

# Newsletter 13- Wednesday 27th April 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope all our children and families had a lovely spring term break and we welcome you all back to the summer term. We have a very busy term planned ahead and hope that this term will really be the beginning of more normality and stability within school without the impact of covid-19.



# Staffing update:



Congratulations to Ms Fletcher who was married at the start of the spring break to Mr Travers. Ms Fletcher will now be known as Mrs Travers. We wish them lots of happiness for the future.





We also welcome Mrs Rigby to Gayton who will be working in Year 5 as a part-time teaching assistant.

Reminder: Y6 SATs tests - Monday 9th May 2022- Thursday 12th May 2022

Monday 9th May- Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation.

Tuesday 10th May- Reading

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May- Maths- Paper 1 and Paper 2

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May- Maths- Paper 3.

Please ensure that your child is in school on time and that they have a water bottle and healthy snack in school each day.

Headteacher: Mrs McAleny

## Office updates:

# Messages for the school office.

If possible, please can parents contact the school office before 12:00pm to pass on any changes to collection arrangements at the end of the day. This means that all messages can be shared during the lunch time period with teaching staff and prevents the office staff from having to disturb lessons. We appreciate that this is not always possible, as there may be an emergency situation but if there are planned changes, please ensure that these are shared before 12:00pm.

#### Absences from school:

Please ensure that if your child is going to be absent from school that you report this promptly to the school office via phone or email: <a href="mailto:schooloffice@gayton.wirral.sch.uk">schooloffice@gayton.wirral.sch.uk</a>. This supports the school office staff as they don't have to contact parents to find out why your child is not in school and saves valuable office time.

## Medical appointments in school time.

Our attendance policy asks that where possible all medical appointments are made outside school hours. However, we do appreciate that this is not always possible. For an absence to be authorised as a medical appointment, we do require evidence such as appointment letters or text messages from your GP surgery. These can either be shown to the office staff when you come to collect your child or alternatively you can email the appointment letter into the school office when you are notifying us of the appointment.

## Ice pack collection – Neo Community.



Many thanks to all the parents who have donated ice packs for the Neo Community Charity. So far we have collected 142 ice packs which have been donated to the charity and have ensured that they are being re-used in the community.

Ice packs can be donated in the box by the school office. Many thanks to Mrs Irving for organising the collection of these.

## **Robinwood Residential 2023**



We have booked the Robinwood centre (Maes-y-Nant, based in Wrexham) from Wednesday 15th of March 2023 – Friday 17th of March 2023 for next year's Year 6 pupils. We know how much our current Year 6 pupils enjoyed this activity centre and were able to participate in a large number of activities during the time they were there. We were highly impressed with all the Robinwood staff and the activity centre and therefore definitely want to return!

We will be sending out information to our Y5 parents with further information and details for making a deposit payment to secure your child's place for next year. Parents will also be able to start making payments via parent pay in order to spread the cost of the residential, if they wish to do so.

#### **Clubs overview**

Before the spring break holiday, we sent out an overview of clubs that are available for the summer term. Please can parents ensure that they refer to the dates as not all clubs are starting on the same dates.

A reminder of these clubs is outlined below:

