



Gillingstool Primary School



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

It's been a lovely sunny end to a rather wet and gloomy term. The children have been superstars – coping with lots of wet playtimes and indoor games. But finally the sun is here and life is looking brighter as we look forward to the final term of the year.

It's great to be able to begin to offer some extra-curricular activities on site. We have three clubs to look out for: Pride in Play; Future Stars and there are still some places in the Dynamos Cricket Club available. It feels as though life is taking another step towards normality as the summer comes.

As always I would like to thank our parents and carers for all their support this term. I hope you have an enjoyable and healthy half term break – enjoy the sunshine at last! ☺

Mrs C Carter

READING AWARDS

As I am sure you are aware, we are running a reading reward scheme whereby children who complete 100 nights of reading at home are presented with a free book from our special reward book cabinet in the library.

Reading is a core skill which underpins children's learning across the curriculum so I am really pleased to say huge

CONGRATULATIONS

to

Max and Aniyah

from Y5 for achieving this award.



THANK YOU

The school were recently given a brand new Public Address system from a member of the Thornbury community.

Retired Police Officer and local historian, Clive Washbourne, presented the gift to the school last week.

We are hugely grateful and look forward to using it at public events in the future.

Covid-19: Who do I contact if my child tests positive in May half-term?

If your child is in an early years setting which remains open during the holidays, and they are attending during this time, you should continue to notify their setting and staff will notify the council in the usual way.

Date	Who to inform	What information to provide
Saturday 29 May to Tuesday 1 June	<p>Email the Early Years-Schools Covid-19 Incident Mailbox: ✉ ey-schoolscovidincidents@southglos.gov.uk</p> <p>REMEMBER: Your whole household needs to self-isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms / booking a test.</p> <p>If your child is at secondary school or college they will be carrying out rapid (lateral flow) tests at home over the half-term holidays. If their result is positive, you need to book your child a standard (PCR) Covid-19 test within 2 days and your household must isolate until the result is known. Please report positive lateral flow and PCR test results to us using the email address above.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The name of the school / setting • The year group and class your child is in • When your child's symptoms started • When they were tested • What type of test they had (lateral flow or PCR) • When they were last in school <p>We will reply to your email with any additional advice.</p> <p>We will contact the school if your child's positive result means a class bubble, including children and staff, need to isolate.</p>
Wednesday 2 June to Sunday 6 June	<p>Your household should continue to isolate as instructed and inform your child's school or setting in the normal way. If your child tests positive during this time their bubble / class will not be affected as they would not have been in school during the infectious period. To help us monitor cases in school / the setting, it would be helpful if you can email us the details using the email address ✉ ey-schoolscovidincidents@southglos.gov.uk although you may only receive an automated response during this time.</p>	

****If you are at all worried about your child's symptoms over the half-term holiday, please call ☎ NHS 111 and seek advice****

Why are we asking you to provide details?

- When Covid-19 symptoms start, the person is infectious 2 days before this and up to 10 days afterwards. If your child gets symptoms over the first weekend of the holidays and goes on to test positive, it can impact on others in their class who will also need to isolate because they are contacts of a positive case.
- If your child get symptoms from Saturday 29 May onwards and goes on to test positive, it's unlikely to affect your child's bubble, class or year group in the same way but we still need you to report it so we can log these positive cases locally.

You will need to inform everyone your child has been in close contact with that they have tested positive and these other contacts will need to self-isolate for 10 days. Also remember to let any out of school care / holiday club / activity club know about your child's symptoms and test result.

If your child is isolating at the start of term 6 please contact your school in the usual way to let them know when your child will be back at school.

There's lots of useful Covid-19 information for parents and carers on our website
www.southglos.gov.uk/coronavirus:

- Keeping safe at school and educational settings
- Guidance for events and celebrating occasions
- My Child's bubble is closed what do I need to do?
- Information on how to access support if you need to self-isolate
- Support Payment scheme link ☎ 01454 434087 (Mon to Fri: 9.00 - 17.00)

We're on the right track,
let's keep going.

www.southglos.gov.uk/coronavirus

Pride in Play



£15 per day **PRIDE in PLAY** 9am - 3:30pm

HALF TERM
Holiday Club

Forest Skills • Tree Climbing • Outdoor Games
Den Building • Camp Fire Cooking • Sports

Thursday 3rd June
at
Gillingstool Primary
School

To book,
contact Dave on
07401 816839
Or
Scan the QR code

@prideinplay facebook.com/prideinplay

Parents in Reception, Year 1 and those children in school during lockdown have probably heard a lot about Pride in Play, the play and forest school organisation that have been providing our outdoor learning this year. The company is organised by Dave Stephens, whom I have worked with for many years.

Pride in Play are offering a holiday play scheme day this half term at Gillingstool. Take a look at our Facebook page for further information or sign up here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1YuWOF8t-rfPH7jsKcwk7MQgH4aVOyclWeKKzwalwOdw/viewform?edit_requested=true&fbclid=IwAR3BjL_kWNg5I7mIWuEN7QpT-OI4c11wNRULOHnYAA704yXTDKN8m3LYYkM

RECEPTION PLACES 2021

Reception places have been allocated for September and we are really looking forward to meeting our newest pupils this term.

There is a concern that some parents may have missed the application deadline because of the pandemic and January lockdown. If you know of anyone who hasn't yet applied, please direct them to contact the school office or South Glos School admissions as we still have some places available.

INSET DAY

DON'T FORGET MONDAY THE 7TH JUNE SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING

SCHOOL REOPENS WITH THE SAME STAGGERED STARTS ON TUESDAY 8TH JUNE

INSET DAYS FOR 2021/2022 ARE CURRENTLY CONFIRMED AS THURSDAY 2ND AND FRIDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER. OTHER DATES WILL BE CONFIRMED AFTER HALF TERM

HOT CHOC HEROES

Children who are chosen for Hot Choc have gone 'Over and Above' consistently – working and behaving in an outstanding fashion for a sustained period of time.

Congratulations to the following students who have done so well in the past two weeks and enjoyed a Headteacher's Hot Choc delivered to their classroom. 😊



Yaren
Massimo
Ashaiya
Josh W
Aubree
Braydon
Ben
Ellie

Millie
Sophie
Loren
Dinu
Kylie
Skye

An Extra Special Mention goes to **Mischa and Sophie** in Reception.

They helped an old man who had dropped his shopping in the street. The kind pair were spotted doing their good deed by a member of the public who popped into school to tell us. Well done girls. It's great to see children of Gillingstool helping in the local community. I hope you enjoyed your bonus Hot Choc! 😊



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*Inspire,
Believe,
Achieve*

