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Newsletter 16th June 2023.

Dear Parents & Carers,

Amasing Event – Aspire.

Wow! What a wonderful experience and opportunity for some of our Y4-6 children to perform at the Floral Pavilion on Wednesday evening. The children worked so hard to learn all the words and movements to the songs and sang beautifully to a packed theatre. Thank you so much to all the parents who came along to support the children at the event. We know that this will be such a memorable experience for the children and something that they will look back on with such pride.



Special thanks to Mrs Wright who has dedicated so much of her time to supporting the children to learn the songs through the after school choir. We will be providing a further opportunity for the children to perform to the children in school soon, so please hang onto those blue t-shirts! Also many thanks to Miss Hudson for coming along to support the children at the event. As usual, our children were impeccably behaved and were a real credit to our school. It was so wonderful to watch them perform with such passion and enthusiasm! They truly were 'amasing'!

Renewal of our Green Flag award:

We are delighted to announce that we have been successful in the renewal of our Eco-Schools Green Flag and this year we have received the Green Flag with distinction award. Many thanks to Mrs Hulley for coordinating this across the school and to all our teachers and children for working so hard towards environmental projects in school.



The assessors felt that our children were very aware of environmental issues and were committed to being active and creating positive change. We know that it is vital that everyone works together to make positive changes for the environment and it is wonderful to know that our children are leaving a legacy through the work they are undertaking.

Reminder: Attendance:



Please can we remind all parents of the importance of your child attending school every day. Regular attendance enables children to gain maximum benefit from the range of educational and wider opportunities available to them. Schools and local authorities are expected to work together to:

- **Promote good attendance and reduce absence, including persistent absence.**
- **Ensure every pupil has access to the appropriate full-time education to which they are entitled.**
- **Act early to address patterns of absence.**

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If your child's attendance is below 90%, then their attendance is classed as persistently absent. This is a significant concern.

As a school, we are closely monitoring children who are at risk of falling into this category, and we are expected to involve parents in discussing our concerns and looking at formulating specific plans to prevent deterioration and to build back attendance levels. We fully appreciate that some children have specific medical reasons as to why they may be classed as persistently absent and all cases will be dealt with on an individual basis.

We have a number of children who are classed as persistently absent, or close to being persistently absent, due to holidays which have been taken in term time. Please can we remind all parents that from September 2023, we will be introducing fines for term time holidays. All holidays should be booked in holiday periods and not during term time. Further information about the fining system for Wirral schools can be found in our attendance policy which is available on our school website.

Reminder- School Meals:

From the 1st of June the cost of a school meal has increased to £2.75. Payments can be made via Parent Pay.



Sports day – Wednesday 21st June 2023. – 9:10am- 11:30am approximately.

As previously advertised, our Sports day will be taking place on **Wednesday 21st June** from 9:10am- 11:30am (approximately). We may have to cancel the event due to inclement weather and a decision will be made by 8:00am on the morning and shared with parents. If we do cancel the event, we have scheduled Wednesday 28th June as the reserve date. All children should wear their PE kit to school on this day and if the weather is sunny, will need to have applied sun lotion.

Your child can wear their PE kit to school for sports day along with a colour t-shirt to represent their house colour. The house colours are shown below:

Hall- **Green**
Mill- **Blue**
Farm- **Yellow**
Ferry- **Red**



If they don't have a T-shirt in the colour of their house, they can wear their PE kit. If you are not sure which house team your child is in, please contact the school office and they will be able to help.

During the event, we respectfully ask that parents do not cross the respect barrier in order to go and speak to their child. Your child will be sat with their team and we do not need parents crossing over the barrier. Photographs are permitted but please ensure that you do not upload pictures of other children to social media sites.

Parents can attend and should enter school via the gate through the car park. Mr McColgan will be on gate duty throughout the event to ensure that parents can enter and exit.

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Summer Fair:



The summer fair is nearly here and will take place from 3:30pm- 6:00pm on **Friday 23rd June 2023**. On this day, all our children will be dismissed via the infant gate on the playground so that families can then enter school via the junior gate. Our immediate priority, is ensuring that all children are handed over safely to whoever is collecting them from school so please bear with us to ensure the safety of all our children.

The summer fair is being organised by the PTA and we know that lots of children will be really looking forward to this event. Each class is responsible for running their own stall and the class who raises the most money will win a prize from the PTA.

Please can we remind all parents that children are the responsibility of parents whilst at the fair and must be appropriately supervised. All available staff will be running stalls and will not be available to look after the children.