Day of the week	Before school	After school
Monday	Judo Club 8:00am- 8:40am (Y3-Y6) Dates: 25th April/9th May/ 16th May/ 23rd May/ 6th June	Outdoor play and learning club (OPAL) 3:20pm- 4:30pm F2-Y6 Dates: 25th April/ 9th May/16th May/23rd May/ 6th June/ 13th June/ 22nd June /27th June/ 4th July/ Invasion games club with Ms Fletcher 3:25pm-4:15pm (Y5 & 6) Dates: 9th May, 16th May, 23rd May, 6th June/13th June/22nd June/27th June/4th July
Tuesday	No club	Acro dance (Full of Beans) 3:20pm- 4:20pm F2, Y1 & Y2 Dates: 3rd May/ 10th May/17th May/24th May/ 7th June/14th June/21st June/ 28th June/ 5th July  Mad Science Club 3:25pm- 4:30pm (Y3- Y6) Dates: 26th April/ 3rd May/10th May/17th May/24th May
Wednesday	No club	Musical Theatre with drama – (Full of Beans) 3:25pm-4:25pm Y3 –Y6  Dates: 4 <sup>th</sup> May/11 <sup>th</sup> May/18 <sup>th</sup> May/25 <sup>th</sup> May/8 <sup>th</sup> June/15 <sup>th</sup> June/22 <sup>nd</sup> June/29 <sup>th</sup> June/6 <sup>th</sup> July
Thursday	Little Musketeers (Fencing) 8:00am- 8:40am (Y3-Y6) Dates: Thu 28 <sup>th</sup> April/ 12 <sup>th</sup> May/ 19 <sup>th</sup> May/ 26 <sup>th</sup> May/9 <sup>th</sup> June/ 16 <sup>th</sup> June/ 23 <sup>rd</sup> June/ 30 <sup>th</sup> June/ 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Basketball (Full of Beans) 3:25pm- 4:25pm Y3-Y6 Dates: 12th May/19th May/26th May/9th June/16th June/23rd June/30th June/7th July
Friday	Boxing (SFA) 8:00am- 8:40am – Y3-Y6 Dates: 29th April/6th May/13th May/20th May/27th May/ 10th June/17th June/24th June/1st July/8th July	Multi-skills (SFA) 3:20pm- 4:30pm F2- Y2  Dates: 29th April/6th May/13th May/20th May/27th May/ 10th June/17th June/24th June/1st July/8th July.

# Sports day



Our F2-Year 6 sports day will be taking place on **Tuesday 21**<sup>st</sup> **June from 9:10am-11:30am (approximately).** We may have to cancel the event due to inclement weather and a decision will be made by 8:00am on the morning. If we do cancel the event due to poor weather, we have scheduled in Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June as the reserve date for our sports day. All children should wear their PE kit to school on this day and will need to have

applied sun cream lotion, if the weather is sunny. Parents/carers will be invited to attend and further information will be sent out prior to the event.

### Holidays in term time

Please can we remind all parents that holidays in term time cannot be authorised unless due to very exceptional circumstances. Children miss valuable learning time when they are not present in school. If you are considering taking your child out of school for a holiday, please ensure that you complete the holiday request form which is available on our school website.

#### Sickness and Diarrhoea

It is common for children to experience sickness and diarrhoea at times. The NHS guidelines state that children should not return to school until 48 hours after their last bout of sickness/diarrhoea. We appreciate that this can be difficult for parents as sometimes your child can be sick once and then be absolutely fine. However, it is vital that parents do adhere to the 48 hours so that we can prevent it from spreading around the class.

# Use of the school car park.

Please can I remind all parents that the school car park should not be used by parents at any point during the school day. This is particularly important for parents of children who access S4YC. It causes an additional risk to have parents pulling into and leaving the carpark when children and parents are walking through the carpark in order to access the club. Thank you to all the parents who always ensure that they park on the road.

## Wirral Country Park junior parkrun.



Kind regards,

Mrs McAleny

# **Key Dates:**

Date	Event
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Return to school following the spring break.
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022	Bank Holiday- School not open.
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Inset Day- School not open- School being used as a polling station.
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2022- Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Year 6 SAT test week
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Year 2 SATs to be completed.
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Governors- Curriculum & standards meeting & staffing committee meetings- 6:00pm- 8:00pm.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Break up today for half term holiday.
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022	Half term holiday
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Children return to school
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Year 1 phonics screening check for all Y1 pupils and for any Y2 pupils who did not pass the check.
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022- Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Year 4 multiplication times table check to be completed
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2022	Sports Day F2- Year 6 Parents are welcome to attend. 9:10am- 11:30am (approx.)
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Sports Day F2- Year 6 Reserve date (This will only be needed if we have to cancel the previous planned date.)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Full Governing Board meeting at 6:00pm
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	KS2 SATs results available for Y6 pupils.
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Wirral Y6 induction day. Whole school transition day
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Neston High school induction day.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Full Governing Board meeting at 6:00pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Whole school Quidditch day (PE) Children will need to wear PE kit on this day.
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Break up today for the summer break at 2:30pm.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Inset day- school closed.