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## Newsletter 6- 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

### Covid-19 update:



We have a number of covid-19 cases in our Year 6 class currently and have advised all Year 6 parents to take their child for a PCR test so that we can ensure that there are no further asymptomatic cases within the class. I am incredibly grateful to the Y6 parents, who have taken their child for a PCR test, as we know this has supported school in reducing the transmission of the virus as further cases have been identified.

### Omicron update:

The DFE updated its guidance for schools on Monday following the announcement of the Omicron variant. School staff are wearing masks in communal areas and we are continuing to restrict visitors to site. Our risk assessment has been updated to reflect new guidance from the DFE.

The DFE have confirmed that all individuals who have been identified as a close contact of a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, irrespective of vaccination status and age, will be contacted directly and required to self-isolate immediately and asked to book a PCR test. They will be informed by the local health protection team or NHS Test and Trace if they fall into this category and provided details about self-isolation. Obviously guidance is changing continually and we will continue to update parents regarding any further developments in this aspect.

### Christmas Toy Appeal – Neo Community



Huge thanks to everyone who has taken a gift tag for the Neo Community Charity. Please remember that all gifts need to be returned by **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021**. You don't need to wrap the present, but please do place it in a gift tag. The gifts can be left outside the school office on Friday morning.

### PTA Film Club Christmas Chronicles 2.

Tickets are available for film club that is taking place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 from 3:20pm- 5:15pm. You can book your tickets via Parent Pay.



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## PTA Christmas Shop

The Christmas shop organised by our PTA is such a wonderful Gayton tradition. This year, the Christmas shop will operate on the following dates:



**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December- F2, Y1 and Y2.**  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December- Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6**

If you wish for your child to visit the Christmas shop, please ensure that you have paid for the gifts via Parent Pay before the date your child is scheduled to visit the Christmas shop. This is really important to help the PTA manage how many gifts they need to buy, so please don't leave this until the last minute.

## Christmas Arrangements 2021 (F2, Y1 & Y2)

We have sent out a link to the Google form for parents to register for the dates they would like to attend the Christmas Nativity Performance for parents of F2, Y1 and Y2. Please remember that you will be allocated two tickets per family regardless of how many children you have in these three year groups. **The Google form will close on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December so it is vital that you have registered for your tickets by this date.**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 9:30am (F2, Y1 & Y2)**  
**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 9:30am (F2, Y1 & Y2)**  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 9:30am (F2, Y1 & Y2)**

In week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021, we will message parents to confirm the day(s) that your tickets have been allocated for.

## Christmas Arrangements 2021 (Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6)

For KS2 pupils, we have made the decision that we won't be holding our usual KS2 Christmas service at St



Peter's Church. Unfortunately, we feel that due to covid-19 restrictions and the sheer number of parents that attend the service, we wouldn't be able to hold this event in a covid-19 secure way. However, we would like to invite parents to join us in a KS2 Christmas Carol singing event on the playground at **6:00pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021**. We would like everyone to wrap up warm and come and join in with singing

some Christmas carols.

## Santa's Sleigh- Gayton Route.

Santa's Sleigh, organised by Heswall Round Table, will be visiting Gayton on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021. The sleigh will commence its route at 6:00pm. This year, the Round Table are giving the school the opportunity to receive a percentage of the collection on the night as long as we advertise the event and encourage as many parents as possible to donate. We will send out full details of the route and ways in which you can donate closer to the time. It is such a lovely way for families to start to get into the Christmas spirit with a visit from Santa on his sleigh.



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## Poppy Appeal

Many thanks to all our families for supporting the Poppy Appeal this year. We managed to raise an incredible **£221.18**. We know how vital this work is in enabling the Royal British Legion to continue their efforts with supporting individuals and families affected.



## 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.



## Homework:

This week will be the last week of homework for the autumn term. Homework will re-commence on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021.



## Children in Need

Many thanks to everyone for supporting Children in Need. We raised an amazing £364.50. We also had a special visit from Pudsey which was kindly arranged by Heswall Round Table.

## Last day of term:

Please remember that school closes at 2:30pm on the last day of term- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021. On the last day the children may bring a non-electronic toy or game into school. Please remember to try and label your child's toy(s) to ensure they can be returned safely.

## OPAL Donations:

We are looking for the following items to enhance our outdoor play opportunities at Gayton. If you do have any of these items, please drop them off at the school office.

- Adult clothing e.g. hats, jackets, coats, shirts, ties or any dressing up clothing.
- Any small world items: E.g. dolls, dinosaurs, cars etc.
- Prams, pushchairs or suitcases
- Any scooters that are no longer required.
- Any plastic spades or buckets (anything that you would use in a sandpit)
- Any off cuts of astro-turf that may not be required.



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We are going to be inviting parents into school at the beginning of February for a play session so that you can come along and experience what playtimes are like at Gayton. We will publish the dates before we break up for Christmas.

**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. Thank you for your continued support,

Kind regards,



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**Key Dates:**

Date	Event
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2021	F2, Y1 & Y2- Christmas Shop (PTA)
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Santa's Sleigh visits Gayton organised by Heswall Round Table. Starts at 6:00pm.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Y3-Y6 Christmas Shop (PTA)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	KS2 pupils to watch the KS1 nativity performance.
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Nativity Performance @9:30am
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Nativity Performance @9:30am
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Christmas Film Night 3:20pm- 5:15pm- Please collect from the playground (KS2 gate).
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Christmas Dinner Day- children can wear their school uniform with a Christmas jumper.
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Nativity Performance @9:30am
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	KS2 Christmas Carols- 6:00pm on the school playground.
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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