Also, our new crinkle crag will be roped off for this event so children are not to play on this during the fair.

PTA Summer Fair Poster competition:

Well done to all the children who entered the summer fair poster competition. We are pleased to announce our winners. We think both of these posters are a wonderful advertisement for the fair and congratulations to both Aanya (F2) & Antonio (Y4) for their amazing designs.



Paul Lavelle Foundation:

Many thanks to the Paul Lavelle Foundation who came into school to speak to our Year 5 & Year 6 children about healthy relationships as part of our PSHE curriculum. During the session they covered the following aspects:

- Positive and negative behaviours in relationships.
 - Dealing with anger
- Personal safety – Understanding risky situations.
 - Bullying
 - Identifying a trusted adult and safe place.
- Gender Equality and the dangers of violence.

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Sporting Update:



PTA Events:

Friday 23rd June 2023- Summer Fair – 3:30pm- 6:00pm.

Sunday 25th June 2023- PTA Golf Event at Heswall Golf Club.

Thursday 29th June 2023 – Summer Disco 3:20pm- 4:45pm

Thursday 20th July 2023– Non-School Uniform day (PTA donation via Parent Pay)

Crinkle Crag Installation

Our Crinkle Crag climbing frame installation has been completed by Pentagon Play and our children are thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to play on this structure. It is wonderful to see the children having fun, being physically active but also challenging themselves. We are incredibly lucky to have an amazing PTA, who go out of their way to raise money for our children, so that we can provide wonderful enhancements like this for our children.

At the moment, funding for education is incredibly tight and it is vital that everyone continues to support the PTA so that we can continue to provide things like this for our children.

Thank you to all our parents for your support.



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Class assemblies:

The remaining class assemblies will take place at 9:05am on the following dates:

Tuesday 20th June 2023- Year 1

Tuesday 27th June 2023- Year 2

Tuesday 4th July 2023- F2



Parents/carers are welcome to attend and can enter via the main entrance from around 8:55am.

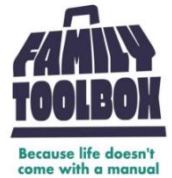
Punctuality:



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.

Family Toolbox

Being a parent/carers 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.



Whole School Transition Day:

On **Wednesday 5th July 2023** we will be having a whole school transition day. A lot of our Year 6 children will be out on a Wirral transition day at their new high school. This will therefore provide an opportunity for all staff to meet their new classes and spend the day with them.

Before this date, we will announce our class structure for 2023 so that you will know who your child's class teacher will be next academic year.

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.

Thank you for your continued support,

Kind regards,

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Everyone goes through difficult times, but sometimes our problems affect our day-to-day lives and we feel that we can't cope.

If you are in this situation, you are not alone.

We can help you if you are aged 16+ and experiencing common issues such as:

- Low mood
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Stress
- Panic
- Anger
- Trauma
- Bereavement
- Loss
- Relationship or family problems
- Phobias



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Date	Event
Tuesday 20 th June 2023	Y1 class assembly at 9:05am. (Parents welcome to attend)
Wednesday 21 st June 2023	Sports Day F2- Y6. Parents are welcome to attend from 9:10am- 11:30am (approximately).
Friday 23 rd June 2023	Summer fair- 3:30pm- 6:00pm.
Sunday 25 th June 2023	PTA Golf Day- Heswall Golf Course.
Tuesday 27 th June 2023	Year 2 class assembly at 9:05am (Parents welcome to attend)
Tuesday 27 th June 2023	F2 Induction evening for new intake parents (2023-2024) @6:30pm.
Wednesday 28 th June 2023	Reserve Sports Day (This date will only be needed if we have to cancel sports day on Wednesday 21 st June 2023.)
Thursday 29 th June 2023	Summer disco 3:20pm- 4:45pm.
Tuesday 4 th July 2023	F2 class assembly at 9:05am. (Parents welcome to attend)
Wednesday 5 th July 2023	Wirral Induction day for Y6 pupils Whole school transition day.
Thursday 6 th July 2023	F2 trip to 'Imagine that!'
Thursday 6 th July 2023	Neston High School Induction day for Y6 pupils.
Thursday 13 th July 2023	Local Governing Board meeting @ 6pm.
Friday 14 th July 2023	Annual reports out to parents.
Wednesday 19 th July 2023	Leavers' Assembly (Y6) at 1:45pm. Parents invited to attend.
Thursday 20 th July 2023	Non school uniform day (PTA donation via Parent Pay) Break up for the summer break at 2:30pm.

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