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Newsletter 14- 14th January 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

Happy New Year! It was a pleasure to welcome back all our families to school following the Christmas break.

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone for all their support during my first term at Gayton. It was an incredibly busy, exciting and challenging term but when reflecting on our school development plan, with staff and governors, it is evident that we have achieved a lot in a term. This would not have been possible, without the ongoing support from the parent community. We are very much looking forward to continuing with our school improvement journey in the spring term.

Renewal of our Green Flag:

Yesterday, our school was assessed for the renewal of our green flag (a highly prestigious national award). We have just found out this afternoon that we have been successful with our application and we have yet again been awarded the Eco-Schools green flag. This is absolutely wonderful news to start the new spring term with! Our eco-council really did a wonderful job showcasing all of their work to the assessor and in our feedback phone call we have been told that our school's application was one of the best they have received nationally. We are looking forward to receiving our new green flag and being able to fly it outside school for everyone to see! I would also like to say a very big thank you to Mrs Hulley who has been leading the eco-team with such enthusiasm since September and it is evident that so much has been achieved.

PTA

The fundraising efforts of the PTA over the last term have been truly outstanding and I am incredibly grateful to them for all their hard work in raising money for our school. I am very thankful that we have such an active PTA who genuinely want to make a difference and raise money to support the school. These fundraising efforts are particularly needed due to the financial constraints that all schools are facing but thank you also to all our parents for supporting the PTA with their fundraising efforts.

Round Table Santa Wagon

The Santa Wagon raised **£787.00** for school which is absolutely incredible. Huge thanks to Mr Mountford who was able to match fund the donations through his work which enabled the amount of money raised to be doubled!

7 Marathons in a day challenge

The children thoroughly enjoyed participating in our 7 Marathons in a Day challenge. It really was a wonderful event and completely embodied our school value of perseverance. Many of our children really challenged themselves and achieved more than they thought was possible. The parental support was excellent and really helped to spur the children on to achieve their personal best! Our target was to run 7 marathons across the school but in fact we ran 19.6 marathons, with 516.2 miles being run in total. This is a truly amazing achievement!

KS2 Service at St Peter's Church

Many thanks to all the parents and children who came along and joined us for our KS2 Service at St Peter's Church. This was a lovely evening and a real opportunity to reflect on the meaning of Christmas. Thanks to the generosity of

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parents from this evening, we managed to raise £309.00. This has been jointly shared between Claire House and St Peter's Church.

Reminder of the Wirral School Games Cultural Competition.

The children have the opportunity to design a postcard which will be awarded to pupils at the School Games events and competitions. The theme for the postcard should be based on the 6 'Spirit of the Games' values: Honesty, Self-Belief, Respect, Determination, Passion & Teamwork. This is open to pupils in Year 1- Year 6 and all entries have to be received by **Thursday 23rd January 2020**. Further information has been sent out via email and is available on our website under the letters section.

Writing workshop sessions for parents and pupils.

On Wednesday 29th January at 6:00pm, we will be running writing workshop sessions for parents and children from F2- Y6. 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.

Curriculum Changes

All schools are currently being asked to look at their curriculum and ensure that they have a clear curriculum intention. During the autumn term, we have been working on our curriculum intention and have been researching the best way for the curriculum at Gayton to be amended in order to ensure we are providing an ambitious curriculum for all our pupils. From January our curriculum has been changed and we are starting to implement our new curriculum plans based on all our research from the autumn term. Mrs Hulley has been coordinating this across the school with all our teachers. Over the next few weeks, we will be sending out information to parents with regards to the new curriculum so that parents are aware of what is being covered in each year group over this term. Our curriculum has been built around three curriculum drivers that we feel are important for all the children at Gayton. These three aspects will be interwoven through our curriculum in order to ensure that the children at Gayton develop a strong awareness and understanding of these three aspects.

1. Environment:

Location. Location. Location! We are so fortunate that our school is in such an amazing part of the country. Our immediate locality offers a wealth of geographical and historical opportunities. We don't have to look very far to find one peninsula, two rivers, two cities and even another country. Such an incredible area demands to be explored and it is our intention that our children will leave school with a thorough understanding of where they live.

2. Personal development:

Every year we welcome a new cohort to our school. The seven years they are with us seem to race by and all too soon, we have to say farewell to the children we have nurtured throughout their time at Gayton. The future will place many demands on our pupils and we aim to help them prepare for life beyond primary school by developing a sense of self and purpose whilst recognising the importance of the community around them, society as a whole, and their role within it.

3. Democracy:

"So, what do you think?"

Discussion is something our children love to participate in. They know we value their opinions and they love to tell us (and their classmates) what they think. But we want to develop that further and encourage our pupils to make informed, considered opinions. In a healthy democratic society, everyone can have a say. One fundamental principle of democracy in our school is that it allows children to participate in decisions that affect their lives

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whilst recognising there will be times when not everyone will agree. We want our children to take part in the decisions that affect the way our school community is run. To this end, we have a proactive school council and enthusiastic Eco team.

Wirral Science Under the Stars:

Everyone is invited to attend the Wirral Science Under the Stars event. This is a free of charge event for educational professionals, teachers and children and will be attended by over 60 scientific and eco-organisations. The event is taking place at Heswall Primary School on **Thursday 23rd January 2020 from 4:00pm-6:00pm**. On this evening there will be a sharing of the video 'A Planet Full of Plastics' that has been created across the federation of schools.

Heswall Primary are also running a lantern making workshop at 3:45pm on Tuesday 21st January 2020. These lanterns will be used at the Wirral Science Under the Stars event. If your child would like to attend this event, then further information has been sent out via email. It is important that all children attend this event with an adult.

Midday assistant vacancy:

We have a vacancy for a midday assistant at school. This would be from 11:50am- 1:05pm and we would be looking for someone who could work 2-3 days a week. This role involves supporting the children over the lunchtime period when in the dinner hall and on the playground. If you are interested in this position, please contact the school office to pick up an application form.

Below we have updated the calendar dates for the next 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
Wednesday 15 th January 2020	Y2 Moonshine Owl Sanctuary to visit school.
Friday 17 th January 2020	Y1 Animal session- Science curriculum enrichment.
Friday 17 th January 2020	Y2: Now Press Play: Chatterpicks- Hi-Impact ICT curriculum session. Y3: Shadow puppets- Hi-Impact ICT curriculum session.
Tuesday 21 st January 2020	Lantern making workshop at Heswall Primary School at 3:45pm. (Please see information that has been sent home regarding this event.)
Thursday 23 rd January 2020	Science Under the Stars event at Heswall Primary School 4:00pm-6:00pm.
Monday 27 th January 2020	Film Club (Bookings via Parent Pay)
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)
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
Wednesday 12 th February 2020	Parents' Evening- 3:30pm- 7:00pm- bookings will open on 4 th February.
Thursday 13 th February 2020	Y6 visit to Crucial Crew (AM)
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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
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
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.
Tuesday 10 th March 2020	Y1 Class assembly at 2:40pm- 3:20pm
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
Thursday 26 th March 2020	Relay race- cross country at 4:15pm
Monday 30 th March 2020	Bunny Bingo at 6:00pm
Thursday 2 nd April 2020	Y4 class assembly 2:40pm-3:10pm
Friday 3 rd April 2020	Break up today for Spring break at 2:30pm.

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