



Gillingstool Primary School



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

Apologies for the late arrival of this most recent newsletter. I had just begun to write it last Monday when I took the phonecall from OFSTED informing us of our inspection.

We send our thanks to all parents that took the time to communicate with the inspection team either through Parentview or in person on the playground. I am also enormously proud of how our children represented Gillingstool during the inspection. Their behaviour was inpeccable, both in class and at playtimes, and those that spoke with the inspectors personally were really articulate – true ambassadors for our school. The report will be drafted and published over the coming weeks and will hopefully be ready to share with you on our return to school in September.

Your children have worked enormously hard this year and achieved great things. Thanks to each and everyone for your support this year. I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer break and I look forward to working with you all again in the new academic year.

Mrs C Carter

IMPORTANT DATES

18th and 19th July School Open 8.30am – 1.30pm due to red weather warning

19th July 9.10am - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly followed by celebration

21st July – Last Day of Term 6

1st and 2nd September – School Closed for staff INSET

5th September – School Opens doors open 8.40am for a 8.45am start

NEW TIMINGS FOR THE SCHOOL DAY

From the outset of Term 5 we will be **opening the doors at 8.40am** to ensure a **prompt start at 8.45am** in order to meet the government directive regarding the length of the school day.



Children arriving after the register is taken at 8.45am will be marked as late arrivals.

Y5 BRISTOL OLD VIC

What a privilege it was to join the parents and staff from Year 5 at the Bristol Old Vic on Tuesday 5th July. Mr Olver has been working with the Old Vic director, Angie, to support Year 5 in producing a spectacular performance of Cross Words by playwright Paul Birch. With a class of just 12 students, having to take on multiple roles each, this was no easy task but they did an amazing job. The children memorised so many lines and delivered them with such confidence to a jam-packed theatre. Well done Year 5 - we are so proud of you.



Y6 LEAVERS' PLAY

We were so lucky to have a second stunning production for the end of this term – Year 6 showcased their mind-blowing version of the Lion King for children, teachers, parents and extended families. Yet again the talent displayed by our Gillingstool children was phenomenal. Everybody in the audience agreed that it was an amazingly entertaining performance. Keep a look out on the school website for the cast photos which will be coming soon.



BOTTLE TOP APPEAL



Thanks to all our families who have collected an amazing 1739 bottle tops this term.

From September the hospital have asked that we support them with their new challenge of collecting used stamps instead. Please start snipping them off your envelopes and save them ready for the new school term.



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 **92.4%**.

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
Week 4	96.8	98.7	98.1	97.1	98.8	98.3	97.9
Week 5	95.5	88.7	97.1	97.6	95.0	91.7	96.0
Week 6	88.2	90.7	92.6	81.8	91.7	82.5	88.8

Thursday will see the final of this term's attendance race – we have a number of classes hoping for a pizza delivery 😊



HOT CHOC HEROES



Our Over and Above Superstars ...

Week 4



Lakira
Vincent
Ollie
Sarina
Hassan
Sophia
Penny

Week 6

Kyle
Caitlyn
Nadine
Riley
Keira
Ella-Mae
Clementine



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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Believe,
Achieve*

