

Gillingstool Primary School

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers

The summer term is galloping away with special events happening left, right and centre. It's lovely to listen to the children who are so excited about their learning and all the additional opportunities they have had through our wider curriculum offer.

Year 3 and 4 had a super trip to Bristol Museum where they had personal encounters with real mummies. Year 5 and 6 really enjoyed their visit to Cadbury World and came back full of new knowledge about the chocolate making process.

There is a real buzz of excitement in school this week for our annual Sports Week. Mr Lewis has planned a week full of sporting opportunities including our Sports Day which this year is taking place on Tuesday afternoon. I hope to see many of our families in attendance - don't forget to bring your picnic blanket or camping chair and maybe a few pounds to spend at the Friends of Gillingstool event which will take place after school.

Mrs C Carter

CATERING UPDATE

You will have received a communication from the school office informing you that we have now got a new catering provider in place to produce hot meals for our children. From September 1st our meals will be provided by Coombs Catering.

I would like to extend my enormous thanks to Mrs Cooper who has worked tirelessly to achieve this positive change for our children and in a very tight timescale. She has worked through a thorough process, with four other local schools, to ensure that our children will have the very best provision in the future.



It seems likely now that Integra Catering will not be providing us with a cook before their contract ends. Along with the office staff, I met with Coombs last week to begin work on the menu choices. You will receive information regarding this in the coming weeks. However, I am sure that like me you are hugely excited by the prospect of a return to proper hot lunches in the autumn term.

SHUFFLE UP AFTERNOON

On the afternoon of Tuesday 11th July our new Reception children will be coming to Stay and Play and all the other children will spend the afternoon with their new class teachers on our Shuffle Up Afternoon.

We are pleased that our new teachers, Miss Bradshaw and Miss Harries, will be here to meet their classes.

Children will head to their new rooms following afternoon registration and will be returning to their current classes at the very end of the day so they can be picked up from their usual places.

YEAR 3 AND 4 FUNDRAISERS



Huge thanks go to all who supported the Year 3 and 4 fundraising event by providing donations or making purchases.

Through sales of cakes and plants the classes raised over **£170** for Cancer Research UK. It was an absolutely spectacular achievement. Well done to all involved.



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

Tuesday 27th June - Sports Day – 1pm

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

Monday 3rd July - YR Class Assembly - 9.10am

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

Friday 7th July - School Closed due to Industrial Action

Tuesday 11th July - Shuffle Up Afternoon

Wednesday 12th July - Summer Disco Parties

Thursday 13th July - Y6 Production for parents 5pm

Tuesday 18th July - Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9.10am

Wednesday 19th July - TT Rock Star dressing up day

Friday 21st July - Last Day of Term

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 ...



Karina
Ollie
James
Charlie
Amelia
Noah
Bobby

Ethan P
Aysi
Laura
Taylor
Paige
Tessa
James

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 92.3% 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	93%	93%	93%	97%	97%	95%	89%
Week 3	91%	95%	89%	89%	95%	90%	94%
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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