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Newsletter 7- 24th November 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

Children in Need. We are delighted to announce that we raised **£373.90** for Children in Need. Huge thanks to our families for supporting this wonderful cause and for helping us to raise so much money. We know that this money will really make a difference and are so grateful to everyone for their contributions.



Cyclists:

As an Eco-school, we actively encourage pupils to cycle to school as long as parents are able to supervise them safely or they have completed their Bike Right cycle proficiency which teaches children how to cycle safely on the road. However, please can I ask that all car drivers take extra care when overtaking cyclists. Within the Highway Code, it clearly states that cyclists should be given at least as much room as you would when overtaking a car. Many of the roads around school are not wide enough to facilitate this which means that drivers should not be overtaking cyclists at all.



Rule 163 from the Highway Code:
Give vulnerable road users at least as much space as you would a car.

F2 Applications 2021-2022



Applications are now open for parents to apply for their child to start at Gayton in September 2021. All applications must be made by **15th January 2021**. You can apply online through Wirral's online admission system which can be accessed via: www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Information for any prospective parents can be found on our school website under the tab 'Prospective Parents.'

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Remote Learning (Y1-Y6)

If your child is isolating at home, there will be a first day response home learning sheet for children to complete for Years 1-6 this will be accessed via Google Classroom. From day 2, staff will then individually assign the work to your child via Google Classroom so that it can be completed at home. This work will be fully aligned to our curriculum. Teachers will post the work for your child and they can submit their work for marking/feedback via Google Classroom. The school office will also email you the link for celebration assembly which is held on a Friday so that your child can be part of the assembly.



Remote Learning (F2)

For F2 pupils, Mrs Such will upload activities via Tapestry for your child to complete at home.

Please note that this work is only to be completed by children who are isolating due to COVID- 19. We will not provide work for children who are absent as they are ill as they should be resting and not completing school work.

EdShed Resources:

In order to supplement our remote learning opportunities for pupils, we have purchased Maths Shed and Spelling Shed for Years 1-6. Your child will shortly be provided with the details for them to access the resources and these will be utilised to complement our homework and remote learning resources.



Homework:

The last date for homework to be set this term is Friday 4th December 2020. Homework will recommence on January 15th 2021.

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.

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Kitchen work planned 30th November 2020- 4th December 2020.



Just to remind all parents that our kitchen will be closed from **Monday 30th November- Friday 4th December 2020**. All children will need to bring a packed lunch into school every day this week. This includes all F2, Y1 & Y2 pupils who would normally have universal free school meals. I can only apologise for any inconvenience caused but can assure you that this work is essential and needs to take place as soon as possible due to the amount of water we are losing and the costs to the school associated with this. If your child qualifies for free school meals, we will be able to provide your child with a packed lunch. We will contact these families separately to confirm that you would like a school packed lunch provided that week. If your child doesn't have a packed lunch box, we will permit paper bags/ plastic bags just for that week but please ensure that this is labelled so it is easily recognisable.

PTA event: Let's Go to Lapland.



The PTA are running a family event whereby everyone can join in with walking, running, cycling or scooting to clock up the miles so that as a school community we can walk the 4018 miles to Lapland and back again! It would be lovely to have some families joining in with the event and sharing their family walk pictures via our Twitter page @GaytonPrimary.

The challenge can be completed any time but must be finished by **Sunday 6th December 2020** and your distances uploaded to the system so they can be calculated.

Every child will receive a medal and certificate and the class that completes the most distance will receive the Lapland Walk Trophy.

As a school, the children will all be joining in with this on Friday 4th December 2020. The children can come to school dressed in their PE kit for this day with Christmas hats/reindeer ears etc.

Sponsorship can be made via: <http://www.justgiving.com/Gaytonprimarypta>

Miles can be added via:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfTfolk9J5YGQaqKgcDMD9BqO2V7pnQsvYfso0dFzXAtasaPA/viiewform?fbclid=IwAR2vYI3eMZnft94DU45KRy24iZu4uVHvqz5-fU-MKJieeyE-UmO5qARBQ>

Flu vaccine catch up session

There will be a catch up session for the flu vaccine programme on Tuesday 15th December 2020. This is for any children who were absent on Friday 20th November and therefore missed their opportunity to have the flu vaccine administered.

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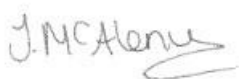
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Reminders:

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,



Mrs McAleny

Key Dates:

Date	Event
Monday 30 th November- Friday 4 th December 2020	Kitchen closed- all pupils to bring in a packed lunch from home this week.
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 Y3- Y6 Christmas carol recording. (A DVD will then be produced which parents can purchase).
4 th December 2020	Last homework for the term to be set today.
4 th December 2020	PTA event 'Walk to Lapland' – All children can come to school in their tracksuits with trainers for the day. Santa hats/reindeer ears can be worn.
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.
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
15 th December 2020	Catch up Flu Vaccine for any children who were absent for the first round.
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 holiday 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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