

Gayton Primary School

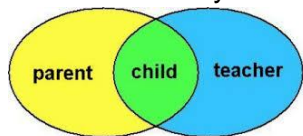
OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

The first four weeks of term have raced by and the children are now well settled into routines and their new(ish) classes. Half term is now only a few weeks away!

Parents' information

It was lovely to see all the parents that were able to attend the Parents' information meeting last week. We do hope that you found the meeting to be informative and helpful. For all parents, the information has been emailed out and is on the school website for your perusal. Do remember to get in touch with your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.



Letters have been sent out to book appointments for our Parent-Teacher meetings, which take place on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th October. If you have not booked a timeslot yet, please do return the slip (by email or hard copy) to the office as soon as possible, as choices may well now be limited. If you are unable to make either of these evenings, please inform your child's teacher so that they can arrange an alternative time and date with you.

Sport

Our Y4-6 cross country squad have their first race on Thursday at Birkenhead Park – we did have one runner in the first race who decided to compete, Oscar from Y6 managed third place in monsoon conditions!

The final race before Half Term is at Higher Bebington Park on Thursday October 18th.

Y4-6 cross country practices take place on Wednesday morning breaktimes and football practices (Y5-6) take place on Wednesday lunchtimes. These are open to all interested children, not just potential team members! Our first football fixture will have taken place by the time this newsletter reaches you, a tournament at Bebington Sports College organised by Tranmere Rovers.

Values-based education work

We continue to emphasise the first half term's 'Happiness' theme, exploring this through assemblies, PSHCE, drama and underpinning other curriculum work. The term so far has had a lovely collegiate feel, with children being more aware of each others' needs and staff working closely together.

Charity fundraiser – DRIP water activity

The deadline for return of sponsor forms and collected funds is this Friday (5th October). We need to be strict about this, as money has to be given to Heswall Primary School to send to a central collection point for the charity 'DRIP' by a specific date. It would be lovely to see what the children have done for their fundraiser – please send any photos of their activity in on this date as well, so we can share them with the children in assembly.

In case the form has been mislaid, it is available on each class's homework page on the school website.

School Council and House captains

The children have voted for this year's School Council representatives and Year Six have voted for the house captains. The role of the School Council representatives is to put across the children's views from each class with suggestions for events and improvements, as well as any concerns that are raised. We are pleased to let you know who they are:

<i>F2 representatives:</i>	<i>Leon Longworth and Daisy Preston (Y5)</i>
<i>Y1 representatives:</i>	<i>Anna James and Rio Clayton (Y6)</i>
<i>Y2 representatives:</i>	<i>Emily Cowan and Max Bryan</i>
<i>Y3 representatives:</i>	<i>Alexa Steel and Morgan Peters</i>
<i>Y4 representatives:</i>	<i>Annabel Kazi and Jonathan Shaw</i>
<i>Y5 representatives:</i>	<i>Ursula Felstead and Cassius Bro Hultgren</i>
<i>Y6 representatives:</i>	<i>Lily Large and Joseph Francis</i>



Our House captains lead each house at competitive events, keep the children informed about house point winners and help to plan inter-house activities. Our House captains for this year are:

Air: Olivia Hill Fire: Florence Woods Water: Oscar Kewley Earth: Faith Jackson

Happy Birthday to Gayton!



A huge thank you to all the parents that helped out in any way to make the 50th party such a great success on Friday. It was a lovely informal occasion with perfect weather and it was a privilege to be able to show lots of different guests around school, including the first ever pupil and the wife of the school's first headteacher Mr Rowlands. Thank you to everyone that came along to support the event and helped create such a lovely atmosphere.

We are planning to continue the celebration of the school's 50th 'birth year' by having a decades-based week in school from November 5th-9th. Each class will take one decade from the 50 years of the school's existence and will do work finding out more about what went on during that period, with some local and some more nationally/internationally-based work. As part of this, we would like the children to come into school on Friday 9th November wearing clothing that is linked to their class decade, as follows:

F2 – Y1 are studying the following decades but may come dressed in clothes from any decade from 1960s to more recent years:

F2 Present day

Y1 2010-2017

Y2 The Noughties

Y3 1990s

Y4 1980s

Y5 1970s

Y6 1960s

We would like to invite you into school during the final hour of the above school week (2.30pm onwards on Friday 9th November) to see some of the work the classes have been doing and to see the clothes they are wearing!

