



Newsletter

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HALLOWEEN HUNT ...



The Halloween hunt was a huge success with 141 Halloween hunt packs going out to children ready to enjoy over the half term. The answers to the hunt are as follows ...

Clue 1 – Jenesis Hairdressing

Clue 2 – Otto Lounge

Clue 3 – Harris Opticians

Clue 4 – Karl Tatler

Clue 5 – Joy

Clue 6 – Fire Station

Clue 7 - Lingham's

Clue 8 - Homebird

Clue 9 - Gusto

Clue 10 – V&A Dry Cleaners

Clue 11 – Marilyn Phillips

A big thank you to everyone who bought a pack and to all the businesses who allowed us to display the pumpkins so the children could enjoy the Halloween hunt! We raised £655 (less expenses to be calculated)

PUMPKIN COMPETITION ...

The pumpkin competition was a great success and there were so many fabulous designs that Mrs McAleny had such a hard time choosing! We had 57 entries so raised £57, in first place was Nathan from year 1 and runner up was Eva in F2 – Well done!



BALLOON RACE ...

The balloon race was brilliant, we got to choose the style and colour of our balloons, name them and then watch the race over the 7 days starting from Dracula's Castle on Halloween. We had 41 supporters and raised £279. The top 5 from our school were Thea S with "Balloon", Clair B with "Wonderous Witches", Vik K with "Dominic Kazi", Catherine M with "Jimbofortnite" and Sarah P with "Oliver". Thank you to everyone that joined in, keep your eyes peeled for our next race!

BREAK THE RULES DAY ...

This is always a favourite with the children and it's so lovely to see everyone get involved. Throughout the whole pandemic and things changing to be "virtual" it was just lovely to see an actual event happening in person that the children could enjoy, and we raised an amazing £295!

CHRISTMAS PANTO – OH NO THEY DIDN'T! ...



Oh yes we did! We have arranged and paid for the children to have not 1 but 2 virtual pantomimes!! It's such a shame they will miss out on the annual Christmas cinema trip so we thought this would make up for it. The choices are Jack and the Beanstalk and Aladdin. The children will then be able to have a zoom meeting with the characters which will be on 15 December.

LOTTERY ...

The lottery is going really well, so far we have had 5 winners during our 5 weeks of running, with all the winners collecting the guaranteed cash prize each week for our school with is 30% of the ticket sales. Four parents have kindly donated their winnings back to PTA which is fabulous! A total of 79 tickets have been sold with 40p from each ticket being donated to PTA, we are currently on track to earn an annual income of £1643.20 from the amount of tickets sold. (correct at 8 November) It's not too late to join - <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/gayton-primary-school> The top prize is a huge £25k!!

CHRISTMAS DISCO ...

With the children missing out on so many events that they love we have tried to keep it as normal as possible, therefore we will be holding a virtual disco. This will be on Saturday 28th November, tickets can be purchased on Parentpay at £5 per household to include a disco goody bag. Extra goody bags can also be purchased at £2 each on Parentpay. Don't miss out on this fab new event.



CHRISTMAS FAIR ...



We will be having a virtual Christmas Fair, this will last for 7 days between 4-11 December where you can enjoy games, competitions and buy Christmas presents from the virtual stalls of local businesses. A percentage of all the sales will come to PTA to help our school so it's a win win situation! A huge Thank You to Anna Irving for organising this and the virtual disco

NEO CHARITY ...

We will be supporting the NEO Charity by having our giving bucket! In the bucket are 341 gift tags, if you could please take a tag (or more if you want) and buy a child a Christmas gift using the information on the tag, place it in a gift bag and get your child to write a Christmas card to the child in need and add the card to the gift bag along with the tag so it can be identified by age and sex. All donations will be collected from outside of school at 9.30am on Friday 11 December. The NEO Charity also have an amazon wish list that can be found at <https://amzn.eu/4NOpkZF>



The children will be having a virtual assembly with Ema from NEO so they can understand how there are so many children in Wirral who are less fortunate and without our help won't get a Christmas present this year. Together let's make a child's Christmas

PARTY IN A BOX / NON UNIFORM DAY / MAKE XMAS HATS ...



Now more than ever our children need some fun, with the build up to Christmas put on hold (hopefully not cancelled 🙄) we need to help them get into the Christmas spirit and enjoy themselves as much as possible! So we give you ... PARTY IN A BOX!

That's right we want to give the kids a party in a box!

This will be a box for each class filled with party items so they can have a Christmas party!

The idea is then to make up the box with all the items you donate ready for the class, pop it in quarantine for 72 hours and then let the kids finally have some fun!

If you can donate an item for your class then please let us know so we can tick it off the list and don't double up on items. Let's give the kids a party to remember! 🥰

Can all items please be handed in to one of the reps by Wednesday 9 December please so there is enough time to quarantine and make up the boxes

This will be on Thursday 17th December and will coincide with the non uniform day and make your own Christmas hats! This day will not have any learning and will be a dedicated day to Christmas Party! A suggested donation for the event would be £2 per child and can be made on parent pay

The day before the party day will be the Christmas dinner and PTA have bought every child an eco friendly Christmas cracker for their Christmas dinner to help them get into the Christmas spirit.

WALK TO LAPLAND ...

