

Gillingstool Primary School

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of another school year I am amazed at how fast the time has gone. Our Year 6 children have visited their secondary schools and are almost ready to move on. Reception dazzled us with their class assembly last week. The way they shared their learning was just phenomenal.

We have seen some amazing progress academically from children across the school this year with everyone making huge gains across the curriculum. We await the Year 6 SATs results later this week and will be pleased to share school reports with you at the end of this week. The children are putting enormous efforts into school work and this is paying off.

I am sure you would like to join me in expressing enormous thanks to our Gillingstool team – teachers, teaching partners and all our support staff have worked incredibly hard for the children. This is the first post-pandemic year where we have had a full range of clubs, visit and visitors. Our children have had a year full of wonderful experiences and it is exciting to think of more to come next year.

I wish you a long and happy summer – let's hope the sunshine returns.

I look forward to seeing you all again, along with our new reception class in September.

Mrs C Carter

SHUFFLE UP AFTERNOON and MEET THE TEACHER

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.

If you would then like to head in to their new classes you will have a chance to say hello to their teachers for next year giving you a head start on the new term.

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

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

Friday 1st September – School Closed for INSET day

Monday 4th September – First day of term for all pupils

FOG – FRIEND OF GILLINGSTOOL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We invite everyone to join the AGM at

3.30pm on Wednesday 13th September
in the school hall.

Everyone is welcome. We will be looking for new helpers, committee members and to elect the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

This year FOG have provided a class set of glockenspiels for our music lessons, new reading records and playtime equipment for every class.

If you can help in anyway please come to the meeting to meet the group.

Tea, Coffee and Chocolate Biscuits provided. ☺

REMINDERS READY FOR NEXT YEAR

Please can we remind parents and children that water is the only drink to be brought into the classroom.
Squash is allowed in a packed lunch only.

We are also asking for PRIME bottles to stay at home from September as our older children have been arguing over who they belong to!



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 ...



Amy
Elsa
Aubree
Harry
Ben L
Jaidon
Louis

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	95%	93%	90%	98%	93%	93%	95%
Week 5	95%	95%	98%	96%	93%	98%	97%
Week 6							

Congratulations to Y5 who won pizza last term.

Where is the final pizza of the year heading? 😊



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023



COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day. Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

TRAVELODGE

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast

PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

BILLS

2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

YO! SUSHI

From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

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Friends of Gillingstool Newsletter

PTA of Gillingstool Primary School

Welcome to our latest news update – July 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 for your support – together we can do so much!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date for your diary!

Wednesday 12th July Discos

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

See the Disco poster for details

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Through your support the
Sports Day Fair in June
2023 money raised was
£446.20

Our next fundraising target

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

Join our Facebook Group
Friends of Gillingstool



FOG AGM Meeting in September

The FOG committee is holding the FOG AGM meeting on **Wed 13th September at 3:30pm** in the school hall. This is to discuss the committee roles and agree who will be doing which role for 2023 – 2024. **Are you interested in a FOG Committee role? Want to get involved? Please attend the meeting to find out more!** You can bring your children with you – meet us in the school main hall.

Sports Day Fair a success – thank you!

FOG would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to making the Sports Day Fair a success and volunteered their time. Thanks to everyone who attended too. Special thanks to Swift Sports Coaching for the donation of vouchers and Thornbury Round Table for providing Bouncy Pop (Bouncy Castle). Below on the next page are a few photos of some of the volunteers and activities at the event.

Interested in getting involved?

The different ways to get involved are:

FOG Committee: responsible for a specific role – Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Comms & Marketing.

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!



Email us: friendsofgillingstool@gmail.com



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Sports Day Fair 27th June 2023 - Photographs



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