



Gillingstool Primary School



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

What a wonderful start to a Monday morning!

We arrived in school today to an email from the organisers of Thornbury in Bloom. Before the half term break, all our children took part in a competition to design a Jubilee Garden. Today we were informed that of the 8 winners, 5 were from Gillingstool. Art is a real strength of our school and it is amazing to see the talents of our children recognised in the locality.

Congratulations go to Aadam, Laura, Sophia-Rose, Silver and Michalina for their winning entries. They have been invited to the prize-giving ceremony this weekend – what amazing ambassadors for our school.



Mrs C Carter

BOTTLE TOP APPEAL



At the end of this week we will stop collecting milk bottle tops.
Please can you send any bottle tops into school by end of school on Friday 1st July.
Thank you for all your support so far.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 1st July – Summer Disco Parties
- 4th – 8th July – Sports' Week
- 5th July – 9.30am Sports Day for all classes**
- 5th July - Y5 performance at the Bristol Old Vic theatre
- 6th July – author visits
- 7th July – Back Up Sports Day (in case of rain)
- 12th July – new Reception Stay and Play
- 12th July - all classes Shuffle Up afternoon and parents/carers Meet the Teacher**
- 13th July 1.45pm – Year 6 Leavers' Play to parents/carers
- 14th July 5.00pm - Year 6 Leavers' Play to parents/carers
- 19th July 9.10am - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly followed by celebration
- 21st July – Last Day of Term 6**

CHANGE TO COMMUNICATIONS

Reminder: we are moving 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.

This Term's Attendance Data

	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Week 1	89.9	97.5	95.6	84.6	91.2	100	95.3
Week 2	83.2	89.3	90.6	88.7	96.5	89	88.3
Week 3	87.3	94.8	91.9	97.6	92.9	98.3	94.2

Congratulations to Y5 and Y4 who have got of the starting blocks for this term's attendance race and or hoping for a pizza delivery 😊

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!



There have been a number of winners so far – remember it could be you!

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



HOT CHOC HEROES

Our Over and Above Superstars ...



Week 2



Ashaiya
KaylaMay
Kye
Aran
Maksym
Amelia
Eva
Penny

Week 3

Bruno
Louie
Theo
Kaiden
Jaxon
Daniel
Denys



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.

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

Are you looking for term time, flexible or part time work?

Integra is part of South Gloucestershire Council and we're looking for committed and reliable people for a range of cleaning and catering positions that we currently have. No formal qualifications or experience is required, as full training and support will be provided, although some experience is required for some of our catering roles.

We are a dynamic, forward-looking authority and our success is built on our people, which is why we are committed to ensuring equal opportunities for everyone who works for us.

We have various roles, flexible working hours and term time options available, so if you or someone you know maybe interested in joining us, please contact our teams below.

For catering roles, contact: Rosemarie Matthews
07712238228

For cleaning roles, contact: Alison Miles
07753782865

JOB ADVERT

Cleaners required at Gillingstool Primary.

£9.50 per hour

Monday to Friday 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Please contact Sue on 07900260791



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