



Gillingstool Primary School



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

An absolute highlight of life in school at the moment is our return to whole school assemblies. I am so proud to see our children gathering together each day as the behaviour in assembly is absolutely outstanding. We have a weekly assembly from the Open the Book group from Thornbury Baptist Church and they have commented on the huge change in pupil attitudes.

This new enthusiasm is also evident in the singing which can be heard echoing around the corridors. We have invested in a new song bank called Sing Up which the children are loving. After eighteen months without singing together it is lovely to hear them raising the roof, spreading joy around the school.

A special treat was our Harvest Assembly. Every class shared poems, hymns and Harvest Songs. This was also the first assembly for our new Reception children who did us proud. Dressed as Dingle-Dangle Scarecrows, they listened carefully and performed with confidence. A fabulous start to school. Thank you to all our parents who contributed to the Food Bank collection. Hopefully the photos below will give you a taste of our celebrations.

Mrs C Carter

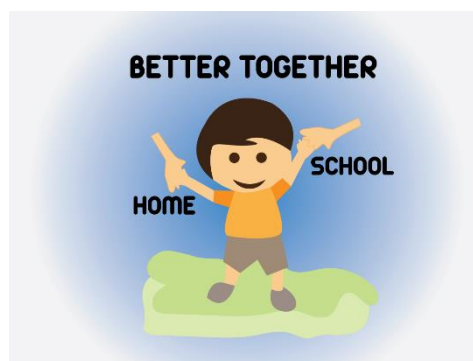


IMPORTANT DATES

- 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

COVID - HOW CAN YOU HELP US?

- Check your family for symptoms every day: **cough, temperature above 37.8 degrees, loss of taste or smell**
- **Do not send children in with symptoms - instead arrange a PCR test if they have any of them.**
- 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.



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.

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**
start thinking about a costume for your decade now.

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.



HOT CHOC HEROES

Our Over and Above Superstars ...



Week Five

Ella Mae
Chandler
Braydon
Dinu
Nicoleta
Rohan
Nathan

Week Six

Beatrice
Ruby-Grace
Harry
Kaiden
Kye
Louie
Daisy
Lakira

ATTENDANCE

This week the percentage for children attending school this term is **94.2%**.

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 and 6 are jointly in the lead of the attendance race this week.

Year	attendance
YR	81.1%
Y1	94.8%
Y2	96.3%

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Y3	93.5%
Y4	93.4%
Y5	92.4%
Y6	96.7%

Year	attendance
Whole School	94.2%



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*Inspire,
Believe,
Achieve*

