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## Newsletter – 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Dear Parents & Carers,

### Reminder- Industrial action:

As previously shared, school will be partially open on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023. School will only be open to the following classes: F2, Y2 and Y5.

If there is any change to the information that has been shared, we will of course update parents as soon as possible.

### Health Survey for Y4-Y6

A letter has been sent to the parents of Year 4- Year 6 parents informing you of the health survey that



Wirral Public Health have asked us to participate in. The children will take the survey on a computer during school time. If you wish to withdraw your child from the survey, then please email the school office by **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023**.

### Year 6 class assembly:

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Year 6 class assembly on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023. We know how much our Year 6 children enjoyed performing and it was lovely for them to be able to share some of their excellent learning from class.

**Reminder:** The Y4 class assembly will be taking place on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 9:05am**. Parents/Grandparents are very welcome to attend.



**Punctuality:** Please can we remind all parents that children should be in school by **8:50am**. It is vital that your child is in school by this time, so that they can be present for registration and have time to settle into class before lessons commence. Teachers also use this time to set activities before school starts so it really is vital that your child is on time to help them maximise their learning as well.

### Reminder: Parents' Evening:

Parents' Evening will take place on **Wednesday 15th February 2023 and Thursday 16th February 2023** from 3:40pm- 7:00pm. This will take place face to face. You will be able to book an appointment via Eschools from Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Please ensure you have your details to log in to the system to book an appointment. If you need any support with this, please contact the school office.



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### **Sporting events:**

This week, some of our Year 3/4 children had the opportunity to attend a Futsal event at Tranmere Rovers. This was the first experience of Futsal for these children and they thoroughly enjoyed the event.



### **Athletics (Y5/6) Inspire event.**

Our Y5/6 children demonstrated great participation at the Inspire athletics event. We were placed 6<sup>th</sup> out of 13 schools. All of the children were excellent and demonstrated great determination and support for each other.



Many thanks to Mrs Travers for supporting the children and to all the parents who have helped with transporting the children to and from these events. Your support is greatly appreciated!

### **OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)**

We are having a loose parts drive to support the Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) Primary programme at our school. Loose parts are open-ended materials that our children can use during outdoor play times. This time we are looking for any of the following items:

#### **Kitchen items:**

- Wooden bowls/wooden utensils/metal utensils
- Metal pot and pans/whisks/ cake or jelly moulds
- Ice cube trays/plastic bowls or utensils/ funnels/ plastic measuring cups or scales.
- Basters

#### **Digging Area:**

- Spades/rakes
- Trowels
- Buckets
- Large Cars/Truck

If you have any of these items to donate, please drop them off at the school office or pass them to your child to bring to school. We would be very grateful for your support.



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## Christopher Salmon Poetry Competition:

The Christopher Salmon Foundation in partnership with  
Wirral Poetry Festival and Wirral Libraries announces

# The Christopher Salmon Poetry Competition 2023

For poems on the theme of Sunshine  
For people in Wirral aged 19 years and under,  
in full-time education. Entry is FREE.  
Prize of £100 for each of five age categories

Entries for the Christopher Salmon Poetry competition are now open. This year the theme of the competition is 'sunshine'. We have sent home information via email about the competition. Parents can submit their child's own entry via this link: <https://form.jotform.com/223383902588363>

Alternatively, your child can submit their entry to school on the paper form (available via email or paper copies are available in your child's class) and hand it into school by **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023**.

### PTA events:

The PTA have arranged the following events for this half term, so please do support them as all the money raised will be going towards funding our outdoor shelter.

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023**– PTA meeting 7pm Otto Lounge

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023**- Bake sale after school. Donations to be received at morning drop off

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023**- PTA meeting after morning school drop off– Otto Lounge

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023**- Spring Disco 3:20pm- 4:45pm

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023**- Non-school uniform day

GAYTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

**SAVE THE DATE** ALL EVENTS AVAILABLE ON PARENT PAY NOW!

MONDAY 16 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY	FLM CLUB 3:20- 5PM
WEDNESDAY 18 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY	CLOTHING COLLECTION
MONDAY 30 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY	PTA MEETING 7 PM OTTO LOUNGE
FRIDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY	BAKE SALE AFTER SCHOOL
TUESDAY 7 <sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY	DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED AT MORNING DROP OFF (BAKED/ PURCHASED)
THURSDAY 9 <sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY	PTA MEETING AFTER MORNING SCHOOL DROP OFF OTTO LOUNGE (CHILDREN WELCOME)
FRIDAY 17 <sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY	SPRING DISCO 3:20-4:45 PM
	NON SCHOOL UNIFORM

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Parentkind Member Association

### Wirral Fuss – Can you help?

Wirral Fuss has been providing schools in the Wirral area with free recycled school uniforms. The Heswall Hub is run by volunteers and they are looking for volunteers, who can offer as little as 1 hour on an ad hoc basis, to help Gayton school families have access to the good quality, recycled school uniform.

They need: a parent who can liaise between Gayton school and Fuss via year group WhatsApp messaging.

They are also desperate for individuals to help sort Gayton uniform once this has been donated via the school office. Both requirements are very informal and flexible arrangements to suit your own commitments.

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If you are able to spare a little bit of time to help this wonderful cause, please contact the school office and we will put you in touch with Helen Peters who currently very kindly coordinates everything for our school with Wirral FUSS. She does an incredible job but it would be wonderful to have some other parents come forward to support as well.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **Family Toolbox**

Being a parent/carer is both rewarding and tiring and we often need to be reminded to look after ourselves as well. For further advice on a wide range of topics, please visit the [Family Toolbox website](#).



### **Labelling of clothing:**

At the end of the autumn term, we again had a lot of lost property which was unclaimed and this has now been washed and donated to Wirral FUSS/FUPS. Please can I urge parents to ensure that you take the time to label your child's clothing. We will always reunite your child with their clothing, if it is labelled, but we are unable to do this when large amounts of uniform are unlabelled.

Thank you for your continued support,

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J. McAleeny'.

Mrs McAleeny

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**Key Dates:**

Date	Event
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	PTA meeting- Otto Lounge at 7:00pm- All parents welcome.
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2023	National Child Measurement programme- F2 pupils.
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2023	Industrial action- School only open to F2, Y2 & Y5.
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2023	Local governing board meeting at 6:00pm.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2023	PTA Bake sale after school. Donations welcome at drop off in the morning.
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Mad Science assembly for Years 3- Year 6.
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	PTA meeting- Otto Lounge- straight after drop off. All parents welcome.
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	PTA disco 3:25pm- 4:45pm.
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Y4 Class assembly at 9:05am. Parents welcome to attend.
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 & Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2023.	Parents' evening. Bookings via ESchools. Meetings will take place face to face.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Break up today for half term holiday. PTA non- school uniform day- donation via Parent Pay.
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Children return to school
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2023	World Book Day- further information to follow.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Y4 trip to Chester- further details to be sent nearer the time.
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Year 3 class assembly at 9:05am. Parents welcome to attend.
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2023 – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 Robinwood Residential
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Red Nose Day 2023
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Year 2 visit to Port Sunlight- further details to be sent nearer the time.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Closing date for paper entries of the Christopher Salmon competition.
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	PTA Easter Chocolate Bingo at 6:00pm. (Date to be confirmed).
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	Break up today for spring break at 2:30pm.

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