



Gillingstool Primary School



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Term 6. I hope you all had a great half term and enjoyed the amazing weather we had. Let's hope it lasts us through the final term of the year.

We have had a busy first week back at Gillingstool. It has been wonderful to see our new after-school clubs in action. The children thoroughly enjoyed the Dynamos Cricket session on Wednesday and they were certainly eye-catching in their bright cricket shirts. Monday will see the beginning of our first Pride in Play club – I know many children really enjoyed the holiday club with Dave – and Future Stars are also offering sports clubs. We are definitely making the most of the good weather.

Last week also saw the launch of our new school website. We hope you enjoy our new look site and find it easy to navigate. Do let us know if you have any feedback on this new resource. We are happy to take on board any suggestions to improve it further.

We had a particularly exciting day on Thursday, interviewing for two new teachers – see the article below to find out about our new team from September.

Mrs C Carter

Comings and Goings

I am sorry to share the sad news that both **Mrs Walsh-Young and Mrs Allen** will be leaving Gillingstool at the end of July.

Mrs Allen has supported our children for 21 years and will be moving away to be closer to family.

Mrs Walsh-Young is making a move to another local school to further her career.

We wish them both well in the future and hope they will come back to visit us regularly.

I am, however, pleased to announce that governors have recruited two fabulous teachers to join our Gillingstool family.

Mr Lewis and Miss Raggett will be joining the team from September as we return to seven classes.

One or two of the team are also moving to new year groups.

Classes and Teaching Teams from September 2021

	Teacher	Teaching Partner
Reception	Miss Sale	Miss Gould
Year One	Miss Raggett	Mrs King
Year Two	Mrs Sayce and Mrs Harries (job share)	
Year Three	Mrs Stimpson and Mrs Portergill (job share)	Mrs Payne
Year Four	Mr Lewis	
Year Five	Mr Olver	Mrs Wilson
Year Six	Miss Elsbury	

We are so proud of...

Ella, Amelia and Sophie in Year 5.

These amazing Gillingstool girls organised a sponsored bike ride during half term.

They pushed themselves to the limits as they cycled a spectacular 15k around Thornbury and have raised (so far...) over £160, to be shared between Diabetes UK and Breast Cancer Now. If anyone would like to add to that total, donations are still welcome.

Well done girls – what an amazing contribution you have made!



COVID 19 – UPDATE

As the Delta variant is in circulation some South Glos schools are having to close bubbles. It is important we keep our precautions in place to keep our whole community as safe as possible. Please re-read the steps below to remind yourself of how you can support us at this crucial time.

HOW CAN YOU HELP US?

- Check your family for the three main symptoms every day. **STAY HOME** and arrange a test if anyone has a **high temperature, new continuous cough or loss of taste and smell.**
- Other recognised symptoms are **sudden fatigue, sore throat, headache and diarrhoea** – especially in the first three days – the most infectious days - of the illness. You will not be able to get a test with these symptoms but please stay home to keep everyone safe.
- Wear a face covering if you are coming onto school premises.
- Arrive on time (not early or late).
- Only one adult to drop off and pick up.
- Maintain 2m social distancing at all time and wait on socially distanced spots.
- Y5/6 parents wait at the rear gate for your children but maintain social distancing at all times.
- **Make sure we have 2 emergency contacts (in case your child develops symptoms throughout the day).**
- **Answer the phone if we call. If a children develops symptoms, they must go home immediately.**
- Send children to school in PE kit on PE days.
- Practice thorough hand washing with your children and remind them to catch coughs and sneezes in a paper tissue. **CATCH IT, KILL IT, BIN IT.**
- Don't come into school unless you have to - contact school by phone or email.
- Pay for lunches in bulk, by cheque.

It is STILL vital that face coverings are worn and social distancing maintained whilst you wait on school premises.

School Photos

Class photos will be taken on Tuesday 29th June. Please ensure everyone is wearing full school uniform on that day.

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 an after school club this half term at Gillingstool. Take a look at our Facebook page or new website for further information.

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.

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. 😊



Arwa	Harvey P
Aiden	Bruno
Phoebe	Josie
Tom	Riley
Bluebelle	Aadam
Ella-Mae	Dolcie-Bow

THORNBURY CARNIVAL

Would you like the chance to win a family ticket for Thornbury Carnival on Saturday 3 July?

We're running a word search prize draw* for primary school children!

For further details and to download the word search form, please go to:

www.thornburycarnival.co.uk/information/visitors/

*Closing date is 5pm on Wednesday 23 June

CONGRATULATIONS



June 10th was a special day for Mrs Cooper as it marked her 25th Anniversary at Gillingstool.

A huge thank you to Mrs Cooper for her years of service – we couldn't manage without her.

PARKING

We have had a number of complaints regarding parents in the school car park and cars blocking the pavements outside of school.

Please remember that
the school car park is not for parental use.

We would recommend children walk, cycle or scoot to school whenever possible. If driving is essential please park at the Rock Street car park or the rear of the school and walk the rest of the way.



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Believe,
Achieve*

