



Gillingstool Primary School



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have had an exciting start to Term Two at Gillingstool. There have been lots of special events and new developments. The most exciting of all has been the installation and launch of our new outdoor gym. This was fitted just after half term and the children in Key Stage 2 have been loving it. Not only are the children improving their fitness but the levels of co-operation and turn-taking on the playground have been amazing.



We have also had two splendid musical performances with a Ukelele Assembly from Y6 and a Recorder Performance from Y4. It was so nice to invite parents in to share in the children's learning. Both classes have done an amazing job in picking up a new instrument in a matter of weeks.

Mrs C Carter

IMPORTANT DATES

Following the Prime Minister's briefing over the weekend, we are still unsure about whether there will be new restrictions that will impact us at school. These are the events currently planned for this term.

We have taken the decision to **cancel the whole school Carol Concert** as it would not be safe to invite all our families in to gather in the hall together. We currently hope to have separate nativity performances for YR- Y2 with two tickets per family. We will keep you informed if there are any changes.

3rd December Sponsored Penalty Shoot Out

7th December Open Day for Reception 2022 (COVID permitting)

8th, 9th and 10th December Friends of Gillingstool Christmas Market 3 - 4 pm – on the playground

10th December Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

10th December 10am KS1 production for Y1 parents (COVID permitting)

10th December 2pm KS1 production for Y2 parents (COVID permitting)

16th December 10am YR nativity for YR parents (COVID permitting)

17th December-Last Day of Term

4th January – INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

5th January – TERM 3 BEGINS

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.



CHANGE IN STAFF – Y2

I am sorry to share the news that Mrs Harries will be leaving her role as part-time Year 2 teacher to return to being our regular supply teacher instead. Enormous thanks go to Mrs Harries for all she has done.

I am, however, pleased to introduce Mrs Mitchinson who will be joining our team at Gillingstool from January. Mrs Mitchinson is an experienced primary teacher who has worked across Bristol and South Gloucestershire. She will undertake the role left by Mrs Harries, working in partnership with Mrs Sayce to teach Year 2 on a Thursday and Friday. She will be popping in and out this term to get to know the children before beginning officially in Term 3.



JUMPING FOR JOY

Congratulations go to Aniyah from Year 6 who was chosen to represent Gillingstool Primary School in the South West Regional Schools Trampolining Competition 2021 at Wellsprings Leisure Centre at the weekend.



The photos show Aniyah in action doing a spectacular job. This was her first competition at national level and she made us all incredibly proud.

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.

CHILDREN IN NEED



Gillingstool Primary School raised **£120** for Children in Need this year. Thanks to everyone who was able to make a contribution.

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

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.

FOG – Friends of Gillingstool

COVID isn't stopping Christmas coming to Gillingstool. FOG have planned to hold an outdoor **Christmas Market** on the playground between **3-4pm on the 8th, 9th and 10th of December**. There will be Christmas bits and bobs to buy, Christmas arts and crafts to make and you can try your luck on the tombola.

During December children will have an opportunity to win a prize by guessing '**The Number of Sweets in the Jar**'.

It will be 50p a go for the smaller competition and £1 a go for larger edition. Start bringing in those 50ps and £1s and the jar will make its way to your class. Winners announced at the end of term.

Miss Sale will be organising her traditional Christmas Colouring competition. More information to follow.



CLASS REPRESENTATIVES ... FOG HELPER??

FOG are looking for a parent in each class to communicate information with the parents in that group. If you would like to be the link with school for your child's class see Mrs Carter or Mrs Sayce. We appreciate not everyone has time to join the committee but we need a band of willing helpers for events – again let Mrs Carter or Mrs Sayce know if you are able to assist.

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 1.00pm each day.

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 Three

Jessica
Skye
Charlie
Tom
Cameron
Summer
Leo

Week Four

Jaidon
Carly
Adam
Maisie
Nadine
Josh
Freddie



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*Inspire,
Believe,
Achieve*

