



# Gillingstool Primary School



# NEWSLETTER

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## *Dear Parents and Carers*

It seems impossible that the end of Term 5 is here already. Although it's been a short term – it's been a busy one.

Year 6 and Year 2 have been successful in completing their SATs assessments. Well done to everyone involved – the children have been absolute superstars in trying their very best in all their tests. Year 1 and Year 4 are working incredibly hard to be ready for their special assessments in Phonics and Multiplication Tables for next term. We are seeing such amazing progress and it's all due to the children demonstrating incredible attitudes to their learning. Our school values of Ambition and Resilience are definitely evident.

Our classes have also been out and about on some school visits. We had some wonderful feedback regarding Year R and Year 1 following their trip to Slimbridge where the organisers commented on the wonderful behaviour and attitudes of our youngest pupils. We are so proud of them.

Please don't forget our special Jubilee Celebrations this Friday. We would love to have as many families as possible join us for our lunchtime picnic. And please make a note of the Sports Day date below in your diaries ready for next term – it's going to be great to finally have everyone together again.

*Mrs C Carter*

## IMPORTANT DATES

27<sup>th</sup> May – Family Picnic (12-1pm) and Art Exhibition (3pm)

**27<sup>th</sup> May – Last Day of Term 5**

6<sup>th</sup> June - INSET DAY school closed to pupils

**7<sup>th</sup> June – Term 6 begins**

1<sup>st</sup> July – Summer Disco Parties

4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> July – Sports' Week

**5<sup>th</sup> July – 9.30am Sports Day for all classes**

7<sup>th</sup> July – Back Up Sports Day (in case of rain)

**21<sup>st</sup> July – Last Day of Term 6**

# SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The government have recently published a paper  
**'Working Together to Improve School Attendance'**.

This recognises that in line with the approach of living with COVID it is important that children attend school as often as possible.

Excellent attendance is fundamental to ensuring that children reach their full potential and have the best life chances and opportunities in their future lives.

Prior to the pandemic, we had a target for attendance of **96%** as the government understood that there may be occasions when children are not well enough to attend.

Our overall attendance for the year currently stands at **92.3%**.

We appreciate that children who have COVID will need to isolate for 3 days and if they have sickness or diarrhoea need to stay home for 48 hours but please make sure they return to school **as soon as they are well enough**.

Colds are common at this time of year but most children with colds are still well enough to be in school. Please **call in everyday** if you child is not well enough to attend.

We would also like to remind parents that **holidays will not be authorised during term time** and taking holiday may incur a fixed penalty fine.

To encourage good attendance we share weekly attendance data with the children. The class with the best attendance each term gets a treat as a reward.

## This Term's Attendance Data

	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Week 1	85.3%	88.9%	93.7%	93.5%	94.1%	98.2%	97.5%
Week 2	95.4%	89.3%	88.9%	92.6%	90.4%	98.9%	92.2%
Week 3	82.6%	96.4%	92.1%	96.5%	94.1%	96.4%	100%
Week 4	90%	82.1%	97.9%	84.1%	91.2%	98.2%	98.8%

Y5 and Y6 are currently taking the lead in this term's attendance race but well done to Y6 as well with 100% attendance during SATs week! 😊

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>

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.**



# HOT CHOC HEROES



Our Over and Above Superstars ...

## Week 3

All of Year 6  
Caitlyn  
Kye  
Clarke  
Oba  
Albie  
Rebeca

## Week 4

James  
Ethan  
Melody  
Laura  
Charlie  
Olivia  
Hugo



23<sup>rd</sup> May

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*Inspire,  
Believe,  
Achieve*

