



Gillingstool Primary School



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

Apologies for the late newsletter this week. It's been a very busy start to the week with Year 6 beginning their week of SATs assessments. I have been so proud of the children, both for their enormous hard work in the run up to the week, and for their amazing attitudes since Monday.

The tests are challenging but the children at Gillingstool have been well-prepared and shown considerable resilience – one of our school values. As we stand there is just one paper left and then they will enjoy their Year 6 Play Day, which is most definitely deserved.

Please read on to find out more about other events planned for the coming weeks. The Friends of Gillingstool, FOG, have a number of fund-raising events planned for the summer.

We also have plans afoot to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and we hope you will join us in celebrations at the end of term.

Mrs C Carter

Platinum Jubilee 2022



To celebrate 70 years on the throne as Queen, Gillingstool will be holding a **Family Picnic Lunch** on the field on **Friday 27th May**. Parents and carers are invited to join their children from **12 – 1pm** (weather permitting) for food and playtime.

Alongside the family picnic we will be holding an Art Competition. Every child will have the chance to produce a portrait of Queen Elizabeth and win a Jubilee souvenir.

End the end of the day, **from 3.00pm**, parents will be able to visit their classes for an art exhibition of the children's work. After school the Friends of Gillingstool will be selling refreshments and ice-lollies on the playground to finish our celebrations in style.

FRIENDS OF GILLINGSTOOL – FOG



FOG are desperately looking for new committee members and helpers to support with organisation and events. Sadly, we don't have the capacity to host a Summer Fair this year due to lack of available helpers, so if you can give up anytime to support we would be eternally grateful.

The current Chair and Vice-Chair are Jessica and Matt who are often around on the playground – please do approach them if you would like to get involved.

FOG EVENTS FOR TERM 5 AND 6

FOG BONUS BALL

Spot Matt Lough on the playground with his clipboard and invest your money to win big!



FILL THE BUCKET WITH LOOSE CHANGE

Everyday from now until the end of term Mrs Carter will place a bright orange bucket on the playground before and after school.



Can the whole school chip in to fill it up before the half term break?



SUMMER DISCO PARTIES

Friday July 1st

Reception and KS1
3.30 – 4.30pm

KS2
5.00 – 6.00 pm

Tickets and a hot-dog £2.00

Add a glow stick for just 50p more - £2.50



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

20th May – Class Photos
23rd – 27th May – Science Week
27th May – Family Picnic (12-1pm) and Art Exhibition (3pm)
27th May – Last Day of Term 5

6th June - INSET DAY school closed to pupils
7th June – Term 6 begins
1st July – Summer Disco Parties
4th – 8th July – Sports' Week
21st July – Last Day of Term 6

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.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Please make sure school dinner money comes in on time to the office. In the first week of term 50 dinners were taken but only 7 were paid for.

Please have a chat with Mrs Carter or Mrs Stimpson if there is any difficulty.

HOT CHOC HEROES



Our Over and Above Superstars ...



Week 1

Jenny
Louie
Nico
Laura
Romany
Carly
Jack

Week 2

Tyler
Vincent
Ellis
Maisie
Hassan
Paige
Clementine



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*Inspire,
Believe,
Achieve*

