



Gillingstool Primary School



NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME BACK

Dear Parents and Carers

As the Autumn weather creeps in, we are still relishing our return to normal in school. In addition to our lunchtimes, playtime and assemblies together, the Music Service have returned and many children are enjoying the opportunity to learn to play the recorder and guitars. We have also launched a programme of lunchtime and after-school clubs offering children plenty of extra-curricular activities across the week.

The Friends of Gillingstool (FOG) are also back in full force. This week will see our first event of the year with a movie night on October 1st. FOG are really keen to have some new members. If you would like to contribute to fund raising events to benefit all the children at Gillingstool, come along to the AGM on Thursday October 7th.

If COVID rates remain low in school we will soon be inviting parents into school to join us for Class Assemblies. Each class has one planned throughout the school year. The first is **Year 6 on October 11th** and **Year 6 parents are invited to join us** as long as COVID rates remain low. Look for detail in the important dates section of this newsletter. It will be lovely to share our learning with you again.

Mrs C Carter

IMPORTANT DATES

1st October FOG Movie Night

4th October Harvest Collection

11th October 9.10am Year 6 Class Assembly

14th October Open Day for Reception 2022

22nd October Last Day of Term – Fancy Dress for Decades Week

1st November First Day of Term

2nd November Individual School Photos

Week Beginning 8th November Parents' Evening

17th November Open Day for Reception 2022

22nd November 9.10am Year 5 Class Assembly

7th December Open Day for Reception 2022

10th December Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

17th December Carol Concert (COVID permitting)

24th January 9.10am Year 4 Class Assembly

13th February 9.10am Year 3 Class Assembly

14th March 9.10am Year 2 Class Assembly

16th May 9.10am Year 1 Class Assembly

20th June 9.10am Reception Class Assembly

HARVEST COLLECTION 2021

Sadly local COVID rates mean it is not safe enough yet to hold a whole school assembly with all of our parents in the hall at the present time.

However, our regular Harvest celebration and collection will still go ahead.

Each class will share some Harvest themed music or poetry in assembly and we will be collecting produce for the **Bristol North Foodbank on Monday 4th October.**

Please make a donation if you feel you can.

COVID - HOW CAN YOU HELP US?

- Check your family for symptoms every day.
- **Do not send children in with symptoms - instead arrange a PCR test if they have any.**
- Arrive on time (not early or late).
- One adult to drop off and pick up and leave the premises as soon as you can.
- **Make sure we have 2 emergency contacts (in case your child develops symptoms throughout the day).**
- **Answer the phone if we call. If a child develops symptoms, they must go home as soon as possible.**
- Minimise entry to school - contact school by phone or email/pay for lunches in bulk, by cheque.



OPEN DAYS

If you or your friends are looking for a school place in Reception for September 2022 then come along to one of our many Open Days.

You'll get a chance to meet the governors, have a chat with me and take tour of the school with some year 6 pupils.

Open Day Dates

14th October 9.30am and 11.00am
21st October 2.00pm and 4.00pm
17th November 9.30am and 11.00am
7th December 2.00pm and 4.00pm
11th January 11am

To book in advance contact the office on 01454 866527 or office@gillingstool.org.uk or just join us on the day.

DECADES WEEK

Our Gillingstool Cohesive Curriculum is features themed weeks throughout the year to widen the children's experiences and knowledge. The last week of this term will be our annual Decades Week, where each class delves into a different period of recent history learning about historical events, famous artists and music.



Reception – The 90s
Year 1 – The 80s
Year 2 – The 70s
Year 3 – The 60s
Year 4 – The 50s
Year 5 – The 40s
Year 6 – The 30s



Friday 22nd October will be Decades Week Fancy Dress Day
so start thinking about a costume for your decade now.

NO TOYS PLEASE!

We are having increasing numbers of toys coming into school. These are creating distractions from children's learning and causing upsets when toys are lost or taken by other children.

Please can all toys stay at home unless they have been specifically requested for by a teacher or agreed as part of provision for a support plan.

Thank you.



PE LESSONS

As part of our return to normal procedures children in Y2 – Y6 no longer need to come to school wearing PE kit on their PE days.



Please make sure that your child has their PE in school. It can stay in school all week and go home for washing at the weekends.

All children are expected to change for PE in class as they did prior to the pandemic.

YR and Y1 will also be changing in school once they are settled in.

SCHOOL MEALS

Is your child(ren) entitled to a Free School Meal?

Don't miss out on the benefit related Free School Meal offer, you can quickly check if you are eligible and apply at

www.southglos.gov.uk/schoolmeals

A hot, freshly prepared meal at lunchtime can help with learning, concentration, and positive behaviour.

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCY



We have a vacancy for a lunchbreak supervisor.

This entails aiding and supporting the children during lunchtime both in the hall and the playground.

The hours are from 12.00 to 1.15pm each day joining the rest of the team.

If you are interested in this post and would like more information please contact the office.



Join our **FREE Family Halloween Craft Workshop**

Tuesday 26th October, 10am – 12pm

Thornbury Library

Contact Anneliese Goodare to book a place

Email:

anneliese.goodare@southglos.gov.uk

Mobile: 07979 701860



HOT CHOC HEROES



Our Over and Above Superstars so far...

Week Two

Aurelia
Bluebelle
Sophia-Rose
Ema
Karina
James

Week Three

Ben
Harry
Max
Pollyanna
Amy
Aniyah

Week Four

Raven-Rose
Ocean
Betty
Charlie
Vincent
Silver

ATTENDANCE

This week the percentage for children attending school this term is **95.4%**.

Our target for the end of this year is **96%** so we are just under that at the moment.

Excellent attendance is fundamental to ensuring that children reach their full potential and have the best life chances and opportunities in their future lives.

Thank you for your support with this matter – let's make sure children are here as often as possible!

Every term we have an attendance race where the winning class enjoy a pizza delivery! We are also introducing certificates and an attendance raffle for those children who reach the target attendance figure. The raffle winners in R-Y2 and Y3-6 will take home an Amazon voucher at the end of Term 2, 4 and 6.

We do appreciate that children who have Covid symptoms or sickness and diarrhoea need to stay home but it is even more important that children are in every day if this is not the case.

Below is a table to show you how the classes are doing so far **this year**.

Year 2 are off the starting blocks and leading the attendance race at the end of the first week.

Year	attendance
YR	part time
Y1	96.4%
Y2	96.3%

Year	attendance
Y3	91.9%
Y4	93.1%
Y5	93.6%
Y6	98.6%

Year	attendance
Whole School	95.4%



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*Inspire,
Believe,
Achieve*

