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Newsletter 14th March 2023.

Dear Parents & Carers,

School closure on Friday 10th March 2023- Many apologies for any inconvenience caused on Friday with the closure of school. This decision was made to ensure the safety of all staff and families.

Reminder: NEU Industrial Action: School will be open as usual on Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th March 2023.

Y4 times table workshop



Many thanks to all the Y4 parents who came along to the times table workshop. We hope that you found it useful with regards to understanding the statutory test that your child will be sitting in June 2023 and ways in which you can support your child at home with different games and activities. We understand that not all parents were able to attend so we have sent all the information shared via email to all our Y4 parents.

Cross Country-

Well done to our cross country team who ran at Arrow Park on Thursday 2nd March 2023. Both our boys' and our girls' teams did exceptionally well and were both placed in 6th position. The next cross country event will take place at Birkenhead Park on Thursday 16th March 2023.



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Queen's Green Canopy Project.

On Monday 6th March 2023 we planted three plum trees in our garden area of the school. These trees were planted as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative and were very kindly donated by Mr Miller (Mrs Hulley's dad). These trees are a lovely lasting tribute to Queen Elizabeth II and we hope to see them flourish over the years.



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Parent/Carer spring term questionnaire.



Many thanks to all the parents who have completed the spring term parent/carers questionnaire. If you haven't yet completed it, please do as the survey will close on **Monday 20th March 2023**.

You can complete the survey, by clicking on this link to the Google form:
<https://forms.gle/dmkm4HffyhkFaVx76>

Smart watches

Please can all parents ensure that your child does not wear a Smart watch to school. Smart watches are phones which have any of the following capabilities:

- Ability to send and receive text messages/Whats app messages.
- Access to games
- Access to social media e.g. Facebook/TikTok etc.
- Ability to listen to music
- Ability to record voice notes etc.
- Access to a camera.



They are not suitable for school as they could potentially cause safeguarding issues as well as being a distraction to children during learning time.

Children can wear any analogue or digital watch. Fitbits are also fine as long as children can't access any of the other features.

Red Nose Day – Friday 17th March 2023.

On **Friday 17th March 2023**, children can wear their own clothes/ red clothes/red noses to school in support of Red Nose Day. We will be asking for a donation via Parent Pay which we will send to Red Nose Day following the event. Thank you for your anticipated support with this.



Y4 Residential 2023-2024



We will be contacting all Year 3 parents about the upcoming Barnstondale Residential which your child will experience in the autumn term of Year 4. We are booked in to attend on **Wednesday 11th –Friday 13th October 2023**. This is such a wonderful opportunity for our children and gives them an opportunity to experience a range of outdoor activities as well as the opportunity to experience a residential whereby they will be sleeping over at the centre.

Further information will be sent to Y3 parents in the next few weeks as we do need to ask for a deposit payment to secure our booking with Barnstondale. We will also offer parents the ability to pay in instalments so that you can spread the cost over a number of months.

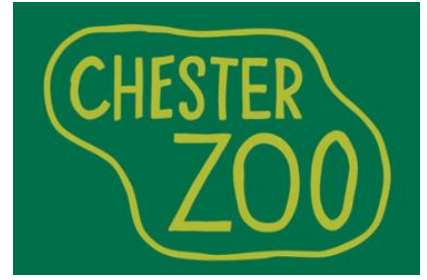
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Chester Zoo trip (2023-2024)

For the last two years, we have applied to Chester Zoo when they have offered free tickets for schools. We have never been successful in our application, but we are very pleased to announce that this year, we have been successful! We have therefore received free tickets for the whole school and will be undertaking a whole school trip to Chester Zoo on **22nd November 2023**. We will be asking parents to just pay towards the cost of the coach on this day which will significantly reduce the cost of the trip.



Reminder: Leavers' Assembly- Year 6.



Reminder: Save the date: We look forward to welcoming Year 6 parents/carers to school for our Year 6 leavers' assembly which will take place on **Wednesday 19th July at 1:45pm**.



Punctuality:

All children should be in school by **8:50am**. It is vital that your child is in school by this time, so that they can be present for registration and have time to settle into class before lessons commence. Teachers also use this time to set activities before school starts so it really is vital that your child is on time to help them maximise their learning as well.

Holidays in term time:

Please can we remind all parents that children should not be taken out of school for holidays in term time unless due to truly exceptional circumstances. It is very rare that any holiday would be authorised. Good attendance is key to children making good progress and taking time out to go on holiday can significantly hamper progress. We are seeing an increase in the number of holiday requests and would urge parents to consider the impact of this on your child's learning. If your child's attendance is below 90%, they are classed as persistently absent from school. We will contact you to discuss this and put in any additional support needed. Persistent absence can also result in a fixed fine.

PTA Donations:

Gayton Primary PTA is a registered charity (1168184). We would be very grateful for any donation big or small. Every little helps towards buying great things for our lovely children.

