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Newsletter 6- 10th November 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

Remembrance Day

Many thanks to all our families for supporting the poppy appeal.



On Wednesday 11th November we will be having a whole school assembly based on the book '*Where the poppies grow*'. We will be collectively joining together (virtually) across the school for a 2 minute silence to commemorate the lives of all the people lost during the war.

Children in Need



Reminder: We are supporting Children in Need on Friday so the children can come to school dressed in their own bright clothing, spots or stripes or anything Pudsey related. We are asking that parents make a minimum donation of £1.00 via parent pay so that we can send this to Children in Need. Thank you for your support with this!

SENDCo Role:

As everyone will be aware, Mrs Daly will be commencing maternity leave at the end of the Autumn Term. Mrs Daly has taken the decision that on her return from maternity, she no longer wishes to continue in the role of SENDCo. I would like to thank her for all her hard work in liaising with parents, staff and other professionals for the duration of the time that she has been in post. It was reflected in our Ofsted report regarding the improvements that had been made in relation to provision for our SEND pupils and Mrs Daly has led this within school.



Due to this decision, we have internally advertised the position of SENDCo and I am pleased to announce that Miss Hudson has been appointed as our new SENDCo. Miss Hudson has already commenced transition sessions with Mrs Daly and these will be continuing throughout the autumn term. This will mean that Miss Hudson will already be in a good position for starting this role in January 2021.

Parents' Evening appointments:

Parents' evening has now taken place in the week before half term via telephone consultation. If you were unable to have a meeting during this week, please could you contact the school office so the teachers can make alternative arrangements.

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Virtual new intake meeting for parents for prospective parents 2021-2022



We have had some enquiries from parents regarding coming to visit school for a tour in relation to applying for a place at Gayton for 2021-2022. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are not allowed to show parents around the school. We have now produced a video for parents which is on our website or can be viewed here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GgPZiLbj1jM&feature=youtu.be&ab_channel=YouTube

This will hopefully help parents to at least see inside and outside our lovely school. However, we would also like to invite any prospective parents to join our virtual prospective parents' intake meeting. This will take place on **Wednesday 11th November at 6:30pm** and will be an opportunity for parents to find out more about the school. If you know any parents who may live in the local area and be interested in applying for a school place at Gayton, please share this information with them.

Neo- Community Centre- Child poverty charity work



We have partnered with the Neo Community charity who provide invaluable support to so many families in need on the Wirral. We are going to be supporting their campaign to ensure that as many children, who are in need, on the Wirral get a Christmas gift to open on Christmas Day. Therefore, the PTA have arranged for a bucket outside school which will be there at drop off and pick up. The bucket has 341 gift tags in it. Each gift tag will give the details of a child who needs our help. These details will give you enough information to buy a gift for this child at Christmas.

You can purchase a gift and place in a gift bag with a Christmas card that your child can write to the child. Please note that due to COVID-19 restrictions any gifts donated must be new. The children will have a virtual assembly during school with Ema from the Neo Community Centre. She will be able to explain to the children the importance of this campaign and how we can all make a difference this year to other local children. All gift bags will be collected from outside school on **Friday 11th December at 9:30am**. It would be wonderful if as many families as possible could take part in this campaign to really make a difference to the lives of some Wirral children at Christmas time.

Thumbs up Education Programme:

Our Y5 & Y6 children are currently accessing on Thursday mornings a well-being programme via Thumbs up. This programme has been developed using Cognitive Behavioural Therapy techniques including positive thinking, confidence building and self-esteem. So far the children have had 1 session but we have had lots of positive comments from the children and staff so we really hope that this is going to be useful for them.



Nativity Performance- Honky Tonky Donkey



Sadly, we are unable to put on our usual nativity performance for parents. However, we are still planning on having a nativity but will just need to put this altogether in a very different way. The PTA have arranged for someone to record the performance and this will be taking place on Wednesday 2nd December 2020. Parents will then be able to purchase this. We will be practising lots outside so we need to hope that the weather is going to be kind to us but there are still restrictions on children singing inside due to covid etc so we have to find a different way to work around this. We can't promise it is going to be quite as polished as perhaps it has

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been in the past but we will do our very best. We will be contacting parents who have said that their child cannot be filmed to check that you definitely don't want them to be recorded on the day of the filming. They can of course still be involved in the performance but on the day of filming they will be in the background so they can't be identified.

Anti- bullying week & Odd sock day

Next week is Anti-bullying week. The theme of the week this year is '**United against bullying**'. The children will be involved in a range of activities in their classes to focus on this during the week. We will also be starting the week by asking the children to wear odd socks to school on Monday 16th November 2020. There is no pressure to take part but we think it is a lovely way to remind everyone that we are all different and special and that diversity is so important.



Flu Immunisations-

Reminder: Flu immunisations are being administered on **Friday 20th November**. If you wish for your child to have the vaccine, please ensure you have returned the form.

PTA Events:

The PTA are working tirelessly (yet again) to raise money for our children and their efforts are very much appreciated. Covid-19 is having an impact on all school budgets as unfortunately the Government have not recognised the significant increase in costs that schools are having to fund out of their existing budgets. This includes all the increasing costs for additional cleaning, cleaning supplies, hand sanitiser and paper towels etc. It is therefore more important than ever that we have the support of the PTA.