We want to either walk, run, cycle or scoot and collectively as a school community we can make the 4018 miles (6466km) to Lapland and back again! This can be done to adhere to all current Covid guidelines as a family, get support and sponsors and record your miles. The children will add to their journey in school on Friday 4th December using our mile track in the playground and the miles they achieve can be added to with the rest of the family in a way you choose



The challenge can be completed any time but must be finished by **Sunday 6 December** 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!

This will be a fabulous annual event with each class competing each year for the trophy

Everyone that takes part must be sponsored and sponsorships can be added via the JustGiving page – <http://www.justgiving.com/Gaytonprimarypta>

Your distances can be uploaded via

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfTfoIK9J5YGQaqKgcDMD9BqO2V7pnQSVYfso0dFzXAtasaP/viewform> (Link can also be found on the JustGiving page)

Share with all your friends and family and let's get as many sponsors as we can to help our school!

Thank you to Allen Boyd for designing, creating and running our page to log all of the distances

INFANTS NATIVITY ...



Sadly due to the pandemic parents are unable to watch this years infants nativity performance, therefore we are arranging for this to be recorded and parents can buy the recording. This is a non profit item, the cost charged is the cost that the company are charging us. Recordings can be bought via Parentpay – DVD's are £10 each and DVD and USB bundle are £22 each. We need to sell a minimum amount of 50 DVDs.

The performance will take place on Wednesday 2 December (weather permitting). What a fabulous Christmas present for grandparents and other family members!

WREATH MAKING ...

We will be having a virtual wreath making night on Tuesday 1st December, this is always a brilliant night and we plan for this year to be just as good if not better! Tickets can be bought on Parentpay for £25 each which includes your wreath kits, nibbles and tipples! Bargain for a night of fun ... and you don't even need to worry about a baby sitter! All payments must be made by 22 November so that we can get a final count on numbers.



A thank you to Sharon Garforth, Vic Kazi, Katie Welton, Lisa Mann, Nicola Chapman and Barbara Drew a.k.a Nana Barb for agreeing to organise and run this event again this year

ELFRIDGES ...

Don't forget to get your orders in for our Christmas Shop "Elfridges", all gifts can be purchased via Parentpay at £2 each, please state in the comments box who the gifts are for. All gifts must be paid for by 4 November to ensure we have enough items

Thank you to Nicola Chapman, Di Bryan and Louise Blackie for agreeing to help with this again this year, it is by far one of the most stressful and challenging events to organise but so worth it for the children.

LETTER & GIFT FROM SANTA ...



Your child can get a letter and a gift from Santa delivered to their classroom! Orders can be made via Parentpay, please ensure all payments are made by 11 December and all letters have been posted into Santa's post box in school by this date, cost is £4 per child and is also available for Pre School who will have their own Elf Mail Sack for them to put their letters in.

Please make sure on the back of your child's Santa letter you put their full name, address and year group to enable us to hand deliver the replies from Santa and their gift

EGM ...

We will be calling and Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) on 1st February 2020. At this meeting we need a treasurer to take over from Nicola Chapman as unfortunately Nicola won't be able to continue in this role after this date. Without a new treasurer the PTA will have to go dormant and all funds raised will be given to school for them to spend as they see fit, parents will no longer have any say. It would be such a shame for this to happen and to not be able to have any more events. If you think you could take over with this role then get in touch, it would be a great opportunity for you to shadow our current treasurer and learn the role.

DONATIONS ...

The total donations we have had from Parentpay now totals £70. The total donations for the sound system now totals £2012. This is amazing and we can't thank you all enough. Remember if you can gift aid your donation this means we can claim an extra 25% at no extra cost to you, if you can then you can email us a gift aid form or alternatively please email us at gaytonprimarypta@gmail.com stating your full name, home address, amount you have donated and that you are happy for gift aid to be claimed.

28 November -	Virtual disco
1 December -	Virtual wreath making
2 December -	Infants nativity (last date to purchase recording)
4-11 December -	Virtual Christmas Fair
6 December (finishes) -	Lets go to Lapland!
10 December -	Donations to be submitted for Party in a box
11 December -	Elfridges Christmas Shop - £2 per gift
11 December -	Letter and gift from Santa closing date - £4 per child
11 December -	Christmas Toy Appeal collection date
14 December -	Carol Wagon with Round Table (date subject to change)
17 December -	Non uniform day and make your own Christmas hat - £2 Plus "Party in a box!"



UNIFORMS ...

Don't forget our uniform shop has some brilliant quality pre-loved uniform.

Contact **Helen Peters** on **07446 909 812** for a full stock list or to place your orders.

Payments for uniforms is all cashless now and can be made on parent pay as a donation – remember all donations made we can claim gift aid on so please add your details in the comments section to allow gift aid to be claimed!

Also, we are in partnership with **Cain of Heswall** where they have kindly agreed to donate a percentage of the sales of uniforms for Gayton Primary School to the school.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING ...



Remember **EASY FUNDRAISING** – if you shop with your favourite shops/websites via the easy fundraising app or website then we will get a percentage of your purchase at no extra cost to you! It will make a huge difference to PTA! Spread the word to all your family and friends and let's see if we can really boost our fundraising!

We are also registered with Amazon Smile – if you can select Gayton Primary School PTA as your chosen charity we will receive 0.5% of your purchase at no extra cost to you



**OUR NEXT PTA MEETING IS VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON MONDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2021 AT 7.30PM
FOR THE EGM**

Please whatsapp or email us so we can email you the secure link for you to attend