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Newsletter 9- Wednesday 9th February 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

Cheshire Academies Trust:



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Inspiring hearts and minds

As shared on Friday, the governing board of Gayton Primary School have voted unanimously to proceed with academy conversion and join Cheshire Academies Trust. The staff are very excited by this development and we believe that this move will have many positive benefits for our school.

You can find out more about Cheshire Academies Trust by clicking [here](#). We have now applied to the DfE to become an academy and will keep parents updated on progress towards the conversion.

Each school in our Trust is **unique**. They serve **unique communities** and always retain their **individual identity**

Children's mental health week-



This week is Children's Mental Health Week. All classes will be completing a range of activities as part of our PSHE curriculum.

On Friday 11th February, to mark the end of the week, we'll be holding a special '**wear your scarf to school day.**'

Wear your scarf
to school day
11th Feb 2022

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The Christopher Salmon Poetry Competition 2022

The **Christopher Salmon Foundation**, in partnership with Wirral Libraries and Wirral Poetry Festival, presents The Christopher Salmon Foundation Poetry Competition 2022 for poems on the theme of Time for entrants aged 18 years and under, living or being educated in Wirral.

Application forms are available in your child's class. It is vital that all parents sign the form. Parents can choose to submit their own child's entry or alternatively school will submit them as long as parents have signed the entry form. You can also download a word version of the form from [here](#).

If you would like school to submit the entry, please ensure your child has returned the form by the deadline of: **Friday 25th March 2022**.

Parenting programme: Timid to Tiger:

We have sent out details regarding this great opportunity for parents to take part in an 8-week remote course via Zoom. This course is specifically for parents with children aged 8-12 years and focuses on providing parents with strategies that they can use with children who struggle with anxiety. Details for booking onto the course are outlined below.

Timid to Tiger Parenting Course

Does your child struggle with anxiety?
Are you looking for ways to support them?

Timid to Tiger is an entirely parenting-based approach to managing anxiety in children (available to parents of children aged 8-12).

It is based on evidence that anxious children benefit substantially from a parenting style that is clear, calm and consistent.

8-week remote courses via Zoom starting on
Mon 7th March 2022 6pm-7pm
Tue 8th March 1pm-2pm

To register your interest in one of the online parenting courses, email cwp.adminmhst@nhs.net

For more information email us at cwp.adminmhst@nhs.net

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Young Artists' Summer Show



We are going to take part in the Royal Academy of Arts Summer Show. This encourages pupils to submit a piece of artwork that illustrates their creative imagination, originality and skill. Any pupil can enter from age 4- 11.

The artwork must be original and must have been completed independently without support from parents/carers etc. Although many great artists 'copy' in creative ways, they will not accept artworks that closely reproduce another artist's work or ideas or that looks like an existing artwork. These artworks are then judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.

If your child would like to take part, then they can look at previous examples of successful entries via this website: <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibitions/2021>

All entries must be submitted to school by **Wednesday 23rd March 2022**. This will give us time to upload the entries via our school portal in time for the deadline on Wednesday 30th March 2022.

Each submission can include a short statement to accompany the work. This statement should add context to the work and often helps the judges understand the work better. Wherever possible, the statement should be written by the artist themselves and should attempt to include information about why they created the work and what it means to them.

You can download the guidelines for submission via this link: <https://yass.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Submission-Guidelines-2022.pdf>



Camouflaged Lizard

Joey, Age 5

Prizewinner



Birches, Wyming Brook

Rose, Age 11

Prizewinner



Breaking Waves

George, Age 8

Prizewinner



Popped out of my head

Charlotte, Age 9

I made an Easter hat from things I had at home. The hat structure which is mostly covered up is made of papier-mâché and the nest is made of twigs from our garden. The egg is also of papier-mâché using a balloon and a bowl as a mould.



Map of Vazulland

Daniel, Age 10

I really like maps and geography. A while ago I created an imaginary country called Yay. I drew lots of maps of this country and changed it as I got new ideas. This map is of the main island of Yay, called Vazulland. I got my inspiration from looking at real maps but I use my own style.



Blackbird on a Branch
Georgia, Age 8

I did this piece because on the day I saw a blackbird on a branch and I also wanted to practice drawing hands.

