

Gillingstool Primary School

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers

As you will have gathered from the Arbor messages sent last Thursday, we had a very eventful first week of term. Thanks to all our staff and parents for being so calm and supportive during the most unusual of circumstances. Here's hoping that the remaining six weeks of the summer term go more smoothly.

With that one exception the beginning of term began on a very positive note. We welcomed our new Reception parents to Gillingstool for their Induction meeting, held a fabulous Natural Dyeing workshop for parents and Year 5 and 6 ended the week on a high with Soak the Teacher. There are plenty of events to come over the next few weeks. Keep checking those Arbor messages for updates.

Last term I confirmed the teachers and year groups for September. I am now able to confirm the teaching partners as well. We have a couple of moves and a new addition to the team - Miss Gibson who has worked with us for two years as a student.

Classes and Teaching Teams from September 2023

	Teacher	Teaching Partners
Reception	Miss Sale	Miss Gibson and Mrs Butler
Year One	Miss Goddard	Mrs King
Year Two	Mrs Sayce and Mrs Mitchinson (job share)	Miss Gould
Year Three	Miss Harries	Mrs Payne
Year Four	Mr Lewis	
Year Five	Miss Bradshaw	Miss Willson
Year Six	Mr Olver	Mrs Wilson

If you have any further questions about our changes please stop myself or Mrs Stimpson on the playground.

Mrs C Carter

YEAR 3 AND 4 FUNDRAISERS

At Gillingstool, each class has a designated charity which they support during the year. You may remember Year 5 and 6 selling sweet cones for The Salvation Army? Year 3 and 4 have chosen Cancer Research UK as their organisation and are holding two events this term.

Plant and Bake Sale

Wednesday 21st June
3.15 - 3.45pm on the playground



TT Rock Star Day

Wednesday 19th July
donate 50p

Come to school
dressed as your TT
Rock Star avatar or
your favourite rock
star.

Certificates and
prizes for the best
dressed in each class.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM SIX

Week Beginning 26th June – Sports Week

Wednesday 21st June - Y3 and Y4 Plant and Bake Sale

Tuesday 27th June - Sports Day – 1pm

Thursday 29th June – Back Up Sports Day – 1pm

Wednesday 5th July 3.15pm - Open Classrooms - see your children's books

Tuesday 11th July - Shuffle Up Afternoon

Wednesday 12th July - Summer Disco Parties

Thursday 13th July - Y6 Production for parents

Tuesday 18th July - Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9.10am

Wednesday 19th July - TT Rock Star dressing up day

Friday 21st July - Last Day of Term

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.

NATURAL DYE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP



Enormous thanks go to Miss Vokes and Mrs Butler for hosting last week's natural dye workshop for our parents and grandparents. Mrs Butler has a first-class degree in textiles and led the group through the tie-dyeing process over the two day workshop. The grand unveiling of results took place on Friday morning, with some stunning t-shirts and bags created.

Thank you to everyone who attended.

Look out for similar events next year.

SOAK THE TEACHER



Thank you again to everyone who supported the Year 5 and 6 fundraising event on Friday. Thanks also go to the teachers who took part for being such good sports.

From my perspective it was quite a refreshing way to end such a hot week in school. I'm not sure Mr Lewis was so keen - he seemed to be the target of rather a lot of sponges! ☺

It was incredibly well-attended and Mrs Wilson is still counting up the money raised towards the Year 5 and 6 trip this week.



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 ...



I missed Hot Choc due to having Covid before half term so this week we had double bubble.

Louie
Kacey
Charlie
Alex
Oliver
Tommy
Isla

Logan
Joshua
Jethro
Frankie
Daniel
Willow
Zian

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	79%	95%	93%	92%	88%	98%	93%
Week 2							
Week 3							
Week 4							
Week 5							
Week 6							

Congratulations to Y5 who won pizza last term.

Where is the final pizza of the year heading? 😊



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