

# Gillingstool Primary School

# NEWSLETTER



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## *Dear Parents and Carers*

Apologies for the delay in this edition of the school newsletter. With Coronation Bank Holidays and Year 6 SATs week beginning yesterday, this week has been a very busy one indeed.

Our Year 6 pupils have been superstars in their approach to this important week. Miss Elsbury and the Year 6 team have made sure they are well-prepared and the children have come to school with a calm and determined attitude – giving it their very best. We couldn't be more proud. I know they are really looking forward to their well deserved celebration, planned for when all the tests are over, on Friday afternoon.

Many parents have been asking if we have news regarding staffing for next year yet. I can confirm that the governors are interviewing potential teachers next week and we will share information with parents and children as soon as we can.

There have also been enquiries regarding the situation with school dinners. As I understand it Integra Catering are still awaiting the security clearance for the new cook. We are keeping our fingers crossed that it won't be much longer.

I would like to extend my thanks to our catering assistants who are endeavouring to offer some hot meals and desserts each week. I know the children appreciate the pizza and fish fingers as an alternative to sandwiches and jacket potatoes everyday.

*Mrs C Carter*

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM FIVE AND SIX

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

Week Beginning 26<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Week

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day – 1pm  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Back Up Sports Day – 1pm

PLEASE NOTE: SPORTS DAY WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE AFTERNOON THIS YEAR

## JAILBREAK AT ASHTON GATE

What an absolute treat it was to accompany Year Four on their visit to Ashton Gate Stadium last Friday morning. The class were taking part in the Festival of Sport Jailbreak competition. They had just one training session prior to the tournament and competed non-stop against schools from all over Bristol and North Somerset.

Year Four did us proud. Their behaviour was impeccable, they showed amazing sports-personship and worked so well together as a team.

Sadly, we were pipped at the post for a chance to return for the final but everybody played their part on Friday and each and every pupil had an absolutely wonderful time.

Thanks to Mr Olver, Mrs Portergill and Mrs Bowering for organising.



## 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.

## 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 2

KaylaMay  
Ollie and Charlie  
Vinicius  
Amelia M  
Ava  
Daniel  
Sophia

#### Week 3

Ethan P  
Pollyanna  
Kaiden  
Liara  
Amelia L  
Denys  
Piper

# 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 92.1% which is showing improvement on last term.

We appreciate that children who have a fever should 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.

## Last Term's Attendance Data

	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Week 1	95%	85%	96%	92%	97%	98%	98%
Week 2	93%	93%	93%	95%	93%	94%	93%
Week 3	93%	93%	96%	98%	94%	97%	97%
Week 4							
Week 5							
Week 6							

This term's attendance race is a close run thing so far with Y5 currently in the lead.

It's been a really positive start back. Where is the pizza heading this term? 😊



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