current time by clicking on the information tab.

The report is a reflection of the incredible hard work and dedication of our staff, governors and most importantly our children. We are very much still at the beginning of our school improvement journey, but our recent Ofsted is confirmation that the recent changes implemented at Gayton are beginning to have impact and that we are strengthening the quality of teaching and learning. I can assure you that we are already working on the areas of development identified within the report and will continue to strive to provide the highest standards of attainment, achievement and personal growth for all our pupils. Many thanks to you as parents, for all your support and positive comments which were shared with the inspection team. I am incredibly grateful to parents for your support and I am looking forward to continuing to work in partnership with you all.

Writing workshops for parents and children:

Please come along to our writing workshops for parents and children tomorrow (Wednesday 29th January at 6:00pm).



This is an overview of the workshops taking place on this evening:

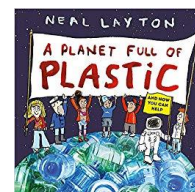
F2	Mrs Such's classroom
Y1	Miss Nederloff's classroom
Y2	Mrs Daly's classroom
Y3 & 4	Miss Hudson's classroom
Y5 & 6	Mrs Jones' classroom

We hope that as many parents and children will be able to attend in order to support you further in understanding the writing process and to increase awareness of the standards expected for each year group. There will be some practical writing activities for you to join in with in relation to the writing process.

Please note that parents will only be able to visit one workshop on the evening as we are not able to repeat the workshops.

Wirral Science Under the Stars:

Many thanks to all the families who came along to the Wirral Science Under the Stars event at Heswall Primary school last Thursday. This was a wonderful event showcasing a whole variety of science activities to inspire young minds as well as providing a wealth of ideas for children on how they can help the environment. The video 'A Planet Full of Plastics' based on the book by Neal Layton premiered at the event and is a collaboration between 6 of the schools within our federation. The video truly is a wonderful way of spreading the message about ways in which everyone can help the planet and can be viewed here: <https://vimeo.com/385848409>



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Number Day- Friday 7th February 2020 for the NSPCC.



This year we will be participating in Number day on Friday 7th February 2020. This is a national event aimed at supporting the work of the NSPCC as well as promoting maths. We will be taking part in 'Dress up for Digits' and pupils will be invited to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or anything with a number).

Alternatively if your child prefers, they can come dressed up as a rock star as we are going to be re-launching the use of Times Table Rockstars. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of £2.00 and we would like everyone in the school to take part in this special day. During the school day, your child will be participating in lots of maths and number fun at school.

Wirral Commemoration of Holocaust Memorial Day.

Tomorrow (Wednesday 29th January 2020) our Year 6 children will be visiting the Floral Pavilion to take part in The Wirral's Commemoration of Holocaust Event entitled '**Stand Together**'. We are one of only 10 primary schools on the Wirral who are attending this event and the children will have the opportunity to hear a first-hand account from Lady Milena Grenfell-Baines- a Holocaust Survivor. This will link to their history curriculum where they have studied World War 2. There is no doubt that this will be an incredibly poignant experience for the children but it really is vital that children today are educated about the Holocaust so that future generations understand the Holocaust and reflect upon its consequences.

Eco – team update:

Our Eco-team are now focusing on food waste. The team are aware of the amount of food waste generated in school and want to do something about it. Yesterday, they delivered an assembly to the whole school outlining the global effects and consequences of food waste. They've launched a poster competition encouraging pupils to design posters which promote the reduction of food waste.



Every day they will be weighing the amount of food waste generated by the children at lunchtime and are hoping to see a reduction as more children become aware of the importance of not wasting food. Next week, the team will be visiting Mrs Lewis (our Head Cook) to find out how she tries to reduce food waste and packaging waste. We can't wait to see the impact of all their plans! Will we be able to reduce the amount of food waste generated at Gayton?



Spring term Parents' Evening- Wednesday & Thursday 12th & 13th February 2020

Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday and Thursday 12th & 13th February 2020 from 3:30pm- 7:00pm. Parents will be able to book an appointment via the ESchools app from Tuesday 4th February 2020 when bookings will go live. Please do come along and meet with your child's class teacher as important information regarding your child's progress will be shared on this evening.

Parking in the local area:

It has been brought to my attention that there are issues with parking in the vicinity of the school. I would like to encourage all parents to ensure that they park with consideration and ensure that they are not parking on double yellow lines or the zig zags or across the driveways of our local residents.



Our school council will be discussing this issue and will be looking at ways in which we may be able to tackle this problem. We have already arranged for PC Alison Inman to visit school on Wednesday 12th February 2020 to launch a road safety competition involving all our federation schools. Further information will be sent out regarding this in the very near future.

