

# Gillingstool Primary School

# NEWSLETTER



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## *Dear Parents and Carers*

As we approach the end of Term Four we are looking forward to our first ever Gillingstool Fly High themed week.

Huge thanks go to Mrs Mitchinson who has planned events for the children with the help of Miss Sale. And there is such a lot going on to look forward to. Building on our school value of 'ambition' classes are going to participate in a whole range of activities. These include some Money Sense workshops from Natwest Bank, learning more about the House Figureheads: Malorie Blackman, Marcus Rashford, Sir David Attenborough and Greta Thunberg with an exciting House Quiz and a visit from our local, MP Luke Hall.



Fly High,  
Shine Bright!

The week will finish with our Careers Day. Thank you to all our parents who have volunteered to come in to speak to classes to inspire the children. Don't forget we are finishing the week with the traditional dressing up day. This week it is come to school dressed as 'What You Want To Be When You Grow Up.' It should make a really fun end to the term.

Thank you to all our families for such a positive start to 2023. I hope you all have a lovely Easter Break and we look forward to seeing back in school on April the 17<sup>th</sup> for our summer term.

*Mrs C Carter*

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM FIVE AND SIX

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – TERM FOUR ENDS**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – TERM FIVE BEGINS**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Bank Holiday**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATs Week**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Y1 Class Assembly 9.10am**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – TERM FIVE ENDS**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June – TERM SIX BEGINS**

## POLITE REQUEST

Staff at our partner school have raised a concern regarding parents waiting to collect their children at the end of the day.

Please can I ask that anyone waiting by the classrooms is mindful of the volume of their voices and the language that they use whilst on site.

Thank you.

## COFFEE MORNING

Thanks to everyone who has attended our regular Coffee Mornings.

It's a lovely way to start the week and get to know each other a little better but we know Monday morning doesn't work for everyone. Our next date is a Thursday instead so do come along and have a coffee and a natter.

## NEXT COFFEE MORNING – THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY

## RED NOSE DAY – 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

We are please to share that Gillingstool raised £98.57 for Comic Relief this year.

Thank you to everyone who contributed.



## THORNBURY CARNIVAL

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FRI 30 JUN & SAT 01 JUL 2023



## SAVE THE DATE!

## POSTAGE STAMP APPEAL



From September Gloucester hospital have asked that we support them with their new challenge of collecting used stamps instead. Please start snipping them off your envelopes and bring them in to school. This will help to support fundraising for patients with Lymphoma. It is a very worthwhile charity and we would like to contribute as much as possible.



**Is your son or daughter a member or potential member of 1<sup>st</sup> Thornbury Scout Group?**

**Maybe you were involved as a Beaver, Cub or Scout when you were younger?**

1<sup>st</sup> Thornbury Scout Group has been delivering adventure, challenges and fun to Thornbury youngsters for over a hundred years, and to make sure we can carry on doing this, we need a regular flow of adult volunteers. We are currently looking for a few more people to volunteer as uniformed or non-uniformed leaders to ensure that all our six sections can continue to flourish.

The Group consists of:

- Two Beaver colonies (6-8 years) which meet on Thursday and Friday
- Two Cub packs (8-10.5 years) which meet on Monday and Tuesday
- Two Scout troops (10.5 – 14 years) which meet on Wednesday and Thursday

All sections are open to both boys and girls, and the children of leaders can by-pass the waiting list.

As a uniformed Leader or non-uniformed Section Assistant, you will be responsible, with other members of your team, for planning the programme and running the section. You will be making a positive difference to the lives of young people and supporting them in their personal development. You will learn new skills, try different activities, make new friends and most of all have lots of fun.

You will receive training for your role and be supported by your colleagues in the Leader Team and the Scout Association.

If you feel you would like to get involved, please contact me – Rob Mills, Group Scout Leader, on 01454 412440 or email [gsl1tsg@gmail.com](mailto:gsl1tsg@gmail.com). I will be delighted to tell you more about leader and other volunteering opportunities in 1<sup>st</sup> Thornbury Scout Group.

## LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCY



**Are you looking for some part time work? We have a vacancy for an SEN lunchbreak supervisor.**

The post entails aiding and supporting children with additional needs requiring 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 vacancy and would like more information please contact the office.





# HOT CHOC HEROES



Our children joining me for Hot Choc with the Head this week were chosen for outstanding efforts in class, great behaviour and being good friends to others.

## Our Over and Above Superstars ...



### Week 4

Amy  
Ellis  
Max  
Taylor  
Evie  
Beatrice  
Iris

### Week 5

Vincent  
Theo  
Keira  
Riley  
Freddie  
Tommy  
Bobby

## HEALTH REMINDERS

### Strep A symptoms

UK parents have been told to look out for signs of strep A in their children after six deaths

- Sore throat
- Headache
- Fever
- Fine, pink or red body rash
- Rash with 'sandpapery feel'

- According to the UK Health Security Agency

BirminghamLive

Strep A has been featured in the news this weekend. These are the symptoms to be aware of.

Please be assured of we have any concerns in school, parents will be contacted immediately.

**Any child with a fever should not be in school.**

Please ensure all your emergency contacts are up-to-date in the school office – we do need at least two contacts for your child.

The following are regarded as of COVID in children (NHS England): a high temperature, continuous cough, a headache, a sore throat, a blocked or runny nose, diarrhoea, feeling sick or being sick.

The Local Authority anticipate that in most cases, parents and carers will agree that a pupil with these key symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend the school, given the potential risk to others.

If a **child has a positive COVID-19 test result** they should **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.

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.



# 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 currently stands at **91.9%**

We appreciate that children who have COVID will need to isolate for 3 days, those with a fever must remain at home 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 and those pupils who meet the national average have the chance to win a prize.

## This Term's Attendance Data

	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Week 1	87%	98%	91%	97%	96%	85%	95%
Week 2	96%	93%	95%	93%	96%	96%	98%
Week 3	91%	90%	92%	91%	93%	95%	93%
Week 4	91%	82%	92%	90%	91%	84%	98%
Week 5	90%	96%	94%	96%	92%	89%	91%

Congratulations to Y6 for a T3 win but this term's attendance race is back. Where is the pizza heading this term? 😊



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