



# Gillingstool Primary School



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Term Five - what an amazing start to the summer term it has been. The sunshine seems to have lifted everyone's spirits and the children have returned from the Easter break with great enthusiasm for learning.

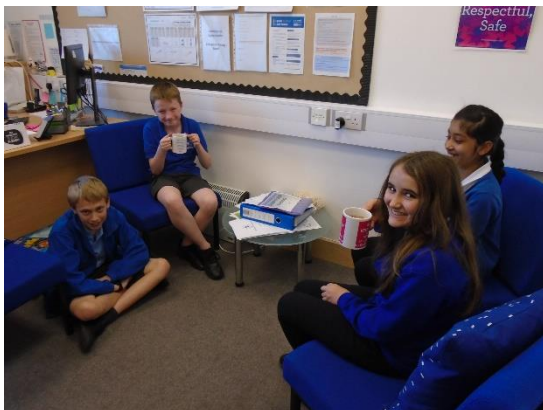
Last Wednesday and Thursday we had some special visitors to school. Two representatives from the Local Authority carried out a school review and I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you some of their feedback.

They said it was a pleasure to visit Gillingstool and they could see we have put a lot of hard work into changing the learning environment within the school for the children – in particular they liked our new library layout, the school museum and The Nest our nurture area.

Two classes were visited in person and children's books were scrutinised and the visitors said they could see huge changes in the climate for learning. A group from Year 6 were interviewed over Teams and we were told they were the best and most articulate group of students to be interviewed this year! Overall it was said that we had moved a tremendous amount in terms of leadership and the development of the curriculum.

Although we are still awaiting the written report, this verbal feedback is really pleasing and I am really proud of all our children and staff and all we have achieved together. Thank you again for the support you have given us.

*Mrs C Carter*



## BONUS HOT CHOC WITH THE HEAD

As a 'Thank You' for such an amazing demonstration of their knowledge and understanding, the Year 6 children interviewed for the Local Authority review were treated to an extra special Hot Choc with the Head.

As Harry, Noah, Tati and Ruby are all in the same bubble they were able to join me in my office - it was a lovely half an hour – just like pre-Covid times.

## **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.**

### **PARENTS' EVENING 2021**

As we missed our normal opportunity for Parents' Evening in March we will be holding short sessions in Term 5.

As we are still unable to meet in person, Parents' Evening will again be in the form of a telephone conversation with your child's teacher. Please ensure you are available to take the call at the agreed time as we have a tight schedule to stick to. It's also helpful if you can find a quiet undisturbed spot so that the call isn't interrupted.

The booking slots will become available on Parentmail today.

### **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



Congratulations to the following students who have gone 'Over and Above' this week and enjoyed a Headteacher's Hot Choc delivered to their classroom. 😊

Harley  
Jenny  
Caitlyn

Tom  
Braydon  
Raven-Rose

## NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

We are currently working alongside our new providers to put the finishing touches to our new website. We would love to update the parent testimonials on our page. If you have some positive reflections about Gillingstool that you would be happy for us to share please contact the office [office@gillingstool.org.uk](mailto:office@gillingstool.org.uk)

## ARE YOU ENTITLED TO FINANCIAL SUPPORT?

The Winter Grant scheme aims to help meet immediate needs and really support those families who are struggling to afford food and utility bills (heating, cooking, lighting) and water for household purposes (including drinking, washing, cooking, central heating, sewerage and sanitary purposes), or other related essentials, such as blankets and which may include white goods.

Parents and Carers contact CAB on 01454 334961 or the Council on 0800 953 7778 Quoting Winter Grant funding.



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