Charities are eligible for Gift Aid on any donation made. Gift Aid is a government scheme that allows charities to reclaim tax already paid on donations they receive. Signing up means that for every £1 you donate, we will receive an extra 25p back from HM Customs & Revenue. Therefore, a donation of £100 would be worth £125 to the PTA.

You can make a donation to Gayton Primary PTA [here](#).

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Family Toolbox

Being a parent/carer is both rewarding and tiring and we often need to be reminded to look after ourselves as well. For further advice on a wide range of topics, please visit the Family Toolbox website.



Koala North West

Koala North West is a free service available to families in the North West. Below is some information about the aims and values of the their support. Further information can be found at: <https://koalanw.co.uk/>

- **TAILORING SUPPORT....All families are different. Every family receives support designed to be most beneficial to them.**
- **NURTURING POSITIVE WELLBEING....We are committed to improving the emotional, mental and physical wellbeing of children and their care-givers.**
- **AMBITION....We want our families to thrive; we believe in offering opportunities that help children and families realise their own ambitions and succeed.**
- **REDUCING ISOLATION....In an increasingly digital age, we want to ensure that families still feel part of a strong, welcoming community, who support one another and ensure they are happy, resilient and thriving.**

Parents can refer themselves to this service via: 0151 608 8288 or by emailing: admin@koalanw.co.uk

Wirral FUSS & FUPS



FREE UNIFORM GIVEAWAY DAY

APRIL 2nd 2022 10-12.30pm

The Beacon Coffee Shop 81 Telegraph Road Heswall CH60 0AE

www.wirralfuss.co.uk wirralfuss@gmail.com 07731 831936

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Christopher Salmon Poetry Competition:

Entries for the Christopher Salmon Poetry competition are now open. This year the theme of the competition is 'sunshine'. We have sent home information via email about the competition. Parents can submit their child's own entry via this link: <https://form.jotform.com/223383902588363>

Alternatively, your child can submit their entry to school on the paper form (available via email or paper copies are available in your child's class) and hand it into school by **Friday 24th March 2023**.

Communication with teachers:

If you need to contact your child's class teacher, you will be able to see them at the gates at the end of the school day. If not, you can email the school office via: schooloffice@gayton.wirral.sch.uk and the teacher will get back to you as soon as possible. Please remember that teachers are teaching all day and it may not be possible for them to call you back until the end of the school day.

Contacting the school office via email:

Please be reminded that emails should be sent to schooloffice@gayton.wirral.sch.uk

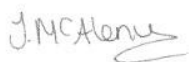
Please note that the Admin email address is no longer in use. Any messages sent to that address will not be delivered and will generate a failure notification.

Labelling of clothing:

At the end of the spring 1st half term, we again had a lot of unclaimed lost property and this has now been washed and donated to Wirral FUSS/FUPS. Please can I urge parents to ensure that you take the time to label your child's clothing. We will always reunite your child with their clothing, if it is labelled, but we are unable to do this when large amounts of uniform are unlabelled.

Thank you for your continued support,

Kind regards,



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Key Dates:

Date	Event
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th March 2023	Neurodiversity week.
Wednesday 15 th March 2023 – Friday 17 th March	Y6 Robinwood Residential
Thursday 16 th March 2023	Local Governing board meeting at 6:00pm.
Thursday 16 th March 2023	Cross country at Birkenhead Park (Y4-Y6)
Friday 17 th March 2023	Red Nose Day 2023
Wednesday 22 nd March 2023	Y1 trip to World Museum & Walker Art Gallery
Thursday 23 rd March 2023	Benji (therapy dog) to visit school.
Thursday 23 rd March 2023	Judo Education assembly for KS2 pupils.
Friday 24 th March 2023	Year 2 visit to Port Sunlight.
Friday 24 th March 2023	Closing date for paper entries of the Christopher Salmon competition.
Thursday 30 th March 2023	PTA Easter Chocolate Bingo at 6:00pm.
Thursday 30 th March 2023	Cross Country at Oxton Fields (Team to be selected)
Friday 31 st March 2023	Break up today for spring break at 2:30pm.
Sunday April 2 nd 2023	Free Uniform Giveaway Day- 10:00am-12:30pm The Beacon Coffee Shop, 81 Telegraph Road, Heswall
Monday 17 th April 2023	Back to school today
Tuesday 18 th April 2023	Benji (therapy dog) visiting school.
Tuesday 18 th April 2023	Local Governing board- finance training at 6pm.
Monday 1 st May 2023	Bank Holiday- school closed.
Thursday 4 th May 2023	Inset day – polling day (school closed)
Monday 8 th May 2023	Additional Bank Holiday (school closed)
Tuesday 9 th May 2023- Friday 12 th May 2023	KS2 SAT tests.
Monday 15 th May 2023	PTA film club – 3:20pm – 5:00pm. (Due to some rearranged essential training for staff, this has now been cancelled. A new date will be set.
Friday 19 th May 2023	Class photographs- Rourke.
Thursday 25 th May 2023	Local Governing Board meeting @6pm.
Friday 26 th May 2023	Break up today for half term holiday at 2:30pm.

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