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Road Safety:



This week the children are learning about the changes to the Highway Code through our Picture News assemblies. It is important that all parents are aware of the changes to the Highway code:

- 1) Drivers of vehicles that can cause the greatest harm in the event of an accident should have the greatest responsibility to take care and reduce the danger to others. This applies most strongly to drivers of lorries, car/taxis and motorcycles.
- 2) At a junction, drivers, motorcyclists, horse riders and cyclists should give way to pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross a road into which or from which a driver is turning. Drivers should give way to pedestrians and cyclists waiting to cross a parallel crossing.
- 3) New priority for cyclists when cars are turning- A driver should not cut across cyclists, horse riders or horse drawn vehicles going ahead when the driver is turning into or out of a junction or changing direction or lane.



Please can all parents ensure that they continue to support the school by parking further away from the school, or using more sustainable methods of transport e.g. walking or cycling. Please do not park opposite the school or drop off / pick up children in the bus lane as it is dangerous and prevents families from being able to cross safely.

Parents' Evening via video call:



We have made the decision that parents' evening will take place via video call. Due to the high transmission of covid, I am keen to ensure that we do everything we can to reduce community transmission. We have a free trial of School Cloud which will manage the booking system for us. Each appointment will last 8 minutes and there will be a timer to count down so that parents and the teacher are aware of how long is remaining on the call. It is vital that parents/carers are on time for their appointment as you will not be able to amend the time and if you miss your appointment there is no facility to rearrange this.

Appointments will be offered on the following dates:

- **Wednesday 16th February 2022 from 3:45pm- 7:00pm**
- **Thursday 17th February 2022 from 3:45pm- 7:00pm.**

Bookings will open on **Thursday 10th February 2022 at 8:15am**. You can book your appointment by clicking on the following link: <https://gayton.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

If you have difficulty booking an appointment, please contact the school office and they will be able to assist you.

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OPAL Play afternoons with parents/carers

We are going to offer the following times and dates for parents/carers to come along to our parent and child OPAL play sessions. This will be a perfect opportunity for parents to see the developments and improvements that we are making as part of our outdoor play and learning programme. If it is wet you will need your wellies and a warm coat, but we hope that we will have some warmer weather by then!

* Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 parents on **Monday 28th March 2022** from 2:00pm-3:00pm

*Year 1 and Year 6 parents on **Wednesday 30th March 2022** from 2:00pm- 3:00pm.

*Year 5 and F2 parents on **Friday 1st April 2022** from 2:00pm- 3:00pm.



Further details will be sent out closer to the time.

Donations for OPAL:

Many thanks to all the parents who have given us some donations for our OPAL programme. We are still looking for the following further donations:

- Adult clothing- e.g. hats, jackets, coats, shirts, ties, or any dressing up clothing.
- Any small world items e.g. dolls, dinosaurs, cars etc.
- Prams, pushchairs or suitcases.
- Scooters.

Punctuality:

Please can I remind all parents that your child should be in school by **8:50am**. We should be able to close the gates at 8:50am. It is vital that your child is in school on time as otherwise they miss out on vital learning across school.

PTA event:

Our PTA are currently running the 2022 challenge. Children can do it individually, as a family or as a group. There is no minimum amount needed to join in and no maximum should you raise more but this is a great way to raise money for our PTA.

It would be lovely if parents could share photographs of your progress via twitter tagging in @Gaytonprimary.

SPONSOR 2022!
Can you help us with our fundraising?

We are challenging you to raise **£20.22 in 2022!**

TRY TO RAISE **£20.22** THROUGH WHICHEVER METHOD YOU CHOOSE.....

- Bake a cake
- Sponsored run
- Do the washing up
- Sponsored silence
- Mow the grass
- Sponsored read
- Car Wash
- Surprise us with your own fundraising ideas!

We would love to see your progress - please send your photos to gaytonprimarypta@gmail.com or Tweet them to @GaytonPrimary

Thank you & Good Luck!

All monies to be in by **04/03/2022**

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School uniform drum:

We have now received our school uniform drum. This is located just inside school in the entrance area. If you have any **clean** school uniform to donate then please drop it off and place it in the drum. This will then be recycled by Wirral FUS & FUPS and ensures that everyone plays their part in reducing textile landfill as well as supporting families with free uniform for Wirral primary schools.

If you do have any clean secondary uniform to donate, this can also be placed in our drum and it will be recycled for use with secondary schools.

Please remember that if parents are in need of any free second hand uniform they can request this via the website: www.wirralfuss.co.uk

Covid- 19 updates:

If your child tests positive on a lateral flow device, you do not need to take them for a confirmatory PCR test. However, if your child has symptoms of covid you must still take your child for a PCR as they may test negative on an LFD but still have covid. If your child has symptoms, you cannot rely on the results from a lateral flow device.

