



# Gillingstool Primary School



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

The end of the year is coming all too quickly. We were, of course, very disappointed to have to close a bubble last week. We had done so well to avoid this for over a year. We are looking forward to having Year 3/4 back at the end of the week and will keep all our precautions in place until the end of term to make school as safe as it can possibly be.

It has been lovely to have just a taste of normality with Sports Week and I hope that we will be able to welcome parents in more regularly if restrictions are lifted by September.

This will be the last newsletter of the academic year. I'd like to say an enormous thank you to each and every family for your support through another unusual year.

I hope that you all have a restful summer break and that you all stay safe and keep well.

*Mrs C Carter*

## Sports Day



Sports Day was a huge success on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Can I express a huge thank you to all our parents who kept their face masks on and maintained social distancing, helping us to make a fun event as safe as it could be.

The final scores were:

Green Team: 165 points

Blue Team: 207 points

Yellow Team: 251 points

**Red Team: 259 points.**



Congratulations to everyone that took part!

Well done everybody for doing so much for this worthy cause.

We gathered together to share our memories from Reception to Year 6. The children had a lot to say about the teachers they have worked with and friends they have made over the years. The word art represents what they children feel they will take away from their time at Gillingstool.



Year 6 had a spectacular day on Weston Pier, with endless rides, chips for lunch and repeated goes on the bumper cars. On the return to school we set up camp before beginning archery and orienteering. This was followed by a barbecue, camp fire, dancing and hide and seek in school before bedtime. Despite a lack of sleep the children had plenty of energy for games and activities on the Saturday too.

Thanks to all the Y6 staff and Dave from Pride in Play for organising and leading it all.

# 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. 😊

Sinead	Keira
Sarina	Kye
Nathan	Millie



## 16<sup>th</sup> 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

16 <sup>th</sup> July	Step Up Afternoon
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last Day of Term
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	INSET School Closed
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	INSET School Closed
6 <sup>th</sup> September	Term Begins
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Last Day of Term
1 <sup>st</sup> November	Term Begins
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term
4 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET School Closed
28 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET School Closed
6 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET School Closed

## SAD NEWS

I am sorry to say that both **Mrs Summers** and **Mr Owen** will be leaving Gillingstool at the end of July.

Mr Owen will be moving to New Siblands Secondary site so we will still be keeping in touch.

Mrs Summers is making a move to another local school.

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



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Believe,  
Achieve*

