



Gillingstool Primary School



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

This summer term seems to be galloping along a a rate of knots. As we prepare for the traditional summer events such as Sports Days and Step Up Afternoons it seems impossible that we are heading rapidly towards the end of another year.

We are really looking forward to sharing the end of term events with you – even if we are having to get creative and work around the COVID restrictions. We had a really successful induction evening for our new Reception parents last week, held in the garden, with masks and socially distanced, and hopefully, if everyone stays healthy and the weather is with us, Sports Day will go equally well.

I would like to extend a big **Thank You** to all our families for being so understanding as we find our way through the government guidance and a special mention must go to Mr and Mrs Commons who are providing an outdoor stage for the Y6 Leavers' Production.

The support provided from all of our families has made such a difference in this most difficult year – despite everything our children have had a great year at Gillingstool and we will do all we can to make the most of these last few weeks.

Mrs C Carter

School Photos

Class photos will be taken on Tuesday
29th June.



Please ensure everyone is wearing full school uniform on that day.

Sports Day



Sports Day is Monday 5th July.

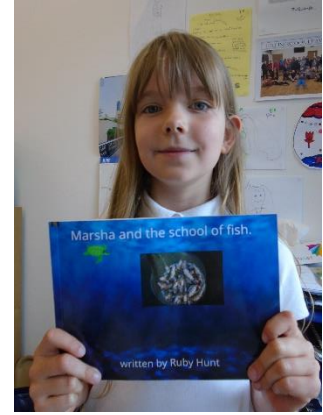
Please remember only one parent or carer can attend. See the Parentmail Letter for further details.

If possible, please can children wear a coloured t-shirt for their house group.

We are so proud of...

Ruby in Year 3

Ruby has become a published author. Ruby worked with her auntie to write and illustrate a children's picture book which has now been published. It's great to see those English skills being put to good use. Well Done, Ruby!



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.

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. 😊

Kacey
Charlie
Sarina
Cameron
Loreen
Layla
Eden

Louie
Bluebelle
Betty
Miley
Ella
Pete
Arwa



16th July Step Up Afternoon

Mr Lewis and Mrs Raggett will be joining us for this afternoon when children in the current YR – Y5 will spend the afternoon with their new teachers.

Pick up at the same time and places to avoid confusion.

Dates for your Diary

5 th July	Sports Day
9 th July	Y6 Sleepover
16 th July	Step Up Afternoon
21 st July	Last Day of Term
2 nd September	INSET School Closed
3 rd September	INSET School Closed
6 th September	Term Begins
22 nd October	Last Day of Term
1 st November	Term Begins
17 th December	Last Day of Term
4 th January	INSET School Closed
28 th February	INSET School Closed
6 th June	INSET School Closed

PARKING

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

Please remember to park safely with consideration to our neighbours and 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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*Inspire,
Believe,
Achieve*

