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## Newsletter 3- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

### Staffing Update:



On Monday, we said a very sad farewell to Mrs Longworth. Mrs Longworth has played such a special part in our Gayton community and we are all going to miss her so much. We wish her so much happiness in her new job and hope that she will continue to keep in touch with us all. We are so thankful to her for everything she has done for our children and school since she started over 9 years ago.

We have recruited Mrs Hardie to replace Mrs Longworth. She will be starting when we return following the half term break. Mrs Hardie will be having the opportunity to work alongside Mrs Longworth over the next two weeks to learn some of the key elements of the role so you will still see Mrs Longworth around for a little bit longer.

### Academy Consultation Parents' Meeting:

Many thanks to everyone who came along to the parents' consultation meeting on Tuesday night. It was wonderful to see so many parents there and it was really useful to have an open and honest dialogue. As expected, some excellent and insightful questions were raised on the evening and we hope that parents felt that there was the opportunity to raise any concerns and ask questions. Hopefully, the parents who attended on the evening now have a full understanding as to why the governing board are considering this as an option for Gayton.

We completely appreciate that not everyone will have been able to attend and therefore we will send out the presentation from the evening along with the information that was provided to the parents who attended. If you do have any questions/queries, please email [consultation@gayton.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:consultation@gayton.wirral.sch.uk)

### Reminder: Flu Vaccine

**E-Consent-** If you wish for your child to have the flu vaccine, please ensure you have completed the E-Consent form. The E-Consent form will close at 12:00pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021. If you have not completed the form by this date and time, then your child will not receive the flu vaccine on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021.

### Parents' Evening:

**Reminder:** We are holding parents' evening on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021. The main session times are running from 3:35pm- 6:45pm. Parents can book their appointments via the E-schools app. If you are still struggling to book an appointment, please contact the school office and they will be able to help you.

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On the evening, we will be asking parents to wait for their appointment in the school hall and then the teacher will come and collect you from the hall. This means that we are able to hold parents in a larger ventilated space, but the windows and doors will be open so please bring a coat. We would also politely request that all parents wear a mask whilst on school premises. To prevent too many parents accumulating in the hall, I will be asking staff to stick strictly to the 10 minute appointment system.

Parents will be asked to arrive a few minutes earlier to their appointment, so that you can have a look at your child's books (these will be laid out in the hall in their trays).



### Curriculum information sessions for parents.

Many thanks to all the parents who came along to the curriculum information sessions last week. It was a lovely opportunity to welcome parents back into school in a covid -19 safe way and staff really appreciated the opportunity to meet parents face to face. For the parents who were unable to attend, we have emailed the presentations from these evenings directly out to parents. If you have any queries regarding any of the information shared, please contact your child's class teacher.

### Cross Country



We had a wonderful time at the first cross country event of the season. It was so lovely to see the children enjoying competing again and we are incredibly proud of all the children for taking part and cheering each other on with such enthusiasm.

The next event is scheduled for **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October at Arrowe Park from 4:15pm- 5:30pm. It is open to any child in Year 4- Year 6.**

We would love to have more children participating this time. We will send out a Google Form later this week for parents to sign their child up to take part. Please complete the form so we can make sure your child has a Gayton team vest.



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### **Harvest Donations-**

Huge thanks to all our parents for supporting with the harvest donations. We were able to send a large amount of dried food products to support the following places: Wirral Food Bank, Charles Thompson's Mission and the Ark in Birkenhead. We know that our donations have been gratefully received and are very thankful to everyone for their support.



### **Photographs:**

Individual photographs will take place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 along with sibling photographs.

### **Wellies/Old trainers:**

As you will be aware, the weather is now becoming more autumnal and as part of our OPAL programme, we want to continue to provide access to the field for the children to play on.

From next week, we will only be allowing the children to continue to play on the field if they have wellies in school or a change of footwear (e.g. old trainers).

Unfortunately, the field is becoming quite water logged so school shoes are not appropriate for the field. Please can you ensure that your child has either wellies or an old pair of trainers in school so that they can change their footwear when coming back into the school building.

### **Applications for F2 places for 2022- 2023**

Online applications are now open for any parents with children who are due to start in September 2022. Parents have until **15<sup>th</sup> January 2022** to make their application.

### **Labelling of clothing:**

Please can I continue to urge parents to ensure that you are sending your child into school with labelled items of clothing. We will put out all the lost property for parents to claim items at parents' evening but we already have a huge amount of unlabelled belongings in our first half term.

Thank you for your continued support,

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'J. McAleny'.

Mrs McAleny

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**Key Dates:**

Date	Event
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Portrait Photographs (Individual)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Parents' Evening- 3:40pm- 6:40pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Deadline for E-Consent form for flu vaccine at 12:00pm.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Parents' Evening - 3:40pm- 6:40pm.
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)
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.
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.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2021- Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Bikeability (Y5) – Further information to follow
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	End of parent academy consultation.
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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