



Gillingstool Primary School



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

We had a fabulous end to Term Four with lots of our families visiting classes to celebrate the diversity of our school community. Thank you to everyone who took part. The children had some amazing experiences as our generous parents gave up their time, prepared presentations, shared food, music and dance. It was our first Cultural Awareness Week and thanks to your efforts it was a spectacular success.

We return after a sun-filled Easter break to a short but busy term. We are hopeful that the better weather will see a reduction in illness for both staff and children. Please take a minute to read the COVID UPDATE section of the newsletter as government guidance regarding symptoms and isolation have changed.

In the coming weeks, Year 6 will be doing the final preparations for their SATs tests. Children are invited in for Breakfast Club to support their revision. Also this term, Year 5 are embarking on an exciting project with the Bristol Old Vic Theatre which will result in a performance on stage in Bristol. We also have Science Week to look forward to before we enter the final term of the year.

Our community learning is continuing this term and our next Coffee Morning is planned for Monday 5th May 9 – 10am. See Miss Vokes for more information. Please come along and bring a friend with you. It's great to have time for an informal chat and your questions and feedback really help to move our school forward. I hope to see you then.

Mrs C Carter

ANNA RUDRUM

Many of our families may remember Anna Rudrum, a previous teaching assistant at Gillingstool Primary.

Ms Rudrum left Gillingstool in 2020 following a period of ill health. I am sorry to share the news that she very sadly passed away last week.

Our thoughts are with her family and friends at this difficult time.

We remember Anna fondly and are grateful for the time she spent with us at Gillingstool.



COVID UPDATE

We have seen some important changes in government guidance and recognised symptoms.

The following are regarded as of COVID in children (NHS England) :

- a high temperature or shivering (chills) – a high temperature means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- shortness of breath
- feeling tired or exhausted
- an aching body
- a headache
- a sore throat
- a blocked or runny nose
- loss of appetite
- diarrhoea
- feeling sick or being sick

This is a brief reminder of the changes from April 14th:

- The legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive Covid19 test has been removed.
- However, if a **child** has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for **3 days** after the day they took the test. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature they may return to school.
- Many **adults** with COVID-19 will no longer be infectious to others after 5 days. If an adult has a positive COVID-19 test result, they should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for **5 days** after the day they took their test.

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.

IMPORTANT DATES

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

NO DOGS

Parents are reminded that dogs are not allowed on the school playground for health and safety reasons.

PARKING

Parents are also reminded that the school car park is for staff and New Siblands only. Please do not park in the streets opposite the school as residents then struggle to access their driveways.



Parents driving to school should park in the Rock Street car park.

BOTTLE TOP APPEAL



Mrs Payne is so pleased with the response to her bottle top request. In total families collected 617 bottle tops in Term 4 which is just amazing. We will continue to collect the plastic lids from milk bottles to support fundraising for patients with Lymphoma at Gloucester hospital this term. Please can you send any bottle tops into school once you are finished with them. Let's see if we can beat 617!

HOT CHOC HEROES



Our Over and Above Superstars ...



Week 4

Amelia
Amy
Ellis
Kaiden
Rylee Jay
Harry
Clementine

Week 5

Sophie
Miley
Kye
Archie
Sennen
Ellie
Daniel

Week 6

Bailey
KaylaMay
Aysi
Dilon
Amelia
Chandler
Ezekiel



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*Inspire,
Believe,
Achieve*

