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## Newsletter 4- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

Dear Parents & Carers,

### Staffing update:

This week, we have welcomed Mrs Hardie to our Gayton team. Mrs Hardie has replaced Mrs Longworth in the office. We hope that Mrs Hardie will settle quickly into Gayton, but as I am sure you can imagine, there is a lot for her to learn in relation to our systems and routines both within the school and specifically the office and therefore please be aware of this whilst she fully settles into life at Gayton.

### Covid-19 update:

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Prior to the half term break, there was an increase in the number of covid cases across Wirral. We have had a number of cases in school but obviously we are no longer responsible for contact tracing and won't routinely be informing parents of any cases. However, Public Health have asked that all staff now wear face coverings within the school building in communal areas (not classrooms).

It is vital that parents continue to be vigilant and please get your child tested if they are displaying any of the 3 symptoms. Please don't send your child to school if they have symptoms until you have a negative PCR test. Please remember that whilst lateral flow devices are useful, they are not as accurate as a PCR test and it is possible to test negative on a LFD but still have covid-19. If someone in your household tests positive for covid, please ensure that any children are taken for a PCR test before they attend school. We all need to work together to try and reduce community transmission and your continued support with this is very much appreciated.

### School Meals Price Increase

The price of a school meal will increase from £2.35 per day to £2.40 per day. This will take effect from week commencing **8<sup>th</sup> November 2021**.

Please remember that all pupils in F2, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a daily free school meal as part of the Government's commitment to Universal Infant Free School meals. If your child is in KS2 and you feel that you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please complete an application via this web link:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-wirral>

### Parents' Evening:

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Many thanks to all our parents for coming along to parents' evening in the week before we broke up. It was so lovely to be able to welcome parents back into school (in a safe way) and all staff really appreciated being able to meet parents face to face again. We know that many parents really appreciated the opportunity to see their child's work as well.

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If you weren't able to attend parents' evening, please make contact with the office and they will make alternative arrangements with the class teacher so that you still get the opportunity to see your child's class teacher.

### **New term dates adopted by Wirral, Liverpool and Cheshire.**

New term and holiday dates for 2022-23 and 2023-24 have been adopted by Wirral, Liverpool and Cheshire. There are not many changes but you will notice that the October half term for Wirral is now the same as the other two local authorities. The Wirral website has now been updated to reflect this. Please note that the inset days have not yet been added to these term dates as these are for individual schools to set. [www.wirral.gov.uk/termdates](http://www.wirral.gov.uk/termdates)

### **Poppy Appeal**

We now have the Poppy appeal box in school and pupils can bring money into school to buy items. We have one box of merchandise and one box of poppies to sell and help raise money for the Royal British Legion. Our house captains will be selling these at break time from tomorrow. There are suggested prices for the merchandise:

Snap band- £1.50, Wristband- £1.00, Reflector- 50p and a zip pull- 50p.

Children can also purchase a paper poppy for a small donation.



### **Reminder: Flu Vaccine clinic.**

If your child was absent on the last day of the half term and missed out on having their flu vaccine, parents are able to contact the flu vaccine clinic on the following number: 0151 514 2510. You will be able to book your child into the clinic for the flu vaccine. They will not be returning to school for a catch up clinic until January 2022 so therefore this is a better option, if you want your child to have the vaccine sooner.

### **Applications for F2 places for 2022- 2023**



Online applications are now open for any parents with children who are due to start in September 2022. Parents have until **15th January 2022** to make their application. Please ensure that if you have a sibling, you tick the sibling box on the application form.

If anyone knows of any local families who may be interested in their child starting at Gayton next academic year, please ask them to call the school office as we are currently offering a few tours for new intake families, but places must be booked via the office.

### **Reminder academy consultation:**



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Please remember that we are still in a period of consultation with parents regarding potentially converting to an academy and joining Cheshire Academies Trust. If you have any comments at all, please do email [consultation@gayton.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:consultation@gayton.wirral.sch.uk). Your feedback is important and valued so please do take the time to contribute to the consultation. The parental consultation will end on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021**.

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## Children in Need



We are supporting Children in Need on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021** 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.

## Second hand uniform.



This week, we have sent out communication regarding the changes to the way second hand uniform is managed at Gayton. This is the link to the website where you can complete a request for second hand uniform: [www.wirralfuss.co.uk](http://www.wirralfuss.co.uk)

Please can everyone ensure that you have labelled your child's uniform so that we can ensure that any lost items are returned to your child. We will always take the time to return lost belongings, but this is impossible when items are not labelled.

## Wellies/Old trainers:

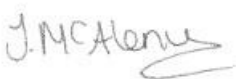
Our welly storage units are delayed due to national wood supply issues. The company have confirmed that we will not be receiving them until the spring term. Therefore, we are going to have to have temporary arrangements for the use of wellies until our permanent solutions arrive.



Please ensure that your child has a pair of wellies or old trainers in school. This will allow us to continue making use of the school field even during the winter months.

Thank you for your continued support,

Kind regards,



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**Key Dates:**

| Date   | Event   |
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| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2021   | Deadline for orders for PTA Christmas cards.  |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2021 – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2021 | Bikeability (Y6) – Further information to follow regarding which day your child will need their bike.   |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2021  | Prospective parents (F2) tour of school- please call the school office to book on.  |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November- Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2021      | Anti- Bullying week 2021- ‘One Kind word’   |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2021- Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2021 | Bikeability (Y5) – Further information to follow regarding which day your child will need their bike.   |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2021                                     | End of parent academy consultation.   |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2021                                     | Y6 to visit Heswall Methodist Church ‘Hope Journey’   |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2021                                      | Y6 Anti-Racism workshop led by Tranmere Rovers  |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2021                                      | PTA disco 3:20pm- 4:45pm (If the lighting issue in the hall has been fixed.)  |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2021  | Children in Need Day- Children can wear their own clothes/spots or stripes or anything Pudsey related on this day for a small donation to Children in Need. |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2021  | Individual photographs  |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2021                                      | Prospective parents (F2) tour of school- please call the school office to book on.  |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2021                                      | Y5 Anti-Racism workshop led by Tranmere Rovers.   |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2021  | PTA Wreath making in the hall (Further details to follow)   |
| Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2021                                       | Christmas Fit Fun Festival- Y5 & 6 – Wirral School Games.   |
| Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2021                                       | Full Governing Board meeting at 6:00pm  |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2021   | F2, Y1 & Y2- Christmas Shop (PTA) Further details to follow.  |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2021  | Y3-Y6 Christmas Shop (PTA) Further details to follow.   |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2021                                       | Christmas Film Night 3:20pm- 5:00pm   |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021  | Break up today at <b>2:30pm</b> for Christmas holiday.  |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022   | Inset Day- Children not in school   |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022                                       | Children return to school following the Christmas break.  |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2022                                       | Flu vaccine catch up.   |

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