PTA news

The PTA fashion show takes place on Thursday October 11th. Tickets are now available for this fun event and any children that would like to 'model' the clothes are welcome! The event starts at 6.15pm and the modelling children will need to be in school prior to this, to learn what they need to do.

Our PTA Autumn discos will soon be coming up and we will notify you when the date is confirmed. Times will be 5pm for Infants and 6.15pm for Juniors. Please note that adults in charge must remain on site for the Infant disco.

The PTA AGM will take place on **Tuesday 9th October at 7.15pm**. Do come along to hear the plans for the year and to offer ideas!

Other news

Our Y5 children have their second 'Bikeability' session on Thursday. Please do ensure that all children have a helmet and that bicycles are in good roadworthy condition for the road-based training.



Our F2 parents are welcome to come in on Friday 5th October in the morning at 9am or at 2.30pm to spend some time in class. Mrs Such will send out allocated times to any parents hoping to attend.

Y4-6 will have a visit from the RNLI to talk about safety on Tuesday 9th October, with practical demonstrations.

Our IT providers Hi Impact will work with F2 and Y2 on Wednesday 10th October, leading sessions on 'Tiny Tap' and Pic Collage'.

Y6 will be visiting Stockport Tunnels on Friday 12th October as part of their World War II studies.

Parent helpers

Please note that we really appreciate offers of help with classroom activities – do talk to your child's teacher if you can help out. All volunteers need to complete DBS check paperwork (which is free of charge and simple to complete). Please note that all regular volunteers are also asked to sign a volunteer code of conduct (found at the end of this newsletter). If you are coming in to help regularly (more than once or twice a year), please sign and return this to the office for our records.

Please remember that we break up for Half Term on Friday 19th October at 3.20/3.25pm and the children return to school on Wednesday 31st October, after two consecutive INSET days.

Yours sincerely

Mark Whitehill

Headteacher



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Volunteer Code of Conduct Gayton Primary School

Gayton Primary School highly values parents and others who volunteer to help out with school activities. We hope to encourage your support, contributions and assistance. Many school activities would be at risk if it wasn't for your help and many of our pupils benefit greatly from it.

It is our duty to ensure that whilst you are engaged in voluntary activities for the school that we care for you and ensure your safety. Our PTA will provide you with the necessary information for each of their planned events. The school office or teacher involved will provide you with the information required for all school activities. We also of course, have a duty of care to ensure that our pupils' welfare is promoted, they are cared for appropriately and they are safeguarded from harm.

We have a responsibility to ensure that all adults working for the school are suitable people to work with children. Our school policy is that adults working unsupervised with children **MUST** be DBS-cleared (Disclosure and Barring Service check); we can assure you that any DBS checks are confidential and are undertaken to ensure the safety of our pupils.

It is essential that we acknowledge that volunteers behave appropriately whilst working with our pupils. Below is a list of guidance to ensure that volunteers are aware of an acceptable code of conduct:

- Please understand the need to respect confidentiality in school, including discussions or observations about pupils and staff; these should not be discussed further.
- Follow the directions and instructions of the teacher/Group leader
- Sign in at the school office and collect a visitor's badge for recognition
- Adhere to the school's Child protection, Behaviour policy, photographic consent and Health and Safety policy (all policies are available from the Headteacher's office and on the website)
- Behave in a mature, safe, respectful, fair and considerate manner
- Do not behave in a way that could lead a reasonable observer to question your conduct
- Treat all children equally
- Provide a good example and a positive role model to children
- Do not embarrass or humiliate children or be sarcastic/make jokes of a personal nature
- Do not hit or push a child, or touch children in an intimidating manner
- Do not volunteer to help if under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or medication which may cause drowsiness
- Report any concerns to the class teacher or head teacher (also the Lead Child Protection Officer)
- Do not leave a dependent child in a position to compromise their safety (e.g, if a parent has not collected them).
- If a child says anything that causes concern, please speak immediately to the class teacher. The school Safeguarding officer is Mr Whitehill (Headteacher) and the Deputy officer is Mrs Hulley (Deputy Headteacher).

Report to the Headteacher:

- Any accidents
- Any issues/concerns with a pupil's behaviour
- Any difficulties you experience
- Unacceptable behaviour of another adult

I..... (please print name) have read the school's guidance on information for volunteers and will abide by the safe code of conduct.

Signed.....date.....

Thank you for your support and help with arrangements for the safety and care of our children.