The PTA are also having to adapt as usually we would have the Christmas fair that would bring in a significant amount of money on one evening. However, instead they have planned a whole range of smaller events, all of which will hopefully help to raise much needed funds for school. If you are able to support the PTA, please do so as they are really trying to make a difference for all our families and I am incredibly grateful to them for all their time, effort and energy.

Reminders:

Please can all parents ensure that all jumpers/cardigans have name labels in them. We are trying really hard to reunite children with lost/forgotten items on a daily basis but it is virtually impossible when they are not named.

Thank you for your continued support,
Kind regards,

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Key Dates:

Date	Event
11 th November 2020	Remembrance Assembly
11 th November 2020	Prospective Parents' meeting at 6:30pm- Parents need to contact the office to book onto this session.
13 th November 2020	Children in Need- Children can come to school in their own clothes, spotty clothes, stripes or anything Pudsey related for a minimum donation of £1.00. This can be paid via Parent Pay.
16 th November 2020 – 20 th November 2020	Anti- Bullying week- United against bullying. Children can wear odd socks on Monday 16 th November to launch anti-bullying week.
17 th November 2020	Hi- impact working with our F2, Y1 & Y2 children focusing on a music theme.
20 th November 2020	Flu Immunisations all day – please return forms if you haven't already done so.
1 st December 2020	Full Governing Board meeting @6:00pm
1 st December 2020	PTA Wreath making event
2 nd December 2020	Nativity Recording for F2, Y1 & Y2. (A DVD will then be produced which parents can purchase).
4 th December 2020	PTA event 'Walk to Lapland'
4 th December 2020 – 11 th December 2020	Virtual Christmas Fair – More details to follow from the PTA
11 th December 2020	PTA Elfridges Christmas Shop – £2.00 per gift, please make payments via parent pay and state who the gift is for in the comments. All payments to be made by Friday 4 th December 2020.
11 th December 2020	Neo Community Collection of gifts- gifts will be collected by 9:30am on this morning.
14 th December 2020	Round Table Carol Wagon at 6pm- (Still awaiting confirmation that this can definitely go ahead).
16 th December 2020	Christmas Dinner day – children can wear their school uniform with a Christmas jumper or Christmas hat.
17 th December 2020	PTA Party Day & hat making day – children can wear their own clothes to school. (see further details distributed by the PTA.)
18 th December 2020	Break up today for Christmas break at 2:30pm.
4 th January 2021	Inset Day- School not open to children.
5 th January 2021	Children return to school.

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NATIONAL RESTRICTIONS

5 November to 2 December
National restrictions apply to England:

Meeting Indoors  <p>You cannot meet anybody socially indoors unless they are in your household or support bubble.</p>	Meeting Outdoors  <p>You can meet with 1 person from another household in outdoor public spaces, following social distancing. Children under 5 and anyone dependent on continuous care do not count towards the 2 person limit.</p>	Weddings and Funerals  <p>Weddings and civil partnership ceremonies can only take place where one of those getting married is seriously ill and not expected to recover. Funerals can take place with up to 30 people in attendance.</p>	Working from home  <p>You must work from home if you can. If you cannot work from home you should continue to go to work (unless you are clinically extremely vulnerable).</p>
Essential Shops  <p>Open. Essential shops should follow COVID-secure guidelines.</p>	Non-essential Retail  <p>Closed. Can only open for click-and-collect and delivery services.</p>	Exercise  <p>You can exercise outside on your own or with your household; your support bubble; or one person from another household.</p>	Leisure and Gyms  <p>Closed. Except for allotments and outdoor playgrounds.</p>
Hospitality  <p>Closed except for takeaway, click-and-collect, drive through and delivery services. Takeaway not permitted after 22:00.</p>	Education  <p>Early years, schools and FE colleges open. Universities must reflect wider restrictions.</p>	Healthcare Services  <p>You can leave home for any medical reason.</p>	Residential Care  <p>Care homes are encouraged to provide safe, COVID-secure visiting opportunities. See the guidance for details on how to keep visits safe.</p>
Travel  <p>You must not travel in the UK or overseas other than for permitted reasons, including work, education, medical reasons, caring responsibilities or for essential retail.</p>	Public Transport  <p>You may still use public transport, but should only travel for permitted reasons and should look to reduce the number of journeys you make, avoid travelling at peak times, and walk or cycle where you can.</p>	Overnight Stays  <p>Overnight stays and holidays away from primary residences are not allowed, except for work and other exempt purposes.</p>	Entertainment and tourism  <p>Entertainment venues are closed. Public gardens at visitor attractions are open.</p>
Vulnerable People  <p>If you are 60+ or clinically vulnerable, be especially careful to follow the rules and minimise contacts with others. If you are clinically extremely vulnerable you are advised to stay at home as much as possible, except to go outdoors for exercise or to attend essential health appointments.</p>	Worship  <p>Closed. Except for: funerals, broadcasting acts of worship, and individual prayer.</p>	Childcare  <p>Registered childcare and childcare activities open to enable parents to work, or for respite care. Parents can form a childcare bubble with another household for informal childcare, where the child is 13 or under.</p>	Youth Clubs and Activities  <p>Some youth services are able to continue, such as 1-1 youth work and support groups, but most youth clubs and groups will need to cease for this period.</p>

For more information and detailed guidance visit:
gov.uk/coronavirus



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