

# Gillingstool Primary School

# NEWSLETTER



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## *Dear Parents and Carers*

I know that many parents have been keen to discover who will be teaching in which classes next year. Thank you for your patience over the past few weeks whilst we have worked through the recruitment process.

I am now, however, able to confirm that governors have employed two fabulous teachers to join our Gillingstool team, both of whom have worked with us in some capacity before.

From September we will welcome **Miss Charlotte Harries** and **Miss Helen Bradshaw** to the teaching team. They have worked with at Gillingstool as students and are both keen to spend time with the children over the next half term. We will ensure you get a chance to meet them before the new school year starts.

With our new teachers joining, Miss Elsbury taking her maternity leave and Mrs Portergill and Mrs Stimpson stepping away from the classroom, one or two of the current team are also moving to new year groups. The new staff line up is as below:

## Classes and Teachers from September 2023

	Teacher
Reception	Miss Sale
Year One	Miss Goddard
Year Two	Mrs Sayce and Mrs Mitchinson (job share)
Year Three	Miss Harries
Year Four	Mr Lewis
Year Five	Miss Bradshaw
Year Six	Mr Olver

We are very excited about these new appointments and staffing moves.

We are now working on the organisation of our Teaching Partners and will let you know of any changes there in due course. If you have any further questions about our changes please stop myself or Mrs Stimpson on the playground.

*Mrs C Carter*

# IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM FIVE AND SIX

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

## 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 4

**KaylaMay**  
**Ruby**  
**Aran**  
**Sennen**  
**Harry**  
**Conner**  
**James**

#### Week 5

**Amy**  
**Aysi**  
**Avaleigh**  
**Daniel**  
**Sinead**  
**Cruz**  
**Bobby**

# 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 92.2% 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.

## This 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	90%	96%	97%	97%	96%	98%	95%
Week 5	95%	91%	95%	93%	95%	95%	93%
Week 6							

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

The numbers are definitely up across the school. Where is the pizza heading this term? 😊



## Friends of Gillingstool Newsletter

PTA of Gillingstool Primary School

### Welcome to our latest news update – May 2023

Friends of Gillingstool (FOG) are a registered charity and our organising committee plan a mix of fundraising and social events throughout the year for our school's pupils, their families and the local community. Money raised helps our school to buy additional equipment and resources for all our children attending the school. Thanks to everyone for your support – together we can do so much!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates for your diary!

**On School Sports Day in June**  
**Sports Day Fair**  
More details coming soon!

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Discos**

Reception & KS1 at 3:30pm - 4.30pm  
KS2 at 5.00pm – 6.00pm

### FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Through your support the  
Christmas Market Event in  
2022 raised £749.78.

This has been spent on  
musical instruments for the  
children – see photo.

#### Our next fundraising target

Each class has created a  
'wish list' for items they want.

### Plans for Summer Events

The FOG committee members regularly hold FOG committee meetings with Mrs Carter to discuss events. Due to difficulties trying to plan a date for a summer fair we will instead plan a mini fair on Sports Day in June. The pupils' School Council have asked for a disco in July. We also arrange other FOG meetings and invite parents/carers to attend. Your ideas are welcome!

### How we spend money raised



### Interested in getting involved?

The different ways to get involved are:

**FOG Committee:** responsible for a specific role

**FOG Member:** support and help organise and run events

**FOG Helper:** happy to be asked if you are available to help set-up or run events for on the day of an event? You can offer to help as and when you are free.

**Please contact us to find out more!**  
**Interested in the FOG committee role of Chair?**

We would love to hear from you!



Email us: [friendsofgillingstool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofgillingstool@gmail.com)



Join our Facebook Group: [Friends of Gillingstool](#)

You can message us through Facebook

**Chickp.**

# JOIN CHICKP. FOR OUR HALF-TERM FAMILY SUMMER FETE!

All proceeds to go to the  
Children's Hospice South West.

Supporting  
children's hospice  
SOUTH WEST

Registered Charity No. 1003314

WHEN:  
THURSDAY 1ST OF JUNE  
2PM-5PM

WHERE:  
THE CHANTRY,  
THORNBURY, BS35 1HB

**Perfect for the whole  
Family, Featuring:**

**Refreshments!**

**Kids Activities!**

**Fete stalls!**

**Tombola raffle!**

**And much more!**

\*Please be aware that  
parking at the venue is  
limited to 25 spaces, and  
that alternative free  
parking is available a 7  
minute walk away at  
Castle Court car park.

Entry to the event is  
free, but please bring  
cash for the stalls to  
avoid disappointment  
as card machines may  
not be available.

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