



Gillingstool Primary School



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to all our families. I hope you had a relaxing Christmas break and all stayed well. I know I really enjoyed the opportunity to spend some quality time with my family over the two weeks and I am sure you all did too. The staff and children have returned to school refreshed and excited for the terms to come.

Sadly in response to the rising levels of Omicron cases, we have returned to our bubbles again this term. We will monitor case levels closely over the coming weeks but we are doing our best to ensure the children don't miss out on shared experiences. With this in mind our assemblies continue virtually and the children still get to mix for outdoor playtimes and outdoor extra-curricular clubs. Unfortunately, we do have to minimise large groups of visitors to school so Class Assemblies will be put on hold for the moment. However, I am hopeful that as the months progress we can maximise opportunities for parents to join us for outdoor activities. Hopefully, it won't be long until we can enjoy getting together for Sports' Day and a Summer Fair in the sunshine.

There is important information about the latest COVID guidance in this newsletter. Please take the time to read it carefully so that we can continue working together to keep our community as safe as can be.

Mrs C Carter

IMPORTANT DATES

11th January – 11am Open Day for Reception 2022

20th January – 4.45pm Morfa Bay Parent Information session for Y6

14th – 18th February – Book Week

18th February – Last Day of Term 3

28th February – INSET DAY school closed to pupils

1st March – Term 4 begins

7th March – Y6 residential to Morfa Bay

8th April – Last Day of Term 4

25th April Term 5 begins

9th May – Y6 SATs week

27th May – Last Day of Term 5

6th June - INSET DAY school closed to pupils

7th June – Term 6 begins

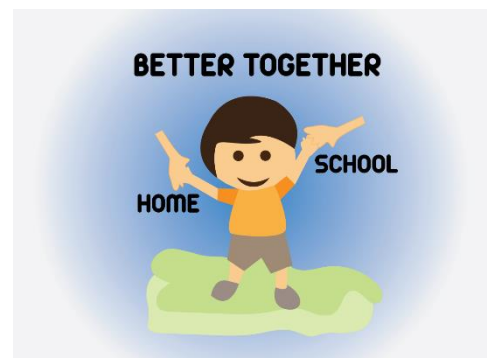
21st July – Last Day of Term 6

COVID – UPDATED GUIDANCE

- If a child exhibits **symptoms (cough, temperature above 37.8 degrees, loss of taste or smell)** they should still **get a PCR test** to confirm whether or not they have COVID. Household members should isolate unless they are fully vaccinated or under 18 years and 6 months, until the results are known.
- If there is a **confirmed case in the household**, close contacts aged 5 and above should **test daily at home before attending setting for 7 days**. **Under 5s** are advised to take a **one off PCR test** if they live in the same household as a confirmed case.
- A **positive LFD test result no longer needs to be followed up with a PCR test**. A positive LFD is now classed as a confirmed case and **isolation begins from the first day of your symptoms or the day you had the positive result if you have no symptoms**.
- If you test positive you **can stop self-isolating after 7 days** if you:
 - do **2 LFD tests 24 hours apart on day 6 and 7** of your isolation period
 - both are **negative**
 - you have **no temperature**.

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.





HOT CHOC HEROES



Our Over and Above Superstars ...

Week Seven

Daniel
 Evie
 Kylie
 Cleopatra
 Josie
 Caitlyn
 Amelia

Week One

Tommy
 Ellie
 Amelia
 Keira
 Theo
 Vincent
 Kyle



Join our free 4-week workshop
Supporting your Child to Overcome Anxiety
 at Gillingstool Primary School

Starting Monday 17th January, 1.00-3.00pm

With Miss Vokes in attendance

The workshop includes:

- Recognising anxious behaviours
- Calming breathing techniques
- Supporting your child's self-esteem
- Reflection on parenting techniques
- Communication skills with children
- Strategies to manage anxiety

To book a place contact:

Anneliese Goodare

Email: anneliese.goodare@southglos.gov.uk

Phone/Text: 07979 701860

4 Sessions
4.00-5.30pm

Click & Connect
Child & parent
Sessions

Project
DoIT!

Join these fun parent and child sessions introducing resilience through interactive games and discussion. Build better understanding, connections and skills together in a safe and fun environment.

Project 5
Journal Tool
Included

£20.00
£80.00 for non SEND funded schools

Mondays from 17th January 2021
Please book at www.jigsawthornbury.org.uk/events






Free Parent and Child sessions

Jigsaw Thornbury are offering a free course for parents and pupils. These courses are excellent and well attended and as we belong to the local SEND cluster families can attend free of charge. Just state that your child attends one of the cluster 1 schools when you book a place.

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.

RECEPTION 2022 OPEN DAY

Parents of children needing places for September 2022 only have until January 15th to make their application.

We have a last minute Open Day on **11th January 2022 at 11am.**

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.

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

CARETAKER VACANCY

Those of you who have spotted me unlocking the gates and sweeping the leaves will know that we are currently recruiting for a school caretaker. If you now someone who would like to become part of our amazing team please let them know about the vacancy.

Caretaker required 15 hours a week 7.30am– 10.30am

£10.01 per hour

Duties:

- open the building every morning
 - Compliance checks
 - Small repair/DIY jobs

All necessary training will be provided

Contact school office for further information



LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCY



We also 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.



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*Inspire,
Believe,
Achieve*

