



Gillingstool Primary School



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Term Four. Thank you all for your support and flexibility at the end of last term. It wasn't quite the ending we had hoped for! I hope you all stayed safe during the storms. It was nice to see a few sunny days over the break and to begin to feel that spring is finally around the corner.

As you will be aware the government changed the regulations regarding COVID whilst school was closed. This is a brief summary of the changes from February 24th:

- The legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive Covid19 test has been removed.
- **However, adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 days.**
- After this time, individuals may choose to take two LFD tests 24 hours apart and return to the setting after two negative LFD tests have been taken.
- Daily testing for all known close contacts will no longer be recommended.
- All known unvaccinated contacts of a confirmed case will no longer be required to isolate.

The Local Authority anticipate that in most cases, parents and carers will agree that a pupil with the key symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend the school, given the potential risk to others. **However, If a parent or carer insists on a pupil attending school where they have a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, the headteacher can take the decision to refuse the pupil if it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19.**

I am sure that this will not be necessary at Gillingstool as we have worked very effectively together throughout the pandemic to keep our community safe and I have confidence that we will have your support to continue to do so.

With the changes in mind, we will be slowly moving away from our bubbles, with children returning to assemblies in person and, if that goes well, having lunch together in the hall. We still have our Contingency Plan in place, which means we are ready to address any outbreaks should they occur. We will continue to monitor any cases of COVID and seek advice from Public Health as needed. I hope this reassures you that we will still do all we can to minimise cases of COVID in school.

Mrs C Carter

IMPORTANT DATES

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

BOOK WEEK



Our Mystery themed Book Week was incredible fun and we haven't finished yet.

The children loved watching Alice in Wonderland – almost as much as the Teachers' Pantomime!! Bedtime story was well-attended and everyone snuggled down in their pyjamas for a milkshake and story.

Sadly, the storms interrupted the children's investigation of the stolen sweets but we will pick this up in Term Four to uncover the culprit.

Our dressing up day was also postponed. We look forward to seeing everyone in their Book Week costumes when we come back to school on the 1st March. Pictures to follow in the next newsletter.

FRIENDS OF GILLINGSTOOL



The Friends of Gillingstool (also known as FOG) is our Parent Teacher Association and they are looking for new joiners.

COVID has hit our fund-raising efforts hard over the past two years and we are excited to get events happening again but to do so we need some help. You don't need to commit to coming to every meeting but we need volunteers who are happy to chip in and help on occasions.

We are currently raising funds to replace the interactive whiteboards in three classes. Just a few hours of your time could make a real difference to all of our children.

The next meeting is planned for March 17th at 7pm in the school hall.

For more information chat to Mrs Carter or Mrs Stimpson on the playground. We will be able to introduce you to Jessica, the Chair of FOG, and Matt, Vice-Chair.

It a small, friendly team and we look forward to growing together. 😊



HOT CHOC HEROES

Our Over and Above Superstars ...



Week Six

Ashaiya Miley

Ellis Kian

Charles Mischa T Hugo

SAD NEWS

I am sorry to confirm that our Year 1 teacher, Miss Raggett, who has been unwell for a number of weeks, has offered her resignation. We wish Miss Raggett well in the future.

To ensure continuity for the children, Mrs Harries will continue to cover Year 1 for this term whilst we endeavour to appoint a permanent teacher.



1st March

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