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Please can I remind all parents that the school car park is for staff use only and should not be used by parents when dropping off or picking up their child from S4YC.

Lockdown Procedures

During this week, we will be having a lockdown practice as part of school Health and Safety Regulations. This is common practice in all schools and ensures that our children know what to do in an emergency situation. All Years 1-6 will already be familiar with the procedures as they have practised these in previous years but it is vital that all children are constantly reminded of what to do in the case of a lockdown. All class teachers will be talking to the children about the lockdown practice this week and we tell the children that we are concentrating on lockdown in case of smoke or high levels of emissions in the local area.

Midday assistant vacancy:

We have now filled our midday assistant vacancy. Many thanks to parents for spreading the word across our local community that we were looking to fill this position.

Below, we have updated the calendar dates for term and these will be added to as we progress through the term.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Date	Event
Tuesday 28 th January 2020	Full Governors' meeting at 6:00pm.
Wednesday 29 th January 2020	Y6 to participate in the Wirral commemoration of the Holocaust. 'Stand Together' at the Floral Pavilion (1:00pm-3:30pm).
Wednesday 29 th January 2020	F2- Y6 Writing workshops for parents. Children & parents can attend @6:00pm.
Thursday 30 th January 2020	Futsal competition (Y3 & 4) AM
Thursday 30 th January 2020	Chinese New Year lunch- see separate menu.
Tuesday 4 th February 2020	Bookings open for parents' evening via Eschools App.
Wednesday 5 th February 2020	Disco 3:20pm-5:00pm. Children can bring clothes to get changed into.
Thursday 6 th February 2020	Y5 Class assembly at 2:40pm- 3:15pm – parents welcome.
Thursday 6 th February 2020	PTA- Krispy Kreme donut sale outside school at 3:30pm.
Friday 7 th February 2020	Number Day in support of NSPCC
Wednesday 12 th February 2020	Parents' Evening- 3:30pm- 7:00pm- bookings will open on 4 th February.
Wednesday 12 th February 2020	PC Alison Inman to visit school to launch road safety competition involving all federation schools.
Thursday 13 th February 2020	Y6 visit to Crucial Crew (AM)
Thursday 13 th February 2020	Parents' Evening- 3:30pm- 7:00pm- bookings will open on 4 th February.
Friday 14 th February 2020	PTA - Break the rules day
Friday 14 th February 2020	Break up for half term holiday.
Half Term	
Monday 24 th February 2020	Children return to school
Monday 24 th February 2020	Y5 Robinwood meeting for parents and children @9:00am.
Tuesday 25 th February 2020	Y2 class assembly 2:40pm- 3:15pm- parents welcome
Thursday 27 th February 2020	KS2 Inclusive Tri-Golf event @ The Hive, Wirral
Thursday 27 th February 2020	4:00pm- Cross Country event @Arrow Park
Thursday 27 th February 2020	PTA- Adult Quiz Night- 7:15pm-9:30pm. (Tickets via Parent Pay)
Friday 28 th February 2020	Closing date for the Wirral School Games Cultural competition.
Monday 2 nd March 2020	Y4 Barstondale meeting for parents and children @9:00am.
Monday 2 nd March 2020	Y5 Swimming commences 2:30pm-3:00pm (Every day for two weeks)
Monday 2 nd March 2020	Film Club (Bookings via Parent Pay)
Thursday 5 th March 2020	World Book Day- Children can dress up as their favourite book character.
Friday 6 th March 2020	Reading event introduction assembly
Tuesday 10 th March 2020	Y1 Class assembly at 2:40pm- 3:20pm – parents welcome
Thursday 12 th March 2020	Cross Country at Birkenhead Park at 4:15pm
Wednesday 18 th March- Friday 20 th March	Y5 Residential to Robinwood Centre.
Tuesday 24 th March 2020	Full Governors' meeting
Thursday 26 th March 2020	Year 3 class assembly 2:40pm-3:15pm – parents welcome
Thursday 26 th March 2020	Relay race- cross country at 4:15pm
Monday 30 th March 2020	PTA -Bunny Bingo at 6:00pm- 7:15pm- tickets via Parent Pay
Thursday 2 nd April 2020	Y4 class assembly 2:40pm-3:10pm- parents welcome
Thursday 2 nd April 2020	Easter Egg Hunt- 3:20pm-4:30pm – tickets via Parent Pay
Friday 3 rd April 2020	Break up today for Spring break at 2:30pm.

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