



# Gillingstool Primary School



# NEWSLETTER

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## Dear Parents and Carers



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our end of term Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

The family picnic was an absolute joy. We were so blessed with the weather after what was a rather grim and drizzly week. The picnic felt like a rather momentous occasion as it was our first whole school event since the pandemic began. It was so enjoyable to have the opportunity to come together as a community. I know the children loved having their families in school for the lunchtime and to share their creativity at our Art Exhibition. We will definitely seek opportunities to do it again. See more of the photographs on our website or Facebook page.

The term ahead is an incredibly busy one. Year 5 will be performing at the Bristol Old Vic, FOG are organising our Summer Disco Parties, we have a published author coming to visit school and of course families will be invited in for Sports' Day during our Sports' Week. All this before the Year 6 Leavers' events.

Please do make a note of the important dates on today's newsletter so you don't miss anything exciting. We look forward to sharing the final weeks of the academic year with you.

*Mrs C Carter*



## BOTTLE TOP APPEAL

In term 4 we collected 617 bottle tops and set the challenge to beat that number in Term 5. I am pleased to report that Gillingstool families absolutely smashed it! In just a five week term there were 3227 bottle tops collected in total. Mrs Payne is amazed with the response. 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 what we can do with a 7 week term!



## IMPORTANT DATES

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> June – Y4 Times Table Check

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**

5<sup>th</sup> July - Y5 performance at the Bristol Old Vic theatre

6<sup>th</sup> July – author visits

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

12<sup>th</sup> July – new Reception Stay and Play

**12<sup>th</sup> July - all classes Shuffle Up afternoon and parents/carers Meet the Teacher**

13<sup>th</sup> July 1.45pm – Year 6 Leavers' Play to parents/carers

14<sup>th</sup> July 5.00pm - Year 6 Leavers' Play to parents/carers

19<sup>th</sup> July 9.10am - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly followed by celebration

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

## CLASSES FOR 2022 – 23

After a turbulent few months for our Year One pupils, I am pleased to confirm that Miss Giselle Goddard has now been formally appointed by the governors as our Year One teacher for the remainder of this year and next. We are pleased as Miss Goddard has been part of our Gillingstool team this year for her teacher training and has done an amazing job. She will be an asset to our teaching team.

In light of this appointment, I can now confirm the classes and teachers from September. Governors are really pleased that our budget will sustain our seven classes for the next academic year.

Class	Teacher	Teaching Partner
Reception	Miss Sale	Miss Gould
Year One	Miss Goddard	Mrs King
Year Two	Mrs Sayce and Mrs Mitchinson	
Year Three	Mr Lewis	Mrs Payne
Year Four	Mrs Stimpson and Mrs Portergill	
Year Five	Mr Olver	Mrs Wilson
Year Six	Miss Elsbury	

## CHANGE TO COMMUNICATIONS

**This is the last newsletter to be sent via Parentmail as we will move to Arbor for all communications.**

**Please ensure you have set up the Arbor communications link –and ask in the office if you need any assistance.**

**It is VITAL that every parent/carer has access to Arbor as all communication will come from this app going forward.**

# 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.

## Last 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%
Week 5	91.5%	87.9%	95.4%	92.9%	96.5%	94.5%	96.5%

Congratulations to Y6 who won this term's attendance race and enjoyed their pizza delivery 😊

# FOG EVENTS FOR TERM 5 AND 6



## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Friends of Gillingstool are pleased to announce **£290** has been raised by these recent fundraising activities:

- Spring term Bonus Ball
- 27th of May sale of ice lollies / soft drinks
- Schools sale of second hand uniform
- Fill the bucket with loose change challenge

They are grateful to everyone for supporting the activities and taking part.

## FOG BONUS BALL

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



## 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 5



Silver  
Miley  
Cameron  
Aubree  
Taylor  
Sinead  
Rebeca

### Week 1

Madie  
Rohan  
Ema  
Maisie  
Elena  
Ben P  
Jessica



## LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCY



We have a vacancy for a lunchbreak supervisor. This entails aiding and supporting a child needing 1:1 support 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.

## JOB ADVERT

Cleaners required at Gillingstool Primary.

£9.50 per hour

Monday to Friday 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Please contact Sue on 07900260791



13<sup>th</sup> May

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