Please remember that if your child tests positive on a lateral flow test then their isolation period starts from this day. The day is counted as day 0 and you should log the results via the NHS website and Test and Trace should make contact with you.

Daily testing for close contacts:

People who are fully vaccinated, or children identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their school as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

The flow chart below provides helpful information regarding the self-isolation periods and when the isolation period can be ended earlier.

Kind regards,

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Ending self-isolation early through lateral flow testing

Self-isolation can be reduced from 10 to 5 days if you have 2 negative lateral flow tests (on days 5 and 6). This explains the process:

DAY 0

- Self-isolation starts on day 0. This is the day when you developed symptoms or had a positive lateral flow or positive PCR test.

Days 1-4 continue to self-isolate.

DAY 5

- Continue to self-isolate and take a lateral flow test at home. You must stay at home whether you receive a positive or negative result.

DAY 6

- Take another lateral flow test at home 24 hours after the test you took on day 5.

If you test positive on either day 5 or day 6



- If you receive a positive result on any of the lateral flow tests you must continue to self-isolate.
- You can continue to test daily from day 6, 24 hours apart.
- If you receive two negative tests in a row (24 hours apart) you can end your isolation early, as long as you don't have a high temperature. E.g. if you test negative on day 7 and day 8, you can leave self-isolation on day 8 after the negative result.
- If you test positive on all tests after day 6, you must continue to self-isolate for the full 10 days, with your isolation finishing at 11:59pm on day 10. (Unless you have a high temperature).

If you test negative on day 5 AND day 6



- If you have taken two tests 24 hours apart that are both negative you can end your self-isolation period early, as long as you don't have a high temperature.

If you leave self-isolation on or after day 6 you are strongly advised to:

- Limit close contact with other people in crowded and indoor spaces.
- Work from home where possible.
- Minimise contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness.
- Wear a face covering (unless exempt) and keep a safe distance from others.
- Regularly wash or sanitise your hands.

Key Dates:

Date	Event
Monday 7 th February 2022	Children's Mental Health Week
Friday 11 th February 2022	Wear your scarf to school day as part of Children's Mental Health Week.
Wednesday 16 th February 2022	Parents' Evening 3:40pm- 7:00pm- Video appointments will be available. Further details to be sent home to parents/carers.
Thursday 17 th February 2022	Parents' Evening- 3:40pm- 7:00pm –Video appointments will be available. Further details to be sent home to parents/carers.
Friday 18 th February 2022	Break up today for half term holiday.
21 st February 2022- 25 th February 2022	Half term holiday- school not open
Monday 28 th February 2022	Children return to school following half term break.
Monday 28 th February 2022- Friday 4 th March 2022	Daily swimming lessons for Year 5 pupils from 2:30pm- 3:00pm.
Thursday 3 rd March 2022	World Book Day – Activities in school all day- no costumes required.
Thursday 3 rd March 2022	Cross Country at Arrowse Park (Y4-Y6) Further details to be sent home.
Monday 7 th February 2022- Friday 11 th March 2022	Daily swimming lessons for Year 5 pupils from 2:30pm- 3:00pm.
Friday 11 th March 2022	Y4 trip to Chester- Romans.
Monday 14 th March 2022- Wednesday 16 th March 2022	Year 6 Robinwood Residential
Thursday 17 th March 2022	Cross country at Birkenhead Park (Y4-6) Further details to be sent home.
Wednesday 23 rd March 2022	Deadline for entries for the Young Artists' Summer Show.
Friday 25 th March 2022	Deadline for school returns for Christopher Salmon Poetry competition.
Monday 28 th March 2022	OPAL Play afternoon for parents/carers (Y2, Y3 & Y4 parents) 2:00pm- 3:00pm.
Wednesday 30 th March 2022	OPAL Play afternoon for parents/carers (Y1 & Y6 parents) 2:00pm-3:00pm
Thursday 31 st March 2022	Cross Country relay at Oxton Fields. Please note that school can only enter 2 teams so children will be informed if they have been selected for this particular race.
Friday 1 st April 2022	OPAL Play afternoon for parents/carers (F2 & Y5 parents) 2:00pm-3:00pm
Friday 8 th April 2022	Break up today for spring break at 2:30pm.
Monday 25 th April 2022	Return to school following the spring break.
Monday 2 nd May 2022	Bank Holiday- School not open.
Thursday 5 th May 2022	Inset Day- School not open- School being used as a polling station.
Monday 9 th May 2022- Thursday 12 th May 2022	Year 6 SAT test week

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